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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2022

TO: Mayor and Assembly

FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager

RE: Manager's Weekly Post

<u>Williwaw Community Cleanup</u>: The Williwaw Community Cleanup for 2022 concluded last week as a huge success with 7.29 tons of trash cleaned up from their community. The total cost paid for by the Borough for hauling and disposing of this trash was \$1,795.02. For this last week's effort, the residents were able to clean up some of properties of elderly residents who were not able to do it themselves, as well as clean up some of the problem areas in Williwaw. Residents were extremely grateful for the Borough Assembly's approval of the funds to complete this community cleanup and thereby help to improve their community.

Additionally, the organizer of this effort noted that since 2018, when the first of their community cleanup efforts was first funded by the Assembly, they have continued to do regular cleanup efforts in Williwaw. Community members have cleaned up 80.575 tons of trash out of the Williwaw Community in the last four years to make their community a safer and better place to live.

<u>Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan</u>: DNR is starting the process to revise the 1991 Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan. Written comments and/or participation at workshops is encouraged. This plan directs how State land will be managed within mile-wide corridors along parts of Alexander Creek, Deshka River (Kroto Creek/Moose Creek), Lake Creek, Little Susitna River, Talachulitna River and Talkeetna River. See the following link for more information: https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/susitna-revision/.

Upcoming workshops are:

- June 15, 2022 from 6pm to 8pm, Talkeetna Public Library
- June 29, 2022 from Noon to 2pm, Robert Atwood Room 104, Robert B. Atwood Bldg., Anchorage
- June 30, 2022 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, Wasilla Public Library
- August 2, 2022 from 1pm to 3pm, via Microsoft Teams (see website for details)

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Resource Development

- Proposed road to mining district draws more opposition The Cordova Times
- <u>Lodge owners and activists launch \$200,000 campaign to block state's Susitna road</u> proposal

Wildland fire

- Cooler weather chills Interior's wildfire danger through weekend KUAC FM
- Firefighters working to contain new starts west of Talkeetna AK Fire Info

Outdoors

• AK Fish & Game launches mobile app | | frontiersman.com

Economy

• Average home prices in Alaska were up nearly 9% in 2021 – Alaska News Source

Education

• <u>Can public funds be used for private school classes? Education department isn't sure –</u> Alaska Public Media

Animal Care

Mass adoption for animals set for weekend – Alaska News Source