



**TO:** Chris Mertl, Chair Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Michele Elfers, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation  
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**RE:** 35 Mile Off Road Vehicle Park Update

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Staff continues to work on planning the 35 Mile Off Road Vehicle Park in collaboration with the Juneau Off-Road Association (JORA). Last April, the PRAC and LHED made a motion of support for the manager to negotiate an agreement with JORA for development of the park.

Since that time, the following items have been accomplished or are in progress:

1. A conditional use permit for the park has been granted to JORA and CBJ.
2. The Army Corps of Engineers permit is submitted.
3. The State Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application received high scores in relation to other motorized project applications, awards will be announced in the next month.
4. CBJ is bringing the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council to Juneau for staff and volunteer training as well as park layout and design assistance.
5. Design will proceed this spring for the entry area and parking lot followed by construction.
6. Trail Mix will begin clearing, brushing and building trails this summer.

Funding plan for park development for the 2023 and 2024 season includes:

1. \$225,000, previously allocated sales tax, 2012-2014
2. \$250,000, voter approved bond funding for trails 2022
3. \$200,000, CIP Request FY23
4. \$300,000, pending State RTP grant

Items that remain to be accomplished include:

1. Finalize management agreement with JORA.
2. Begin operations at the park, the earliest the park could open for use is late season 2024.