



# Land Management

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Mike Navarre  
Borough Mayor

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Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizens' Advisory Board  
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RE: Cottonwood Eastland State Park Unit- KPB Lands

Dear Mr. Archibald,

Thank you for the letter dated February 8, 2023 regarding Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizen's Advisory Board goals and Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreations (DPOR) actions.

This letter is intended to clarify the current management status of the real property in question and to provide some general insights which may be useful for the KBSPCAB to consider.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough through its municipal entitlement land grant selected the entirety of the area referenced on August 31, 1999 under ADL 227981. This is prior to the actions referenced in your letter. On January 23, 2015 the Kenai Peninsula Borough was granted the present boundaries by Final Finding and Decision (ADL 227981). The Kenai Peninsula Borough is the managing authority of those lands, excluding the referenced 36 acres under Interagency Land Management Agreement (ILMA) to DPOR. KPB will eventually obtain fee title to the land following municipal entitlement survey determination procedures.

KPB lands are subject to a land classification process under KPB 17.10 which is a land planning and designation system setting forth the management intent for KPB land. The goals of the land planning process are to identify the best and most appropriate uses for borough land, and thereby guide future management actions.

The goals and plans that you reference would seem to be of local interests regardless of ties to the state agency, and can be decoupled or merged as a matter of management options. These interests may also interface with other land management objectives, which the planning processes seek to acknowledge and integrate.

At this time, there has not been any land classification actions initiated at this location. Another community organization, Snomads, has inquired about use of some of these lands, so we know that there are potentially multiple interests, being often the case with public lands.

It would seem reasonable to the Land Management Division to conduct focused land planning at this location. We welcome the opportunity to see the park plans that you mention.

Respectfully,



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CC: Mike Navarre, Mayor

Monica Alvarez, Chief, Resource and Development Section, DNR DMLW  
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