RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
PUBLIC NOTICE STRUCTURE
EXAMPLE TEMPLATE

Project Title: Dude Mountain Trail Work
Organization Name: National Forest Foundation
Date Public Notice Posted: 09/25/26

Brief Description of Proposed Project:

This project will reconstruct the Dude Mountain Trail. The current trail is in poor condition and lacks adequate water drainage, causing users to navigate around muddy sections of the trail which increases erosion and soil damage. The work will be prioritized as funding comes available, with the highest concerns from the existing tent platform to the end of the trail in the alpine (referred to as the upper section). The trailhead is located at the end of the Brown Mountain Road.
Work on the upper section will include significant gravel and rock work; in some places, gravel will be placed while other sections will need stone pitching, rock steps, and other trail structures. Drainage structures, including stone open drains and ditches, will be placed where needed. Helicopter use is anticipated for the transport of materials and equipment. Work itself would be accomplished with small power tools and hand tools.
The lower section (trailhead to tent platform) of the trail also has drainage concerns, especially through the existing harvest unit. Where the trail starts, short reroutes are planned that would make the trail straighter, wider, and a more steady grade. Ditches and new drainage features would be put in place to improve water flow patterns and reduce erosion.
The trailhead is at the end of a road built for logging operations and is not made for multiple vehicles parking at a trailhead. A plan to enlarge the parking area would create parking spaces and a turn-around loop to improve traffic flow. Large rocks (or similar parking stops) could be placed to indicate parking spaces while helping to define a clear drive surface for a turn-around loop.

Proposed Timeline of the Project:
Project Start Date: 04/15/2027
Project End Date: 08/01/2028

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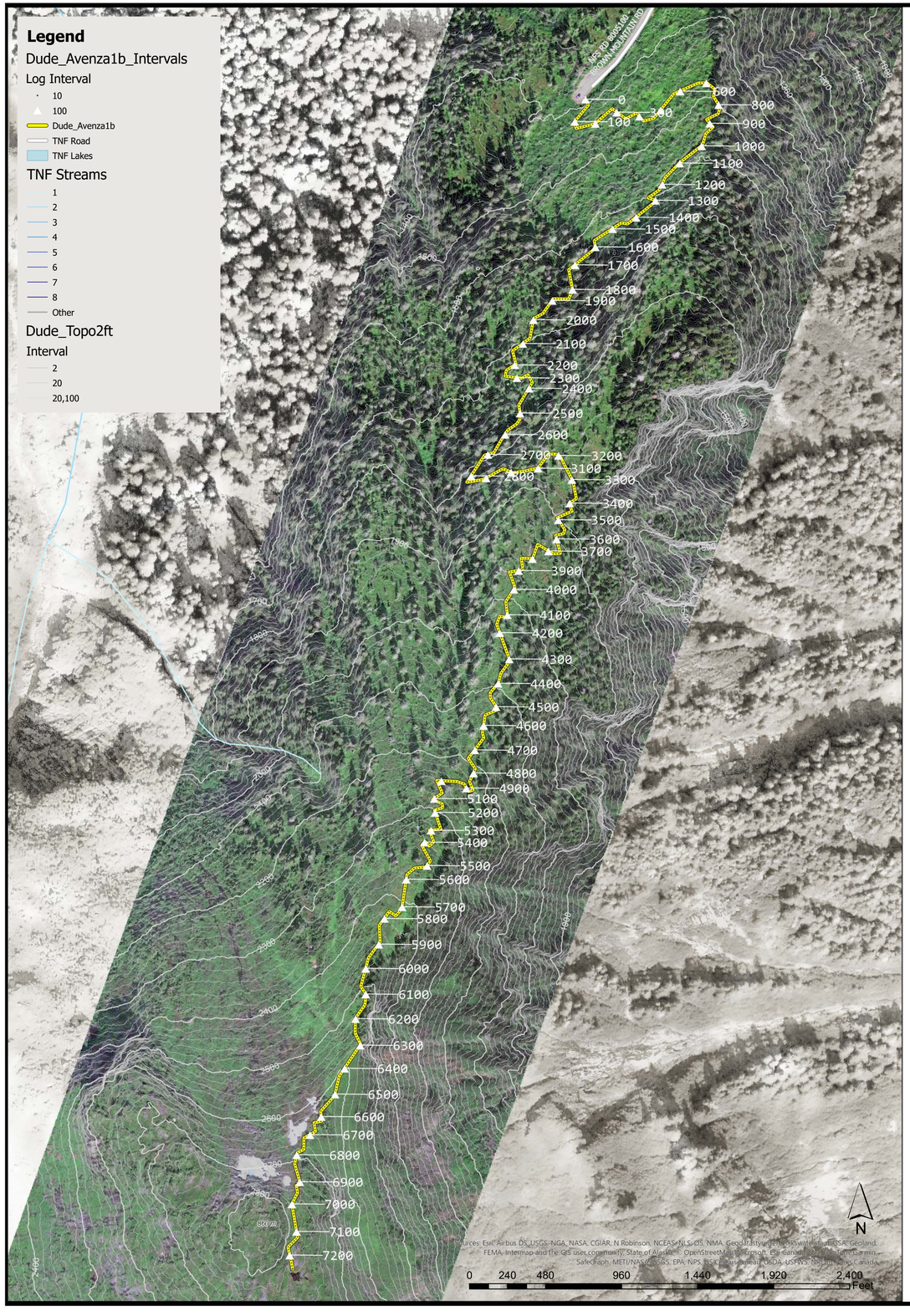
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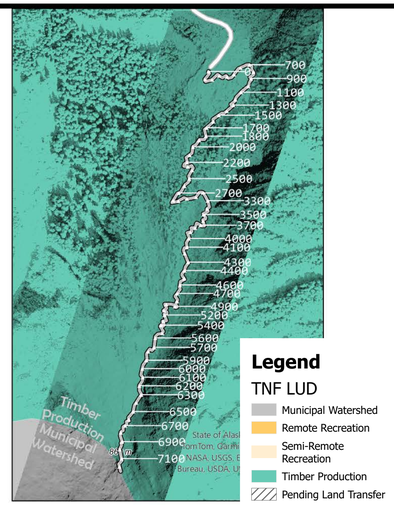
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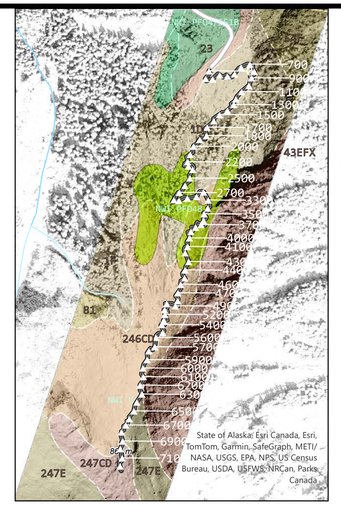
(Small Map of Project Area)

