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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the Trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship, commitments and support.



### Time to Renew

Alliance membership dues for 2022 are due by the end of December. Renewal forms were sent with the October newsletter. Feel free to duplicate the renewal forms to recruit new members. This is also a good time to upgrade your membership level.

Every member is an important part of our mission to preserve, protect and promote the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

### Board Members Election

Alliance members elected the following board members--Seat A Kenai Region-Lee Poleske, Seward, Seat C At-Large Allegra Hamer, Anchorage, Seat D Iditarod Trail Committee-Mark Nordman, Denali Park.

### 2022 Alliance Officers

Alliance officers for 2022 elected at the annual meeting on December 14 were--President Judy Bittner, Anchorage. Vice-President-Jonathan Sewall, Seward, Secretary-Kristen Bey, Nome, Treasurer-Lesli Schick, Anchorage.

### Virtual Race Across Alaska



The Race Across Alaska Winter Challenge, a multi-sport challenge, is a great way to get outside while challenging yourself to stay happy and healthy during winter. Here is how it works. You can run, walk, fat bike, indoor bike, cross country ski or swim. You can choose from six different virtual distances – from 125 miles, 1.4 miles a day, to 2,000 miles, which is a whopping 22.3 miles per day. New this year is a 5-person relay of 2,000 miles which is the distance from Ketchikan to Deadhorse. The goal is to log as many miles as you can over the three months of winter to get (virtually) from location A to B: • 125 miles = Anchorage to Seward, AK, that is 1.4 miles/day • 225 miles = Anchorage to Homer, AK, that's 2.5 miles/day • 350 miles = Anchorage to Fairbanks, AK, that is 3.9 miles/day • 850 miles = Anchorage to Deadhorse, AK, that is 9.5 miles/day • 2,000 miles = Ketchikan to Deadhorse, AK, that is 22.3 miles/day.

You will have the ability to log your miles, track your progress, collect virtual badges and see how you rank on the leader board daily. Online registration began November 25 and the virtual race starts on Winter Solstice – December 21. See the website for more details: [www.raawc.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/AlaskaChallenge](http://www.raawc.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/AlaskaChallenge)

The Challenge is a fundraiser for the Alaska Long Trail project. For every racer that participates, \$10 will be donated to Alaska Trails. Racers can also donate additional funds to support the development of The Alaska Long



Trail. Last year nearly \$20,000 was donated through participation and donations. The official race cannon will be fired at the Zoom Kickoff Party on December 21 at 4:30 pm.

**Kenai Peninsula Winter Recreation map**

Chugach National Forest has a new digital map highlighting winter recreation opportunities on Chugach Forest lands on the Kenai Peninsula. The free map includes trails, recreation facilities and winter motorized access, along with basic winter and avalanche safety information. The map is available through Avenza Maps, an offline mobile maps application (app) for iOS and Android smartphones. Simply scan the QR code with a mobile device to access the Kenai Peninsula Winter Recreation Map in Avenza. Visitors will be prompted to install the free app prior to downloading the map. The map is also offered on the Forest website as 8.5 by 11 PDFs for home printing.

**From the Past...Iditarod Pioneer December 17, 1917**

<b>CHRISTMAS      CHRISTMAS      CHRISTMAS</b>	
December 25th Is Almost Here	
In a few days we will have on display the finest stock of <b>TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, ROCKING HORSES, SHOOT-THE-SHOOTS, AND OTHER CHILDREN'S PLAYTHINGS EVER SHOWN HERE</b>	
Something for all the Kiddies, no matter how small	
<b>Dolls</b>	<b>Dolls</b>
<b>WE CARRY AN EXQUISITE ASSORTMENT BOXED CHOCOLATES IN 1- AND 2-POUND FANCY BOXES</b>	
<b>X-MAS CARDS</b> Remember Friends Outside <b>X-MAS CARDS</b>	A Large Supply <b>White Tissue Paper</b> For Wrapping X-Mas Packages
Please yourself by getting the best, please the kiddies by remembering them, please us by selecting your wants from our store	
"The Store Where You Get Most Change Back."	
<i>We Buy and Sell FURS</i>	<b>Ansley's Store</b>
	<i>Iditarod. Alaska</i>

**The Alaska Long Trail**

Alaska Trails has received a \$25,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to continue planning, mapping and organizing toward the goal of connecting existing and envisioned trails from Seward to Fairbanks into the Alaska Long Trail.

