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Comments:

Recreation

The CNF needs to do a better job promoting the forest, the Iditarod National Historic Trail, and the activities described in this section, making them easily available to the public. Where possible, please provide links in the promotions.

The CNF needs to reach out to publicize their accomplishments, such as the interpretive signs, trail work on the Johnson Trail and other sections of the INH, etc. These could also be compiled in an on-going appendix.

Strategies

Suitability of Lands:

Table 4 on page 35

Add INHT as a use and recreational activity for MA 4 S, MA 5 S, MA 6, MA 8 S

Add INHT for day-use facilities in MA 2 C, MA 4 S, MA 5 C, MA 6 C, MA 8 S

Add: INHT 1000' Conservation Corridor designation protect against visual pollution, noise, etc.

Response on Final Plan Vol II page 62: Scattering the INHT throughout the plan does not provide the same exposure or convenient access as inclusion on Table 4. We feel the inclusion WOULD provide meaningful guidance.

Special Area Standards and Guidelines

1. Change: "Activities within the 1000-foot trail corridor for the Iditarod National Historic Trail should be consistent with the current Bureau of Land Management Iditarod National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan.

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Add "current": "Activities within the 1000-foot trail corridor for the Iditarod National Historic Trail should be consistent with the current Bureau of Land Management Iditarod National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan.

Kenai Peninsula Geographic Area: Add: "year-round recreation on the Iditarod National Historic Trail"

Glossary

Final Plan, Volume 1, page 620-621

Add "Iditarod National Historic Trail" in separate entry under "I": "is the only winter trail in the National Trails system and the only Congressionally designated National Historic Trail in Alaska."

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/national-scenic-and-historic-trails/itarod>

Final Plan, Volume 1, page 624

Add "National Historic Trail" in separate entry under "N": "National historic trails recognize original trails or routes of travel of national historic significance including past routes of exploration, migration, and military action." <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-historic-trails.htm>