

**TO:** Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee

**FROM:** Michele Elfers, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation

**DATE:** April 3, 2023

**RE:** 35 Mile Off Road Vehicle Park Update

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 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.