

TO: Juneau Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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RE: Addition of 9 more Baskets for Disc Golf at the Treadwell Mine Site

I am writing to urge the PRAC to enthusiastically support the proposal to expand the disc golf course at the Treadwell mine site above Sandy Beach to include 9 additional baskets.

Having lived in West Juneau for over 15 years, I walk the trails at the site and on Sandy Beach multiple times a week. I was intrigued by the game as I watched others playing it. Early last summer, I asked one player about disc golf, and she encouraged me to join the Women's league.

I fretted a bit over how these younger women would respond to a septuagenarian in their league! At my first game, they offered me discs to try, explained the necessary details of the game for me to get started, and were warmly encouraging. And I was impressed by the concern they all showed for hikers, cyclists, runners, dog walkers, and other users in the area; we would always be sure our throws wouldn't endanger anyone.

The Treadwell course is a great addition to Douglas and downtown recreation opportunities, especially in view of the fact that disc golf can be enjoyed by Juneauites of nearly all ages. I think the expansion of the course is a great idea that would enhance enjoyment of the Treadwell site without negatively impacting other users.