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Ribbon Cutting at Eklutna Lake to Celebrate New Parking Lot and Improved Lakeside Trail

(Eklutna Lake, AK) – Alaskans are invited to join us as we celebrate updates to Chugach State Park's Eklutna Lake facility: a new and expanded parking area, and the completion of the Eklutna Lakeside Trail Improvements project.

With funding from the state legislature, Alaska Trails realigned and rebuilt sections of this popular motorized and multi-use trail where it had collapsed into Eklutna Lake. Through collaboration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Hunter Access Program and the Recreation Trails Program, Alaska State Parks was able to expand and pave the ATV parking lot, ensuring more Alaskans and visitors can recreate at Eklutna Lake on approved motorized-use days.

WHO: Alaska Trails will host a 30-minute event with invited speakers including state legislators, the Dunleavy Administration, Department of Natural Resources, Alaska State Parks, foundations supporting trails, local governments, and the public.

WHEN: **Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 12 Noon**

WHERE: Lifetime Adventures / Eklutna Lakeside Trailhead, see the map below. It takes about 50 minutes to drive to the location from downtown Anchorage.

VISUALS: Government officials talking about trails and holding a Golden Shovel to break ground for this trail improvement project. Gorgeous scenes of Chugach Mountains and Eklutna Lake in the background.

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