

July 1st, 2021

TO:

Ted Sandhofer, District Ranger
Paul Olson, Cabin/Trails Program Manager
Linda Slaght, Coordinator, Petersburg Resource Advisory Council

Petersburg Ranger District
Tongass National Forest
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CC:

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RE: Improvements to Raven's Roost Trail & Cabin in Petersburg, Alaska

We are writing to you to express our gratitude for your recent and ongoing work to improve our community access to the Tongass National Forest by updating the "Raven's Roost" trail in Petersburg.

Investment in our local trail system increases opportunities for community members and visitors alike to exercise outdoors, access solitude and wildlife experiences, and strengthen relationships with family and friends via safe, accessible group hiking and camping.

We appreciate how you've boosted safety and accessibility on this trail, making the route clear and improving steep and slippery sections with stairs and other improvements. We've noticed a dramatic increase in use of the trail as more people can safely access the upper reaches of the trail with the ongoing improvements. We look forward to cabin development and appreciate the use of local wood and local contractors for that work. We also appreciate how a local craftsperson was commissioned to create benches along the trail. This adds community flavor to this trail and makes it stand out as a uniquely "Petersburg:" place!

Thank you for your advocacy and funding of local trails projects. We look forward to continuing to improve hiking opportunities with trail development in and around Petersburg with our partners at Tongass National Forest, Petersburg Ranger District, Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee, and the awesome trails department at Petersburg Indian Association.

Sincerely,
(Our names)
Petersburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

(also?)

Petersburg Parks & Recreation Director?

Petersburg Assembly?