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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, KPB Mayor *MN*

FROM: Craig Chapman, Director of Finance *C Chapman*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B Ahlberg*
Rachel M. Parra, NPRSA Recreation Director *R Parra*

DATE: May 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2012-19- 03, Accepting and Appropriating \$150,000 from the State of Alaska for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Trails Upgrade and Expansion Project

In 2010 the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area (NPRSA) Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation and Timber Sale was completed. The area mitigated was approximately 95 acres around the NPRSA facilities and existing trails system.

The objectives of this project were to reduce the wild land fire hazards, reduce falling tree hazards to recreational users of the area, reduce maintenance costs involved in removing hazard trees along trails, accelerate reforestation to improve long term forest growth, and finally, protect our current lands to create more recreational use and expand trails systems.

NPRSA is now ready to move to the final stage of the project, which includes upgrading existing portions of the trails and expanding a new trail system that will tie into the existing trails and provide for a lake access and disc golf course. The trails will be used for running, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and disc golf. The opportunities for varied recreational uses are endless. The funding for this project is included in Senate Bill 160, which has passed the legislature and was authorized by the Governor.

In order to meet the goal of completion this year and in consideration of the weather and construction season necessary to complete the work, time is essential. If weather conditions cooperate and funding is available and appropriated by the beginning of July, the project completion date will be the end of October, just in time for the skiing season and winter trail activities to begin.

Your approval of this ordinance would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
Acct # FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>459.61110.13TRL.49999</u>
Amount	<u>N/A</u>
By:	<u>pc</u> Date: <u>5/22/12</u>