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A Message from Your Regional Forester

“During this latest round of feedback and comments, we received more than 270 responses from the public, our partners, Alaska Tribal Nations and Alaska Native corporations. It is wonderful to see the passion and commitment to public lands and it inspires me in the work we do every day. I look forward to continuing our partnerships as we move into the *second year* of the Great American Outdoors Act and am eager to see the progress we make as we improve our public lands for everyone.”

What We Heard

During the June 15– July 6 public engagement the Alaska Region received helpful feedback about proposed outdoor projects for 2023. Responses included critical maintenance needs on roads, cabins, and trails. We also saw comments in support of trails and trail maintenance on the Kenai Peninsula and fish habitat restoration throughout the Chugach and Tongass National Forests.

Public and partnership feedback covered all geographic areas, including smaller, rural communities. More than 90 new ideas were shared, with each submittal reviewed with care by a Forest Service team. All comments were shared with our district rangers and forest supervisors.

We are using feedback to help prioritize projects for 2023 funding and to develop new projects for other funding opportunities. In spring 2022, we expect Congress to announce which projects will be funded in 2023, and we will share that information. All selected projects will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act prior to implementation.



We look forward to hosting additional public engagement sessions to continue to listen and gain insight into what projects should be prioritized on Alaska’s National Forests! To learn more about outdoor project proposals, stay up to date, and to see the interactive map, visit:

<https://bit.ly/3kdxsUz>.

Thank you for taking the time to help us improve Alaska’s National Forests.