### ADF&G Hunter Access Grant Program

#### Our Purpose
To provide new & expand existing hunting, trapping, & related access to public lands throughout the State of Alaska.

#### Types of Projects We Fund
- **Trails** – new construction / improvements / repairs
- **Parking lots** – new construction / improvements / repairs
- **Campgrounds** – new construction / improvements / repairs
- **Roads** – improvements / repairs
- **Bridges** – new construction / improvements / repairs
- **Boat launches**
- **Pond Campground Ridge area**

#### Grant Program
Funding comes from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Wildlife Restoration Funds (aka Pittman-Robertson Act), which is from an excise tax on firearms, ammunition, & archery equipment. ADF&G Wildlife Conservation Division is expanding our grant program to include statewide organizations. Until 2019, projects had largely been funded through partnerships with other government agencies.

#### Want To Apply?
- **You must have 25% of the total project cost to contribute as match**—this must be from non-federal funding sources (75% of project cost will come from federal Wildlife Restoration Grant money)
- **Application documents must be completed & emailed to our program staff**
- **Application period closes April 20**
- **After a robust proposal review, applicants will be notified of decisions in November**
- Visit our website for important reference documents, FAQs, application forms, & more:
  - www.hunteraccess.adfg.alaska.gov

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#### Bernard Creek Trail
- Added kiosk at legal trailhead; placed 17(b) Carsonite markers along trail until within public land boundary. This is part of a larger project to mark & improve 17(b) trails around the state.

#### Byers Lake Bridge
- Replaced collapsed bridge, providing improved access to the Kesugi Ridge area in Denali State Park.

#### Olnes Pond Campground
- Improved ATV trails & around the campground; re-graded the road; improved drainage; placed informational & programmatic signage around Olnes Pond & at trail access points.

#### Penguin Creek
- Replaced a dilapidated log river crossing with this steel bridge to allow ATVs to access hunting areas without impacting the anadromous waters below; added informational signs along the trail.

#### Treadwell Ditch Trail
- Improved 4 miles of roadbed; installed fish-passage culvert; expanded parking areas near trailheads & lake access.

#### Masonodon Trailhead
- Expanded & paved parking area; added vaulted toilet; added signage. This is part of a larger project to improve various trailheads in Chena River State Recreation Area.

#### Penguin Creek
- Added kiosk at trailhead; placed 17(b) Carsonite markers along trail until within public land boundary. This is part of a larger project to mark & improve 17(b) trails around the state.

#### Jack River Trail
- Added kiosk at trailhead; placed 17(b) Carsonite markers along trail until within public land boundary. This is part of a larger project to mark & improve 17(b) trails around the state.

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#### How Does Wildlife Restoration Funding Work?

1. **Hunters** purchase firearms, ammunition, & archery equipment
2. **Manufacturers** pay excise tax on this equipment
3. USFWS allocates taxed funds to state fish & wildlife agencies (per geographic size & number of hunting licenses sold)
4. **Grants** given to states
5. State fish & wildlife agencies implement projects based on local priorities & needs
6. Results in better hunting opportunities, increased access, better wildlife management