

The Tripod

August 2013



State Fair

The Alliance Iditarod Roadhouse will be at the State Fair in Palmer again this year from August 22 to September 2. The Roadhouse will be in a different location from the past, but it will be easy to find, as you enter the Red Gate, just look to your right and you will see it.



There will be special days when Alliance partner experts will be at the tent:

August 24 and 27: Recreation on the Trail Days

August 28 and 29: Trail Blazer Days

August 30 and 31 Mining Days

Fair hours are:

Monday-Friday.....Noon to 10 pm

Saturday-Sunday..10 am to 10 pm

Labor Day.....10 am to 8 pm

If you are at the Fair be sure and stop by the Roadhouse.

iTREC! Workshop

This year's summer Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom (iTREC!) Workshop was held at the Hotel Alyeska in Girdwood August 5 to 9.

In addition to learning about place based education and building classroom programming around the Trail, Board members Dan Seavey (shown at right) and Lee Poleske talked to the participants about the history of the Iditarod Trail and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Representatives from

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public 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, developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support from land owners, local communities, organizations and others.

The trail for all seasons



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the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the State Department of Natural Resources also talked to them about their roles and involvement in the Trail.



A fall iTREC! Workshop will be held in Seward November 1-3.

BLM new land use plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has just published a Notice of Intent to develop a new land use plan for 10.6 million acres of land in western Alaska. This step starts the public scoping period.

How to participate:

- Visit www.blm.gov/ak/planning to learn more about the project and join the mailing list.
- Attend a scoping meeting this fall and share your comments and concerns. The BLM will announce the meetings on the website and in local newspapers and radio once the schedule is completed.
- If you can't attend a meeting you can e-mail your comments and concerns to:
BSWI_RMP_Comment@blm.gov.

From the past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" August 18, 1917

BELATED SEWARD MAIL MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

A consignment of mail which was dispatched from Seward during the last week in April reached Iditarod last Saturday. It was the last consignment of the winter service, and because the carriers failed to meet at the connecting point it lay in the roadhouse for a month or so while official red tape at Washington was unwound sufficiently to allow orders to be issued to the contractor at Seward to rescue the mail bags and take them back to Seward and reship them by way of Skagway, Whitehorse and the Yukon.

Much of the mail matter was second class, and showed the effects of hard usage and apparently had been frequently submerged in water.

It is quite likely that some interesting though annoying business complications were attributable to this delayed mail, as many patrons of the offices here had almost forgotten

about its existence, or if they remembered, probably thought it had been lost.

"Iditarod Pioneer" August 20, 1919

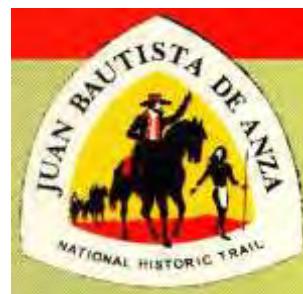
MAIL VIA. YUKON

The local postoffice has received notification that this camp will be supplied with mail during the coming winter by a weekly route extending from Ruby to Flat, the same giving service to Long, Poorman, Cripple, Ophir, Takotna, McGrath, and Tolstoi (once a month). Consignments of mail will be limited to 450 pounds weekly. The service starts on October 16, 1919, and ends April 30, 1920, 28 deliveries.

The mail route between McGrath and Wasilla has been discontinued, after a try-out of five winters. At no period of its existence was the Iditarod-Seward mail route a glittering success. It was neither satisfactory to the people along its course, nor a money maker for anybody connected with it.

What others are doing

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail has launched a new website: www.AnzaHistoricTrail.org



AnzaHistoricTrail.org
Some of the features are:

- search an address for nearby Anza Trail resources, routes and recreation area
- zoom to the street level to see if the expedition would have passed by your house
- read excerpts of the expedition diaries in English and Spanish
- watch the film, The Anza Expedition, in English or Spanish
- find out about upcoming cultural and recreation events along the trail
- connect with the Anza Foundation, the official nonprofit fundraising partner of the Anza Trail
- add information or photos of trail resources using the MapCollaborator portal