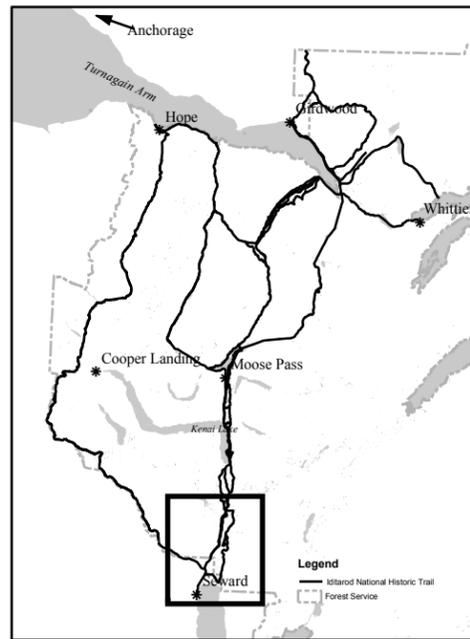


Proposed Action:
Iditarod National Historic Trail
South End Area



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
RR1	32.2	Primary Route	Rail Route	-	-	-	-	-
H1	3.3	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
H2	13.9	Connecting Trail	Bike Path	-	-	-	-	-
SE2	2.2	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	5	bike, hike	none	motorized
SE3	5.9	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	3	ATV, bike, hike	snowmo, ski	none
SE4	0.7	-	-	Access Route	3	ATV, bike, hike	snowmo, ski	none
SE5	1.6	Prop. Side Trail	-	Alternate Route	NA	boat	snowmo, ski	none
SE6	1.4	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	2	hike	none	motorized
SE7	4.3	Prop. Side Trail	-	Main Route	3	hike	snowmo, ski	summer motorized
KL1	1.8	-	-	Main Route	3	hike	ski	summer motorized

* 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.

South End Summary: The INHT starts at the Sea Life Center in Seward and would follow existing paved pathways through town. It would then be routed alongside Seward Highway until the Nash Road intersection (H1). The trail would proceed east 2.2 miles along Nash Road to the existing Trailhead, just across the road from the Seward Meridian Monument (SE2).

The Forest Service **Proposed Action** starts at this trailhead. The trail leaves the road to follow the existing Iditarod Trail north, traversing spruce forests and crossing four flood-prone creeks (SE3). It would provide 17.8 miles of summer biking and hiking trail, of which 6.6 miles are also used by ATV's, all along existing trail locations. This action would upgrade the existing trail surface and provide four bridges that can be readily repaired or moved as flood events dictate. There would be 0.2 miles less for winter use due to routing the trail across frozen Bear Lake (SE5) since the shoreline trail (SE6) traverses steep side slopes and rock cuts making it unsuited for over-snow travel. Segment SE7 continues from the north end of Bear Lake north and west, crossing the Seward Highway near the Goldenfin Lake Ski Trailhead, where it connects to KL1. A majority of the SE area trail segments cross lands owned by the State. Some sections have existing easements, but not all. The Seward Trailblazers, a local Chapter of Iditarod Inc., manages the existing trail from the Trailhead on Nash road north. (SE3 to SE7).

Bike Path: Two trail segments along the Seward Highway are displayed on the map (H1 & H2). Both of these are bike paths that are planned as part of DOT's MP0-MP17 Highway reconstruction project. Together these segments would account for approximately 17 miles of paved bike path.

Trailheads: The South End Area includes four existing trailheads, near the Sealife Center in Seward, on Nash Road, at the end of Bear Lake Road, and at Goldenfin Lake Ski Trail (MP11.4 Seward Highway). The Forest Service Proposed Action would install interpretive and informational signs at all sites and construct vault toilets at Nash Road and Bear Lake Road Trailheads.

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