See attached maps. The trail work will occur on Dude Mountain trail, beginning at the end of Brown Mountain Road.

The Alaska Recreational Trails Program is the possible funding agency for this proposed project. For information regarding the Alaska Recreational Trails Program, please visit the State website at https://dot.alaska.gov/atlas/multi-use-trails/







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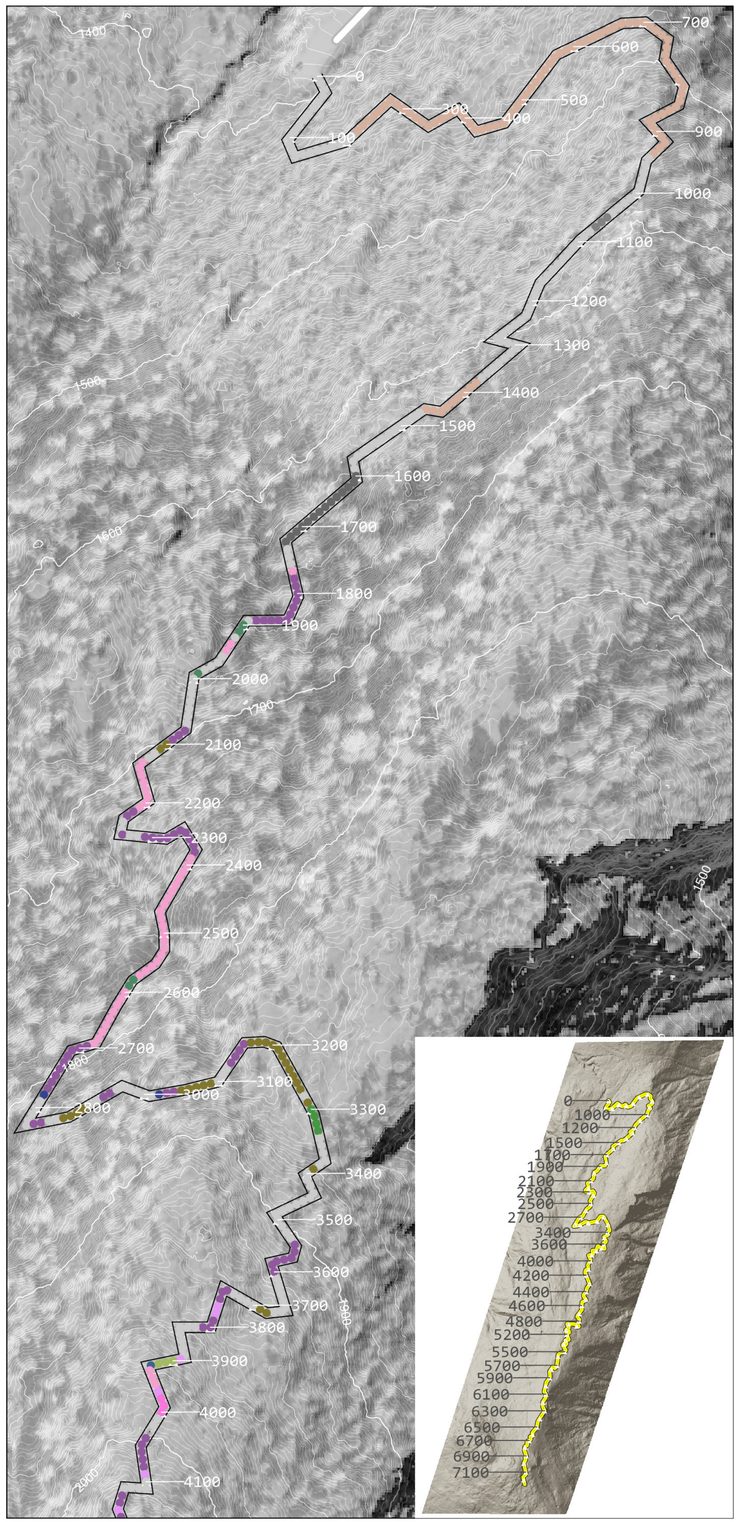
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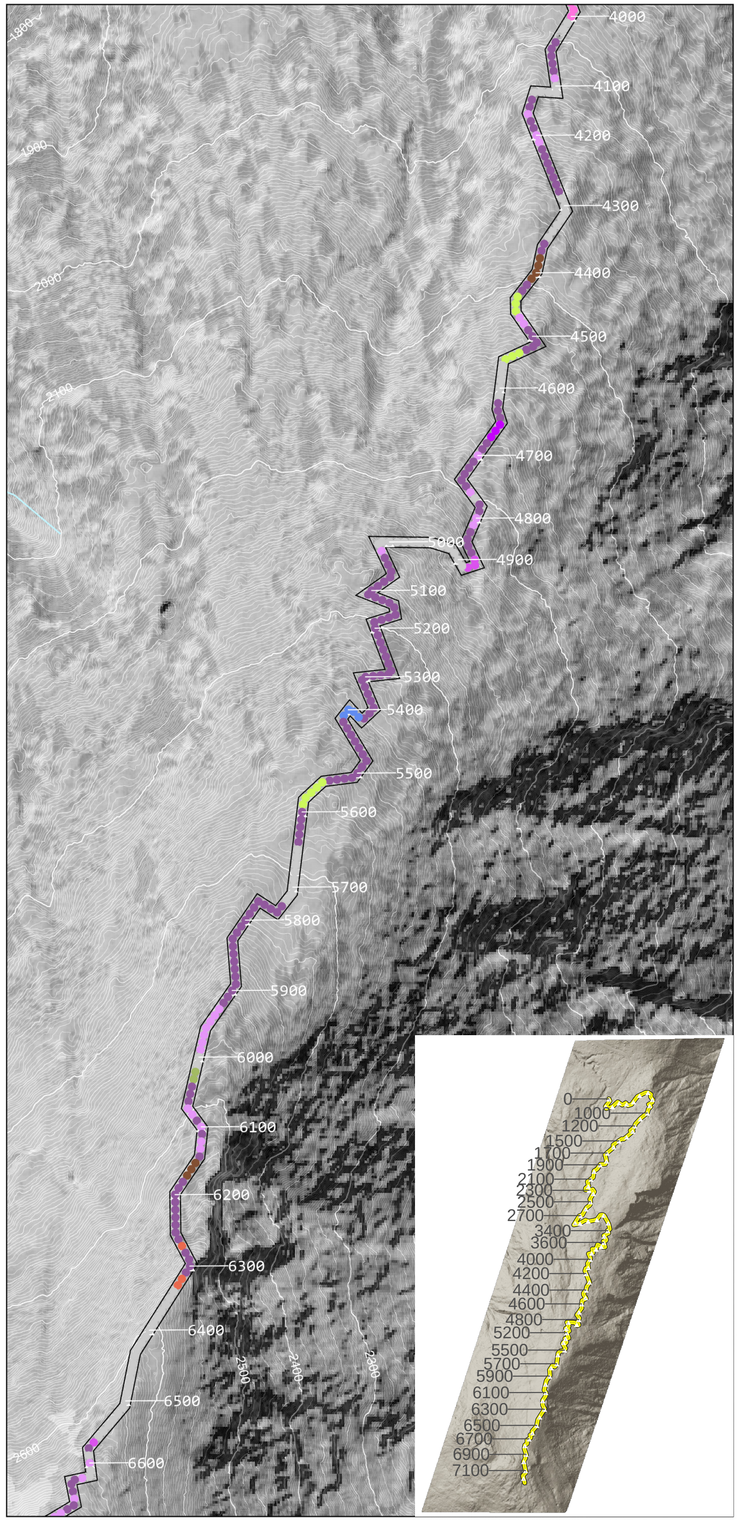
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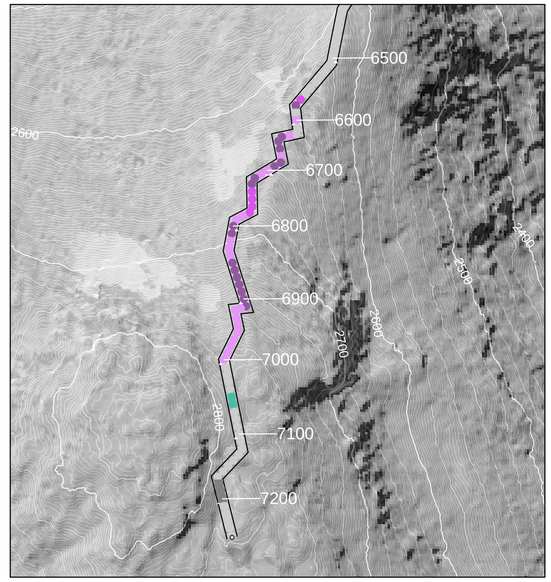
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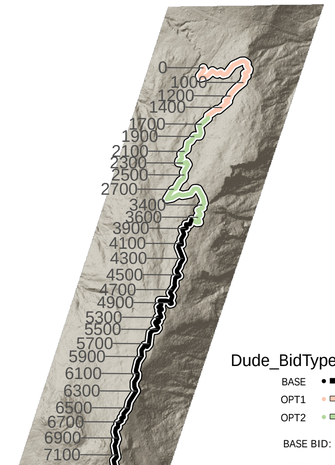
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- CRS/SRR
- CS
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- NT/SP
- NW
- SOD
- SP
- SRR
- SRR/CRS
- SRS
- SRW
- SS
- STEPS
- STEPS/SP
- <all other values>

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Dude_BidType

- BASE
- OPT1
- OPT2

BASE BID: 37+72 - 72+54

OPTION1: 0+00 - 16+00

OPTION 2: 16+00 - 37+72

AS AGGREGATE SURFACING
ASC AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH CORDUROY
ASD AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH DITCHING
ASFB AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH FULL BENCH
ASHC AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH HEAVY CLEARING
ASR AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH RETAINING LOG
ASRC AGGREGATE SURFACING WITH ROCK CURB
BR BRIDGE
BW-A BOARDWALK
BW-B STEP AND RUN BOARDWALK
BW-C ELEVATED BOARDWALK
BW-CR ELEVATED BOARDWALK WITH RAILING
BW-D BOARDWALK BRIDGE
CRS CUT ROCK STEPS
CS CONCRETE STEPS
DD DRAIN DIPS
NT NATIVE TREAD
NW NO WORK
SOD STONE OPEN DRAIN
SP STONE PITCHING
SRR SOLID ROCK REMOVAL
SRW STONE RETAINING WALL
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