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Mr. Clark,

The City of Homer is in support of Kachemak Bay State Park's efforts to receive grant funding for the restoration of neglected trails in the Grewingk Valley and China Poot Lake areas while opening up the other portion of the Lagoon Trail between Halibut creek and Halibut Cove Lagoon.

The trail restoration work will be completed on a portion of the Emerald Lake Trail from Humpy Creek to Emerald Lake via the tram and Grewingk Lake, Blue Ice Trail, Alpine Ridge Trail, the southern end of the Lagoon Trail, Moose Valley Trail from the junction of China Poot Lake Trail to the campsite at Mile 3, and Wosnesenski River trail from China Poot Lake to the river.

According to the 2018 Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Management Plan, "in the first 10 months of 2017, more than 270,000 people are estimated to have visited the park" with 81% of park visitors coming during June, July, of August. The primary reason people visited the park was to enjoy the scenery, the second to hike an established trail. It is imperative trails within Kachemak Bay State Park are well maintained and in good "walking" order, especially with such a high demand for trail use occurring in just a few short months each year.

Best,

Katie Koester
City Manager