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Re: Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway

The Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) manages the Kenai River Special Management Area (SMA) which flows through the center of Cooper Landing. The Kenai River SMA is an Alaskan treasure and is a vital part of our culture with significant visitation from Alaskan residents and visitors throughout the year. The community of Cooper Landing has evolved around the waterways of the upper Kenai River.

In addition to the management of the Kenai River SMA, which includes Kenai Lake and the flowing waters of the Kenai River and many tributaries, part of the mission of DPOR is to provide outdoor recreation opportunities. Improving active transportation infrastructure within the community of Cooper Landing will provide important recreation opportunities while providing transportation corridors for people to move within the community. A planning process is an important step in helping understand the community needs while providing a long-range plan.

The new Sterling Highway Road project (MP 45-60) will improve the highway transportation corridor near Cooper Landing. However, the existing "town road" will continue to serve an important function for local-residents and visitors. It's vital to develop a plan to improve the active transportation infrastructure to improve connectivity within the community. This will help support the local economy while improving the quality of life within this community.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Blackwell".

Jack Blackwell
Superintendent