

# The Tripod

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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.

## More on annual meeting

The Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers reported:

>The City of Seward has passed a resolution to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to refurbish the section of Iditarod National Historic Trail that runs through the City of Seward.

>The Alliance video "Iditarod National Historic Trail A History" was shown at the Seward Community Library & Museum in conjunction with a video on the 1964 Alaska Earthquake every day from May 14 to October 31,



2018. 3918 people saw the video and donated \$2510.02 to the Alliance.

>Iditarod Trail signs have been put up in the Seward Boat Harbor, especially where railroad and cruise ship passengers enter the area.

>Trail surveys taken during the summer showed that the Iditarod Trail through Seward is heavily used.

>The Trail Blazers sponsored two 50/40 events.

Karen Kromrey (at left), U. S. Forest Service, reported on the Southern Trek of the Iditarod National Historic Trail:

>Design work on the Curve Project is being done and work on the project is scheduled to start in 2020.

>Work was done this summer on Lost Lake, Primrose and Bear Lake trails.

>Bridges for Falls Creek and Ingram Creek have been purchased and will be installed when funds are available.

>Volunteer crews helped on three projects this summer: 9 June-400 feet of new trail from Rocky Creek to Victor Creek, 14 July-trail improvement on Upper Winner Creek Trail, 25 August- improvement on the Crow Pass Trail.

There was a report on the Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom (ITREC) Program: This year instead of the usual three workshops there was one alumni meeting. Eleven participants from the past met on November 2-4 at The Portage Visitor Center and discussed the programs they developed to use with their classes and how the ITREC experience changed and improved their teaching experience.

## From the past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" March 9, 1912

## BI-CITY BASKETBALL TO INCLUDE LADIES

At a meeting, of committees representing Camp Flat No. 26 and Camp Iditarod No. 27, Arctic Brotherhood, held at Judge Taylor's office, Iditarod, Monday afternoon, a series of inter-camp basketball games was agreed upon, the play to alternate between the cities of Flat and Iditarod. Dr. C. D. Carter, Charles Suter and V. H. Pierce represented Camp Flat at the meeting, and Robert Simpson, Captain Albert Wile and Stewart Holmes acted for



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### Camp Iditarod

For the first time in the Iditarod district ladies will play in public. They will have teams from the respective towns at each contest of the series-the ladies' games to precede the men's, and the halves to be of 15 minutes duration instead of half an hour. The games are scheduled as follows:

Flat- March 23, April 6, April 20. Iditarod-March 30, April 13, April 27.

The conclusion of the series will be celebrated by a banquet April 27. John F. Baird will present a set of handsome pins to the winners. The games will be played for points; that is, the series will not be decided by a majority of the games with the scores kept as heretofore, but by the entire number of points gained throughout the play.

Basketball has steadily gained in favor since its introduction this winter. Now that the ladies are to be active participants in the sport and the play to be divided between the two cities, the enthusiasm may be expected to run very high the balance of the season.



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### Interesting article from the Alaska Trails January Newsletter

Here is a suggestion. Help put Alaska's trails on a world stage.

Google has a backpack-mounted 360-degree camera that helps Google map and capture places where its Street View cars can't, like trails. The company recently came out with a new version of its camera, called the Street View Tracker, which will be easier for wearers to lug around due to its sleeker, smaller and lighter design. Besides being worn by a person, Trekker can be attached to cars, boats and other vehicles (What about snowmobiles? Dog sleds?) Read about the new Trekker at: <http://tinyurl.com/ybv2xlu>.

Anyone can apply to use the new version of the backpack through the Trekker loan program. It's also aimed at Google's partners, such as tourism boards.

Sounds like the perfect thing to take out on the trails. Find out more about the loan program at:  
<https://www.google.com/streetview/loan/>



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