




SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, FOR HUNTER ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JIM CREEK CAMPGROUND/TRAILHEAD AND THE MOOSE RANGE PARKING LOT/TRAILHEAD AT WENDT ROAD.

AGENDA OF: February 15, 2022

Assembly Action:
Approved under the Consent Agenda 2-15-22 

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - Mike C	<i>MC</i> 2/2/22	<i>MB</i> 2/2/2022
	Public Works Director	Terry Dolan	<small>Digitally signed by Terry Dolan Date: 2022.02.02 16:40:05 -0900</small>
	Community Development Director	<i>EP</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>CF</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>NS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>JMM</i> 2/7/22	

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, often referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, provides project funds to state fish and wildlife agencies. Eligible projects include improvement of public access to wildlife resources. The Wildlife Restoration Program covers up to 75% of project costs and requires a 25% non-federal match.

The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Wildlife Conservation, receives and appropriates the Pittman-Robertson funds apportioned to Alaska. ADF&G has opened the Hunter Access Grant Program to receive applications by the deadline of March 1, 2022.

Hunting on public land has been an important and popular activity in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) for many years. Borough staff have identified two priority projects that support access to hunting and subsistence activities in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough: Jim Creek Campground/Trailhead, and the Moose Range Parking Lot/Trailhead at Wendt Road. The Borough is seeking funding from the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game through the Hunter Access Grant Program to complete design, permitting, and construction activities for both projects.

The Borough commits to prioritizing both projects for construction following the design, and will seek funding from various funding sources (as well as commit Borough funding) to ensure the projects are fully developed and usable for hunters and subsistence users.

The Borough also commits to maintaining improvements constructed at both Jim Creek Campground/Trailhead as well as the Moose Range Parking Lot/Trailhead at Wendt Road.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Adopt the resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to sign and submit grant applications to the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, for hunter access improvements at the Jim Creek Campground/Trailhead and the Moose Range Parking Lot/Trailhead at Wendt Road.