



September 13, 2021

Petersburg Ranger District
Tongass National Forest
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Attn: Ted Sandhofer, District Ranger
Paul Olson, Cabin/Trails Program Manager
Linda Slaght, Coordinator, Petersburg Resource Advisory Council

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 craftsman 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 trail projects. We look forward to continuing to improve hiking opportunities with trail development in and around Petersburg with our partners at the USFS Petersburg Ranger District, Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee, and the awesome trails department at Petersburg Indian Association.

Sincerely,

Brian Richards, Stephanie Hayes, Desi Burrell, Garrett Kravitz, Malena Marvin
Petersburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Stephanie Payne
Petersburg Parks & Recreation Director

Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Members Bob Lynn, David Kensinger, Jeff Meucci, Taylor
Norheim, Jeigh Stanton Gregor, and Chelsea Tremblay
Petersburg Borough Assembly

cc: Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor
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