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Members and friends,

The members and Board of Directors of Big Lake Trails are dedicated to our founding principles:

- A. To promote single and multi-use trails in and around the community of Big Lake, Alaska for their historical, recreational, social and economic benefits.
- B. To raise funds for the survey, acquisition, development, maintenance of trails and related trail facilities.
- C. To preserve, protect and improve public trail access.
- D. To promote sustainable trail systems for all users.
- E. To provide information to the public on trail safety and trail etiquette.
- F. To foster cooperation among diverse groups in the community in support of trails by providing a forum for the community to address trail development and conflicts as they present themselves.

These principles provide for the protection of trails, a safer, more enjoyable experience for users and provide a very important economic base for the community and the entire Valley.

We are showing our commitment

I am proud to announce Big Lake Trails has entered into a financial agreement to purchase grooming equipment owned by McGhan Construction. This equipment consists of a Tucker 2000C with a 9' x 15' drag and a Bombardier Skidozer with an 8' x 15' drag. In addition we have purchased a 2010 Ski-Doo Skandic SWT from Alaska Mining & Diving for grooming smaller trails within our network. Together, these purchases represent a \$ 73,000 commitment to winter trail users and the economic growth of our community.

Our commitment doesn't stop there. Grooming of trails will be dramatically stepped up this year with an operational cost of over \$ 18,000.

Donations are needed

I need your help to meet these financial obligations. I hope I can count on you to contribute. I invite members, non-members, business and community leaders to support this effort. With a deep sense of the current economic reality, I am asking for your kind and generous donation in any amount that you deem appropriate for your budget. I would also like to ask members to

consider early renewal of your single or family membership for 2011 in addition to any donation you deem appropriate.

Additionally, I would ask that you check with your employer to see if they have a funding program which recognizes your participation in volunteer, community organizations. Both ConocoPhillips Alaska and Allstate Insurance Company have contributed due to employee volunteerism.

I am asking for monetary support because I know that the Board and membership of Big Lake Trails are acting in the interest of Big Lake. Our community will benefit from this work. Achievement of these funding objectives will assure the success of our goals.

To Donate, Join or Renew Membership

You can go to <http://www.biglaketrails.org/Membership.htm> to pay by credit card via our secure PayPal link. Just click on the link to Membership or Donate and you are well on your way.

If you prefer to pay by check, you can print out a membership application at the same link above and send the application plus a check to:

Big Lake Trails, Inc.
PO Box 520705
Big Lake, AK 99652

Big Lake Trails, Inc. is a 501c3 organization so your donations are tax deductible.

Feel free to call me directly at 223-2447 if you have questions.

Please join us in the commitment to our community, our history, our way of life and our economy. You won't be sorry you did.

Sincerely,

Dan Mayfield
President, Big Lake Trails, Inc.