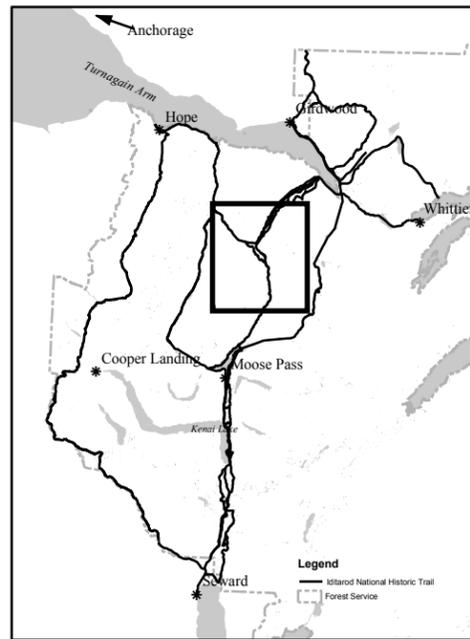


Proposed Action: Iditarod National Historic Trail Johnson - Turnagain Pass Area



Johnson - Turnagain Pass Area (JP, TP)								
(Note: Segment RR2 is displayed on the area map and in table for reference, but is 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	-	-	-	-	-
JP2	13.3	Connecting Tr	-	Main Route	4	bike, hike, horse	snowmo, ski	summer motor
JP3	1.7	Connecting Tr	-	Main Route	4	bike, hike, horse	ski	summer motor
JP4	2.5	Connecting Tr	-	Main Route	4	bike, hike, horse	snowmo	summer motor
JP5	1.5	-	-	Access Route	4	bike, hike, horse	snowmo	summer motor
TP1	13.2	-	-	Main Route	3	none	snowmo	summer motor
TP2	6.9	-	-	Main Route	3	bike, hike	ski	motorized
H5	7.4	Connecting Tr	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
H6	11.6	Connecting Tr	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-

* 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.

Johnson Pass Area Summary: Trail segments for the Forest Service Proposed Action in this Area begin near Johnson, an historic site included in the Comp. Plan as a Management Level 2 site. A private seasonal residence remains actively used here. This proposed action would reconstruct the existing Johnson Pass Trail all the way to its North Trailhead (JP2 & 3), as well as restore an old alignment in order to separate motorized and non-motorized winter user groups at the north end of the trail (JP4 & 5). The trail in this area would start and end in spruce-hemlock forests, but climb to just over 1000' elevation, traversing alpine meadows and two fairly large lakes at Johnson Pass. Four existing bridges would be replaced or receive heavy maintenance. Segment JP4 includes fording Bench and Center Creeks just above their confluence with Granite Creek, and JP5 includes fording Granite Creek just east of Granite Creek CG. Segment JP5 would be routed along a short section of CG road, then proceed west to the new trailhead following existing high-clearance-vehicle roads. All of the Johnson Pass area trail segments end at trailheads on the Seward Highway.

The Forest Service Proposed Action would construct 1.5 miles of new access trail, and reconstruct 17.5 miles of existing trails. All 19 miles would be available for year-round use as shown above; however the fords across Granite, Center and Bench Creeks in segments JP4 & 5 may limit their use. All trails would cross National Forest lands.

