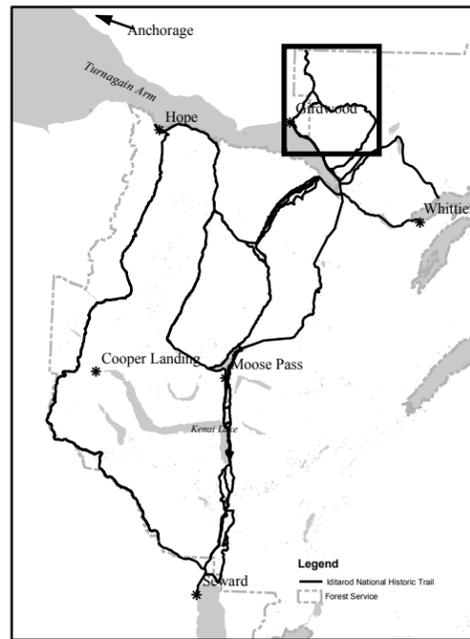


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Girdwood Area (G)
(Note: Segments RR3, H8 and TAH are displayed on the area map and in table for reference, but are not included in summary text below)

| 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 |
|---------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| RR3 | | Primary Route | Rail Route | | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| H8 | 11.2 | Connecting Trail | Bike Path | | 5 | bike, hike | none | motorized |
| G1 | 2.7 | Primary Route | - | Main Route | 5' | bike, hike | ski | motorized |
| G2 | 2.6 | Primary Route | - | Main Route | 3' | bike, hike | ski | motorized |
| G3 | 0.7 | Primary Route | - | Main Route | 3' | bike, hike | ski | motorized |
| G4 | 2.1 | Primary Route | on road*** | Main Route | 4 | - | - | none |
| G5 | 3.6 | Primary Route | - | Main Route | 3' | hike | none | motorized |
| G6 | 1.7 | Connecting Trail | - | Main Route | 2 | hike | ski | motorized |
| TA1 | 18.6 | Connecting Trail | - | Main Route | 2 | hike | none | motorized |
| TAH | 19.8 | Connecting Trail | - | Historic Route | 5' | - | - | NA |

