

Curve Mountain

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Ketchikan, Alaska

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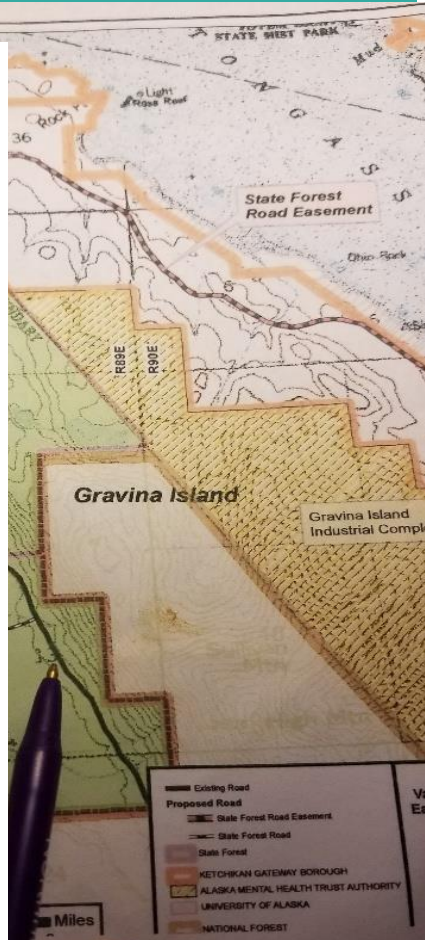
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Rainforest Hiking Expedition
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Curve Mountain Easement

Overview: This Easement is to allow small groups of hikers to walk through the forest on DNR lands near Ketchikan, Alaska.

The Applicant: TREX, LLC dba Tongass Rainforest Hiking Expedition is a locally owned commercial business working for profit. Applicant has 15 years experience under permit with USDA Forest Service conducting hikes along USFS trails. Additional trail resources are needed to enjoy uncrowded hiking.

Activity: We want to have an easement to hike along the lake area and over the mountain to review the forest, take some pictures, and have fun. We conduct small group guided hikes usually 10 or less.

Operations: We are a commercial operation and intend to have daily or near daily excursions around Curve Mountain. We would like to have preferential or exclusive rights for commercial use of the development for at least 3 not more than 10 years. We only operate during daylight hours.

The Public: We will have to put up signs for the local hunters during deer hunting season, since hunters will feel entitled to use the development as Alaska residents. We do not intend to restrict them from using it. We want to make sure there is safety for our guests and ourselves.

Note: Some of the area may be soft and require a split log walkway to avoid trampling these areas.

Calendar: Use of the area will be seasonal and cease end of tourist season, May 1 - September 30.

Particulars and Descriptions

Legal description: Curve Mountain DNR state selection, Gravina Island, Alaska
Copper River Meridian T.75S., R.90E., Tract A; and
Copper river Meridian T.76S., R.90E., Tracts A and B

Terrain/ground cover: The terrain is generally steep and heavily timbered, with a mature spruce and hemlock forest and abundant ground cover. An adjacent lake provides some landscape and view.

Access: the proposed area is separated from Ketchikan by the Tongass Narrows. It is serviced by the Ketchikan Airport ferry on a regular interval. A public road leads from the airport to the property. Parking is easily available at the jumping off point.

Buildings/structures: No buildings or structures are proposed; however portable toilets will be provided for visitors at the trail head, to be removed at season's end.

Power: No power demand is anticipated.

Waste: There will be no residual waste or trash. Any garbage will be removed daily.

Hazardous substances: No hazardous materials use is proposed.

Water supply: Drinking water will be supplied by the tour host; no other water is proposed.

Parking and storage: No overnight parking is proposed. All service items will be removed daily.

Number of people at the site: group size is generally limited to less than 20. Guide to guest ratio is 1:15 or less.

Maintenance and ops – daily trash removal. No property left on site.

Closure/reclamation: at season's end our company use will cease. Non-commercial public access to the trail is anticipated during the hunting season.

Maps with details are attached.

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