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The City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Parks and Recreation Department assembled members of the public and affected agencies to form a Dog Task Force in October 2003. The purpose of the task force is to facilitate a process that addresses the needs of dog owners and needs of non-dog owners and make recommendations that will accommodate both user groups. The Dog Task Force was created with representation from the Forest Service, State of Alaska- Fish and Game and State Parks, City and Borough of Juneau, Gastineau Humane Society, and members of the public. All members are listed below:

Dog Task Force Committee Members:

Sue McGregor - Capital Kennel Club	Karla Hart - Fish & Game
Sue Schrader - Public	Bob Grochow - Parks & Recreation
Kim Kiefer - Parks & Recreation	Kathy Buss - Public
Kathy Hocker - Discovery Southeast	Ron Marvin - USFS
Mike Eberhardt - State Parks	James King - Trailmix
Chava Lee - Gastineau Humane Society	

Current regulations regarding dogs for the primary public land management agencies are as follows:

Forest Service (USFS) allows dogs to be off leash on all Forest Service property trails. Developed areas such as the campground or Mendenhall Visitor Center area require that dogs be under physical, restrictive control.

Alaska State Parks & A person may not have a dog or other pet in a developed facility of a state park or "within one half mile of a developed facility" unless the dog or other pet is on a leash, not exceeding nine feet in length, and is under control by a person at all times. (A State Parks trail is considered a developed facility.)

CBJ Parks and Recreation (P&R) require dogs to be on leash at all times while in any developed or undeveloped park property.

To begin the process the Task Force broke up into three subgroups- wildlife, parks/trails, and education. Each subgroup was tasked with specific directions.

Parks/trails subcommittee tasks:

- Find out about what other communities do
- Explore areas in Juneau that may be suitable
- Develop proposed guide lines for how to manage the issue and fund it (if required)
- Identify what further information might be needed to make informed decisions or recommendations
- Draft recommendations for the full committee to consider
- Draft measurements of success for review in Fall 2004

Wildlife subcommittee tasks:

- Review literature relating to wildlife and dogs
- Identify sensitive areas (and seasons if relevant) in the Juneau area
- Develop proposed guidelines
- Identify what further information might be needed to make an informed decision or recommendation
- Draft recommendations for full committee to consider
- Draft measurements of success for review in Fall 2004

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Education subcommittee tasks:

- Develop a code of ethics for Juneau dog owners
- Summarize current laws (or work with GHS and CBJ to summarize)
- Develop a plan to share this code of ethics
- Incentives to ensure voluntary compliance
- Identify what further information might be needed to make an informed decision or recommendation
- Draft recommendations for full committee to consider
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In March the subcommittees submitted their recommendations to the full Task Force. The Dog Task Force met in March to review recommendations from the wildlife and parks/trails subcommittees and formulated the following recommendations:

Areas reviewed with no recommended changes are:

Sheep Creek Trail - State
Treadwell Mine Historic Trail (behind Sandy Beach) - CBJ Parks
Sandy Beach Picnic Area - CBJ Parks
Lake Creek - USFS
USFS Campground
West Glacier Trail - USFS
East Glacier Trail - USFS
Flume Trail - Private/CBJ Parks
Auke Recreation Area - USFS
Montana Creek Road - DOT

Areas where committee recommended a change to existing uses are:

Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Trail/Brotherhood Bridge - CBJ Parks

Education: Clean up.

Recommend unpaved trail between the river and paved trail be off leash and trail near water be improved where it is washing away.

DZ Trail System & Police Station - CBJ Parks

Education: DZ school area and neighbors. Signage needed.

Recommend new area being developed by DZ school and police station be no dogs. DZ Trail System requires a leash.

Outer Point - CBJ Parks

Education: Clean up at Outer Point/Rainforest/Bluff trails

Recommend off leash.

Rainforest Trail - CBJ Parks

Education: Signage and public education important

Recommend on leash April 1 - September 30 and off leash October 1 - March 31 with no hour restrictions.

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Sandy Beach (Does not include Harbor) - CBJ Parks

Education: Signage important and education regarding clean up below tide line.

Recommend off leash below logs, on leash in picnic area and Treadwell Mine Historic Trail area.

Savikko Park Field #2 - CBJ Parks

Education: Clean up and signage important.

Recommend off leash October through March. Need for bear proof garbage can in this area.

Downtown - CBJ Parks

Education: Public education and enforcement needed.

Recommend cemetery off limits to dogs

Fish Creek - CBJ Parks

Education: Public education and signage important.

Recommend West Pond (Fish & Game property) be no dogs and area near parking lot (CBJ Parks property) be on leash.

Auke Lake - CBJ Parks

Education: Sign

Recommend no dogs on new ADA trail and possibly plant trees or add wall to cut down on noise from road.

Dimond Park - CBJ Parks

Recommend Field 3 be off leash from October through March

Mt. Roberts

Education: Education and signage needed.

Recommend on leash for area between tram terminal and Gold Ridge.

Melvin Park fields - CBJ Parks

Education: Clean up with dispensers added.

Recommend off leash from October through March

Dredge Lake Recreation Area - USFS

Education: Public education and signage

Recommendation pending discussion with the Forest Service.

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Twin Lakes - CBJ Parks

Education: Comprehensive public education needed because of high use. Signs that change to reflect changes in regs (test area).

Recommendation: Get rid of July/August closure to dogs unless water quality standard requires emergency dog closure.

Area south of first culvert: on leash only at all times

Area north of first culvert:

May 15 - Sept 15, off leash 6am - 10am, on leash 10am - 11pm

Sept 16 - May 14, off leash

Amalga Meadows - CBJ Parks/State Parks/USFS

Education: Public education and signage

Recommendation: New spine trail, yet to be built, that goes off the main trail and connects with the Boy Scout Trail and Saga Lodge would be no dogs as would old Tongsgard property. Spurs that go to beach would also be dog free. Main trail would remain open to dogs on leash.

Airport Dike Trail - CBJ/Airport

Education important.

Recommend for conservation purposes people stick to trail except as consistent with other wildlife refuges established in part for waterfowl hunting. Trained hunting dogs may be allowed while accompanying lawful hunters and being trained for hunting. Trained tracking dogs on leash below tide-line and avoiding critical feeding areas may also have minimal adverse impact. Open anytime for tracking and hunting training. Recommend during seasonal nesting and migration (April through August) dogs stay on leash, or voice control, and on the trail.

Eagle Beach - State Parks

Recommend that the intertidal land north of river, below tideland, be closed to dogs on state property.

Any other Juneau parks or trails not specifically evaluated as part of this process will remain under current management regulations.

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