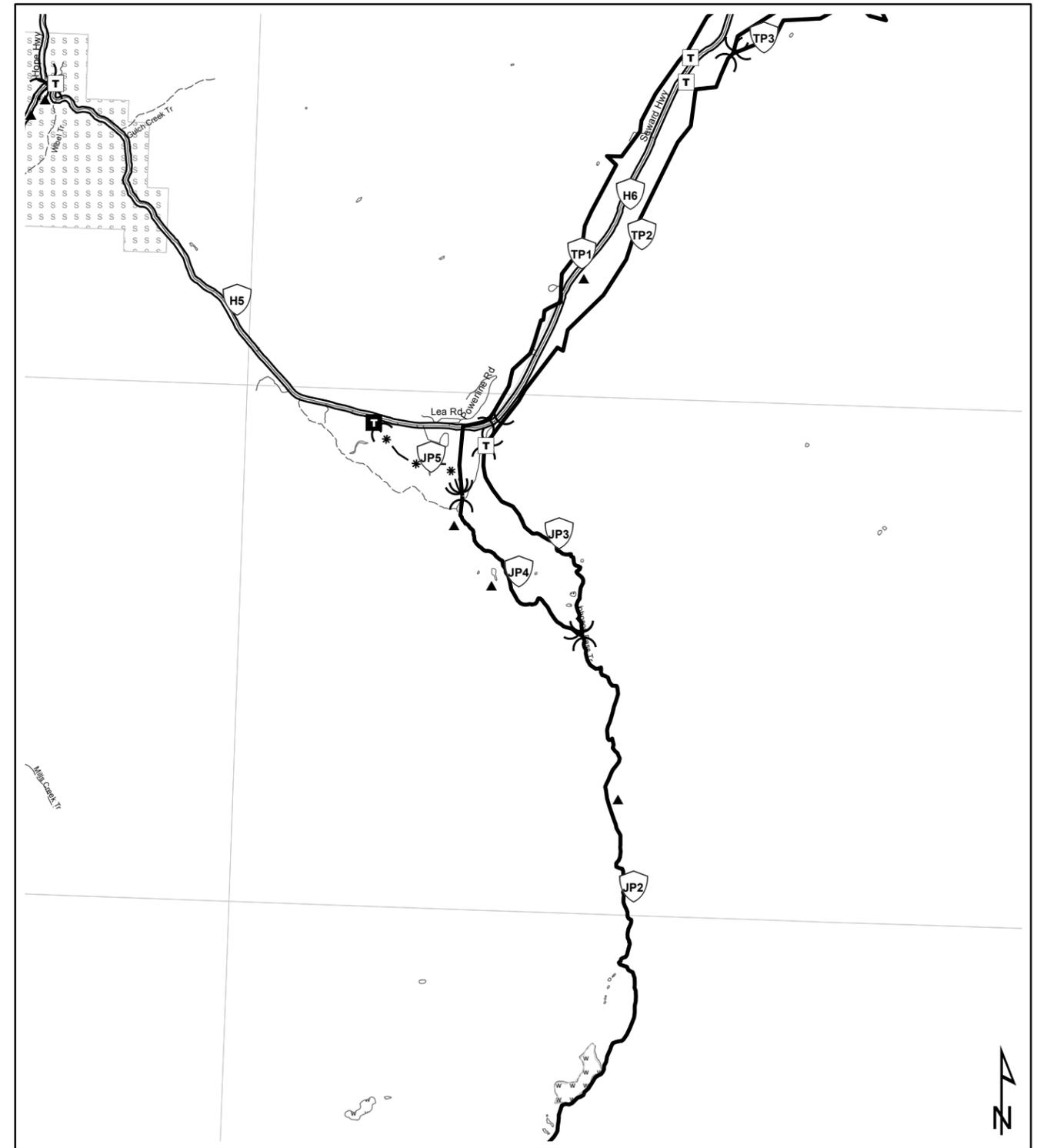
Turnagain Pass Area Summary: Trail segments for the Forest Service Proposed Action in the Turnagain Pass Area shown on this map begin at the Granite Creek and Johnson Pass Trailheads. Segments would proceed in a northeasterly direction, with segments proposed on both sides of the highway. Segment TP1 would be a winter-use only trail. It would start at the new Granite Creek Trailhead, cross under the Seward Highway at the Granite Creek bridge, traverse open sub-alpine terrain and have seven creek crossings in willow flood plains with single-span bridges. No tread would be constructed for this snow trail. Segment TP2 would be designed for year-round use. It would start at Johnson Pass North Trailhead and follow the toe of the slope, before gradually climbing through sub-alpine meadows and crossing seven cascading creeks with single-span bridges.

The Forest Service Proposed Action for the part of the Turnagain Pass Area shown on this map would construct approximately 7 miles of trail for year-round non-motorized use, and approximately 6 miles of trail for winter motorized use (no tread would be constructed for the winter-only trail except on bridges).

Bike Path: Two trail segments along the Seward Highway are displayed on the map (H5 & H6). H5 is an existing bike path from the Hope Wye (MP56.6) to Johnson Pass Trailhead access road (MP63.8). H6 would be a bike path that is recommended for AK DOT to consider as it reconstructs the corresponding sections of Highway MP63.8-MP75. Together these segments would account for approximately 18.4 miles of paved bike path.

Trailheads: Access to the trail in the Johnson-Turnagain Pass areas shown on this map would be provided at four existing trailheads, and one new one. Trailheads include Hope Wye/Six Mile Bike Path West at MP56.3 of the Seward Highway, the proposed Granite Creek Trailhead at MP62.2, Johnson Pass North at MP63.8, Turnagain Pass East at MP68 and Turnagain Pass West at MP68.5. The Forest Service Proposed Action would install interpretive and informational signs at all sites and construct a vault toilet at the new Granite Creek site.

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