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## Trails Update to CLCC for May 21, 2026

### Snow Trails

- We had a good season on our snow trails this year despite the paucity of snow. Hope you had some winter fun! We will be working on the brushing out of the snow trails where needed. Most of this is at Devil's Creek snow trails. Please stay tuned for dates and times that will be posted on the Crier and fliers around town.

### Walkable Community

- FLAP: Hurray! We were awarded funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for the planning of our Town Road Pathway Project! But, we must wait to learn if the program continues to be funded when Congress works on the budget. We should know for sure if we have the money in September. We will look forward to working with our community to plan the best pathway possible given the constraints of our town, geography, important habitat, wildlife concerns, access needs, and cultural and historical setting. If we do this careful planning then we will be eligible to submit for funding to build the final project. But, first it must start with a good plan. DOT has been assigned as our lead agency on this planning but DNR will remain important partners due to the sensitive nature of our setting.
- Safety Path  
The Safety Path has been impacted on its far eastern end due to work on Phase 1B of the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project. It will remain so until at least that section is completed. DOT will make weekly postings to 511 and to their own website monthly:
  - <https://www.sterlinghighway.net/> for general information
  - <https://sterling45-60.com/> for construction updates
  - <https://511.alaska.gov/> for road advisories
- At the Open House on May 13 we learned that the eastern terminus of the Safety Path will be the end of the frontage road that is being built in front of Sunrise Inn, Cooper Landing Brewery, and Lot C where the DOT currently has its base of operations.

### Trails

- If you have time, take a pair of loppers along when you walk the Safety Path from roughly MP 47 just before King Fisher and Alaska Wildland Adventures at MP 51 to help keep our Safety Path in working order.
- If you are adventurous, the main stem of the Devil's Creek snow trails needs lopping of alders that overhang the trail. It's just a quarter mile but there's a lot of brush.

- When you do trail brushing, please drop materials off the trail and close to the ground so that they will more readily compost over time.
- Janette will be working to brush out and remove downed trees on the Bean Creek Footpath that starts on the CLCC grounds on May 24<sup>th</sup> during Hall Clean Up Day if anyone is able to help her.
- As requested, we want to begin planning a walking route around the CLCC grounds that could also connect to the Bean Creek Footpath. If you have some ideas, please let us know.
- We will organize snow trail work at Devil's Creek again this season so stay tuned for the date and times for that.

## Events

- CLT is sponsoring a social media campaign called the **Cooper Landing Trails Challenge** to raise awareness of the benefits of our Town Road Pathway, how it will connect us all, and what it might make more accessible to us. Please watch for Crier notices and fliers around town. You will be asked to join weekly fun trail targets and drawing prizes will be available. We hope to begin with the start of the Softball Tournament. Watch for more information on our website, in the Crier, fliers around town, and on social media.