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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add our support for an item on the Parks CIP list, the Wallace Brothers Mountain properties acquisition. For years, this area has been accessed and enjoyed by equestrian riders and other user groups.

The land is currently sub divided, including plans for private roads, which would limit accessibility. The highest and best use of the properties is to be retained for the use of the community and its posterity, and not restricted from public use by private development. This is a unique mountainside usability area, equestrians ride the Ptarmigan Valley Trail and surrounding area, within Chugach State Park. We would like continued excellent access opportunities to the State Park system, which is a benefit to several communities including; but not limited to Anchorage, Eagle River and the Mat-Su Valley.

The Anchorage Horse council echoes support of the following statement: We "recommend acquisition of the properties by the Municipality of Anchorage through its capital improvements program, contingent upon development of an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality and the Chugach State Park providing for development, maintenance and operation of the properties by Chugach State Park for the benefit of our community and the State of Alaska, as the highest and best use of these properties."

Thank you for your consideration.

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