

**Submitted by Ricky Gease, KRSA Executive Director  
Regarding Proposal 201**

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Ricky,

The Kenai River Flats day use area near the Warren Ames Bridge has become a popular location for people participating in the personal use dipnet fishery. This site is located in the Kenai River Special Management Area and Alaska State Parks has proposed a project at this site that will protect the riverbank and improve the parking lot wayside. The proposed project was submitted to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) for funding and will be submitted for federal aid funding consideration.

The EVOSTC met in November 2016 and approved \$287,330 to serve as match funding for a project to be submitted for federal aid opportunities such as the Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program (ATAP), which is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration. A component of this project consists of elevated light penetrating walkways along the riverbank and stairs that will provide access to the river which will accommodate the use that occurs at this site while protecting riparian habitat. If federal aid funds are approved, construction of the project could commence during the 2019 construction season.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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