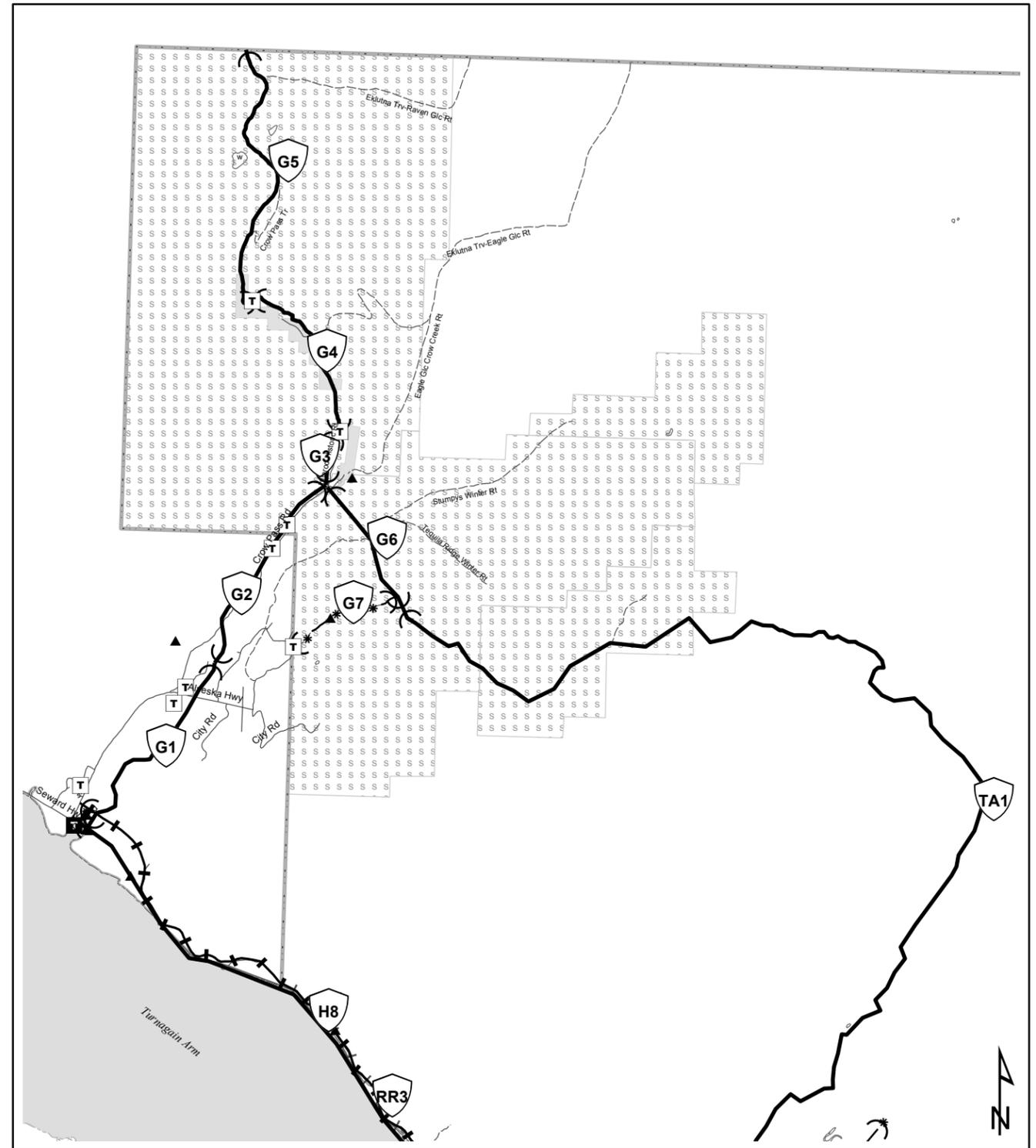
* Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments.
 ** Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allowed unless prohibited.
 *** trail would be on existing Crow Creek road, ownership not clear

Girdwood Area Summary: Trail segments for the Forest Service Proposed Action in the Girdwood Area continue from trail segments described in the Turnagain Pass - Arm Area, and continue to the National Forest Boundary just north of Crow Pass. Trail segments in this area traverse spruce-hemlock-cottonwood forests at lower elevations, which gradually give way to open alpine terrain at the pass. Segments G1-5 would follow the route and management identified by the *Girdwood-Iditarod Trail Route Study*. Most of these segments have been constructed, but would be upgraded through this proposal. Segments G1-4 cross mostly Municipality of Anchorage lands and would be managed by the Girdwood Trails Committee. Segment G6 would follow the existing Winner Creek Trail northwest from the northwest end of TA1 (Twentymile Trail), cross Glacier Creek with the existing hand tram, and connect to segment G2 along Crow Creek Road. The portion of segment TA1 shown on this map includes one single-span bridge and a climb and descent over Berry Pass at 2000' el., traversing about 2 miles of open sub-alpine terrain.

The Forest Service Proposed Action would construct 0.7 miles of new trail, and reconstruct 10.5 miles of existing trails. All would be available for year-round non-motorized use as shown above. Most of the trails in the Girdwood Area would cross National Forest lands.

Trailheads: Access to the trail in the Girdwood Area would be provided at nine sites, two new and the remainder at existing sites. The new sites are one proposed for the west (Arm) side of the Seward Highway at MP 90, on the north side of the Glacier Creek Bridge. This site is recommended to be constructed as part of DOT's MP75-90 Highway reconstruction project which is scheduled for 2005 at the earliest. Parking for up to 20 vehicles, vault toilets and interpretive and informational signs should be considered for this site. The other new site is at MP3.9 Crow Creek Road at an abandoned gravel pit. This site was identified in the Girdwood-Iditarod Trail Route Study for up to 12 vehicles noting that no winter use or structures should be built at this site due to avalanche hazards. The Forest Service Proposed Action would install interpretive and informational signs at all sites, and construct the MP3.9 site.

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