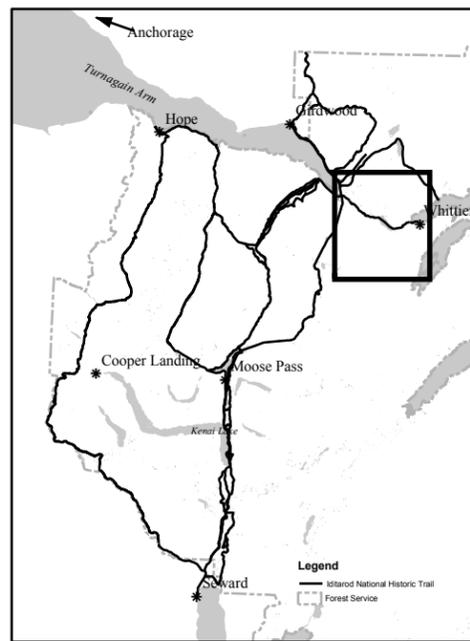


Proposed Action:
Iditarod National Historic Trail
Turnagain Arm/Portage Valley Area



Turnagain Arm Area/Portage Valley(TA/PV)
(Note: Segments RR2, H7, TA2 and TAH are displayed on the map and table for reference, but are not included in summary text below)

Segment	Miles	1986 INHT Comprehensive Plan	AK DOT & AK RR*	Forest Service Proposed Action	Trail Class	Primary** Managed Use (summer)	Primary** Managed Use (winter)	Prohibited Trail Use
RR2	27.8	Primary Route	-	Rail Route	-	-	-	-
H7	7.1	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
P1	1.3	Connecting Trail	-	Main Route	4	bike, hike	ski	motorized
P2	4.5	Connecting Trail	-	Portage Route	4	hike	ski	summer motor
P3	2.5	Connecting Trail	-	Portage Route	-	boat	na	motorized
P4	2.2	Connecting Trail	-	Portage Route	2	hike	none	motorized
P5	1.1	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
TAH	18.8	Connecting Trail	-	Historic Route	-	no ex. trail	snowmo	NA
TA2	4.8	Connecting Trail	-	Main Route	1	none	snowmo	all summer use

* Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments.
** Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allowed unless prohibited.

Turnagain Arm/Portage Valley Area Summary: Trail segments in Portage Valley shown on this map would begin at MP79 of the Seward Highway and head east following the Trail of Blue Ice to the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center on Portage Lake. (P1-2) The trail would cross the lake and continue east over Portage Pass on the existing Portage Pass Trail (P3-4). A highway bike path is recommended to be constructed by DOT to extend the trail into Whittier (P5).

The Forest Service Proposed Action would construct 1.3 miles of new trail, and reconstruct 2.2 miles of existing trail. A Forest Closure that prohibits boat use of Portage Lake would need to be changed to allow nonmotorized boat use and non-motorized over-ice use.

Trailheads: Access to the trail in Portage Valley would be provided at Five existing sites: an existing pullout at MP79 of the Seward Highway (Portage Creek bridge), at Moose Flats Day Use Area, at the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center, at Portage Pass Trailhead just east of the tunnel on the Whittier side, and at the end of the road in Whittier. The Forest Service Proposed Action would install interpretive and informational signs at all sites.

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