

Kenai Mountains- Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area



“Discover the story”

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What is a National Heritage Area?



“National Heritage Areas are places whose stories tie our Nation together.”

-- Dr. Herman Blake

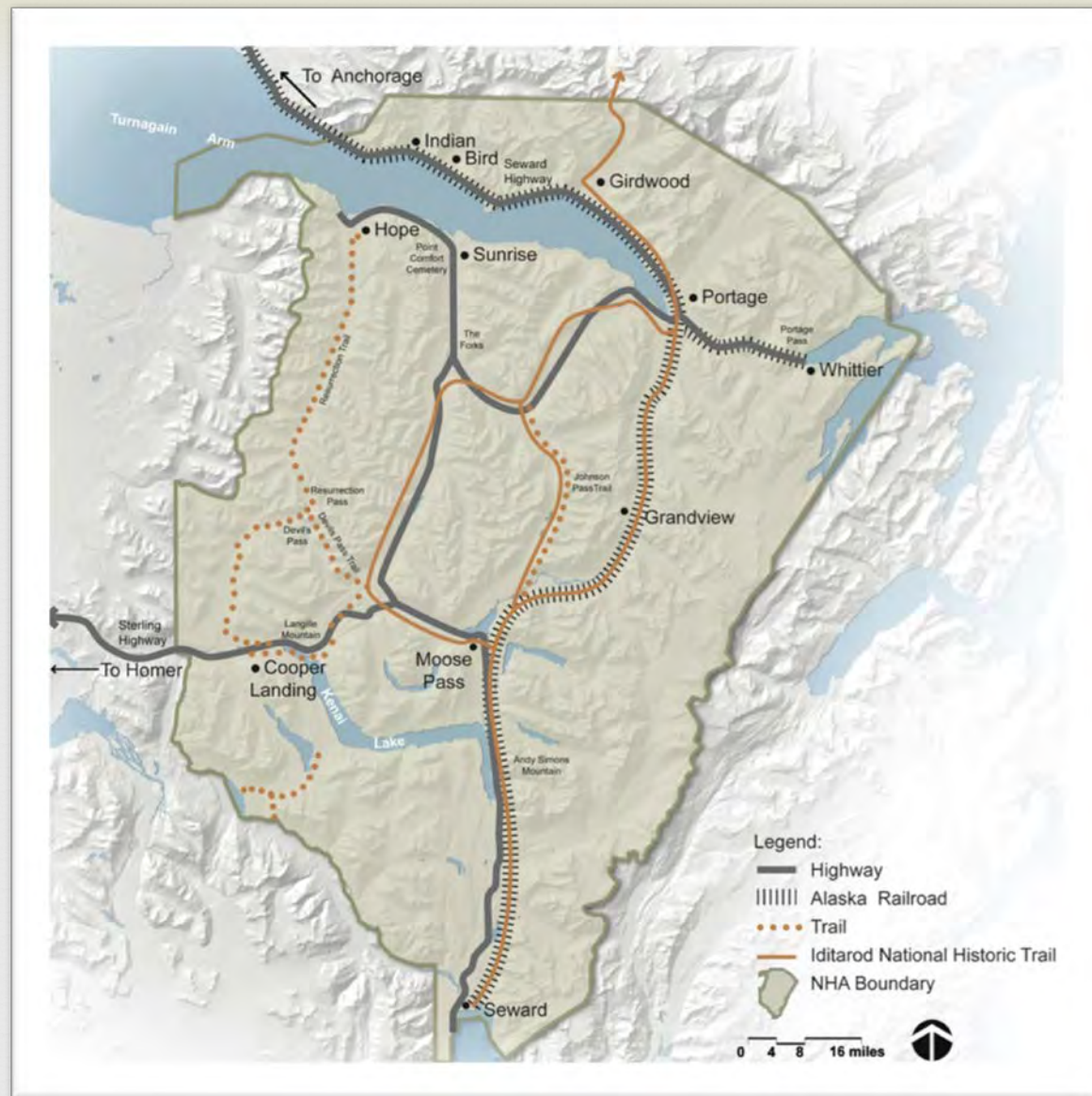
- ❧ Places where outstanding natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape
- ❧ Established by Congress
- ❧ Funded through National Park Service
- ❧ Remain locally planned and driven
- ❧ Designation has no effect on property rights



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The KMTA NHA includes nine communities and sections of:

- Chugach State Park
- Chugach National Forest
- Kenai Fjords National Park



Administered by KMTA CCA, a local 501 (3) non-profit organization



How do we work?



- ❧ Board members from eight NHA communities
- ❧ Twice-annual grant solicitation
- ❧ Grants must be matched 1:1 by non-federal funds
- ❧ Community-based grants and area wide projects



Hope Trail

∞ Safety

∞ Public lands connectivity

Resurrection Pass

Johnson Pass

∞ Economic development

Infrastructure

Trailhead parking

Federal highway funds



Partnerships & Support



❧ Community of Hope

- ❧ Hope Inc.
- ❧ Hope Historical Society
- ❧ Local contractor and trails advocates
- ❧ Hope School

❧ Kenai Peninsula Borough

❧ Alaska Department of Transportation

❧ Alaskan Senators Murkowski and Sullivan

❧ Key partner: Chugach National Forest



Opportunities



KMTA Can Help

- Establish connections between trails on federal, state, and borough lands
- Coordinate efforts of state, federal and local partners
- Facilitate development of missing links that connect trails across jurisdictional boundaries

Challenges



- ❧ Identifying agency(ies) to own and maintain trail
- ❧ Working with state, federal, and local agencies that each have their own unique processes and time-lines
- ❧ Pursuing Federal Funding in 2018



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