

# eagle river nature center

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- Further the education and interpretation opportunities to park visitors
- Promote the preservation, protection of the historical, natural and recreation resources within Chugach State Park
- Develop new facilities inside Chugach State Park Boundary moving all operations from within the community area
  - Minimize impacts to surrounding neighbors providing sight and audible setbacks / screens and directing park visitors into park and away from neighbors
- Promote educational programs compatible with the mission of the Eagle River Nature Center
- Provide the daily operation of the Nature Center
- Provide future growth

### **PARKING & TRAFFIC CIRCULATION**

- Safe and adequate parking
  - Reduce pedestrian – vehicle / traffic conflicts and provide non-interrupted access for neighbors
  - Design vehicle – large school bus, 53' recreation vehicle, pick-ups & passenger cars

### **TRAIL SYSTEMS**

- Provide trail access needs for various groups
  - Back country hikers, skiers, program participants, school groups, and self guided visitors
- Provide full accessible program & trail system
  - Compliance to American Disability Act (ADA) for Visitor Center & Trail Programs

### **BUILDING / OPERATIONS**

- Maintain character/ atmosphere of existing Nature Center
- Maintain and enhance existing interpretive programs
- Reduce conflicts of space usage between office workspace, interpretive program, classroom areas, gift shop, sitting and viewing area. Provide adequate space needs for public, volunteers and staff
- Maintain Existing Public Use Cabins
- Develop a Visitor Center Maintenance facility
  - Screened visually & audible from neighbors, Nature Center Area and entrance area / parking



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