

**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Restoration Grant**

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-D-1-2019

PROJECT NUMBER: Project 1.0

PROJECT TITLE: Lake Louise MSB Recreation Site Upgrades

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2021 (Amendment #2)

PERFORMANCE YEAR: September 1, 2020–September 1, 2021

REPORT DUE DATE: September 13, 2021

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Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328
2 CFR 200.301
50 CFR 80.

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERFORMANCE YEAR

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve MSB Lake Louise boat launch by expanding the concrete boat launch into deeper water.

A deeper boat launch will be constructed to accommodate lower lake water levels as have been experienced in recent years. Due to these lower lake water levels, the underwater portion of the ramp was not long enough to reach water deep enough to launch boats safely and effectively. Users of the lake were required to off-load their boats further down the ramp causing trailer wheels to drop off the end of the ramp. Often times when this would happen the only way to pull the trailer back onto the ramp was by carefully winching the wheels up over the edge of the ramp creating a potential hazard to hunters because the trailer could get stuck or roll off the end of the ramp and tip over with the boat on it. Extending the end of the boat ramp and installing the ramp at the optimal grade has help alleviate this hazard.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The work to extend/widen the boat ramp was completed on August 8, 2019 at which time the ramp was reopened to public use.

OBJECTIVE 2: Level the surface and expand the existing parking area to accommodate additional parking space so that safety hazards are minimized.

The previous MSB Lake Louise parking area was inadequate for the volume of use received throughout the year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The expanded parking area was leveled and open for public use on a D-1 surface beginning August 9, 2020. The grant was extended until July 31, 2021 (Amendment #2) and the new parking area was paved in June 2021. Striping took place shortly after paving and the completed parking area was reopened to public use.

OBJECTIVE 3: Complete the engineering design for development and expansion of the parking area.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The engineering design for the parking area expansion was completed spring 2020 and was constructed summer 2020. No changes to engineering took place in 2021.

OBJECTIVE 4: Complete expansion and development of the parking area including added capacity, traffic flow, vaulted toilet, embankment near Dinty Lake, signage, and kiosk.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Construction of the parking area expansion and amenities (vaulted toilet, embankment, signage, and kiosk) was completed August 15, 2020. The floating dock was added as an SDR and installed in winter/spring 2020. The grant was extended until July 31, 2021 (Amendment #2) due to the slow rate of permafrost thaw in 1/3 of the expansion area which settled well during the winter of 2020/2021. Paving of the parking was completed June 2021. The final kiosk panel insert was designed and installed August 2021.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

The permafrost thaw settled well in the expanded parking area over the winter of 2020/2021 and the site was prepped and paved in June 2021. It took the contractor a few days to asphalt pave and an additional day to stripe the fresh asphalt. The kiosk panel design was completed and installed as well.

On August 16th 2021 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on site to celebrate the official completion of the newly renovated facilities with representatives of partnering entities present. The Lake Susitna Tyone Community Association and Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation both contributed some match funds to the Mat-Su Borough towards for the project. Partners all gave short speeches as to the significance and impact of this project and the Mat-Su Borough put together a short video that was posted on partner's respective Facebook pages. The project has received praise from the community and will now enter the long term maintenance period.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

No additional amendments or SDR's were required to complete the project.

IV. PUBLICATIONS



Figure 1.–Ribbon cutting ceremony, August 16, 2021.



Figure 2.–Partners cutting the ribbon, August 16, 2021.



Figure 3.–Completed floating dock, August 2021.



Figure 4.–Installing the new kiosk panel, August 2021.

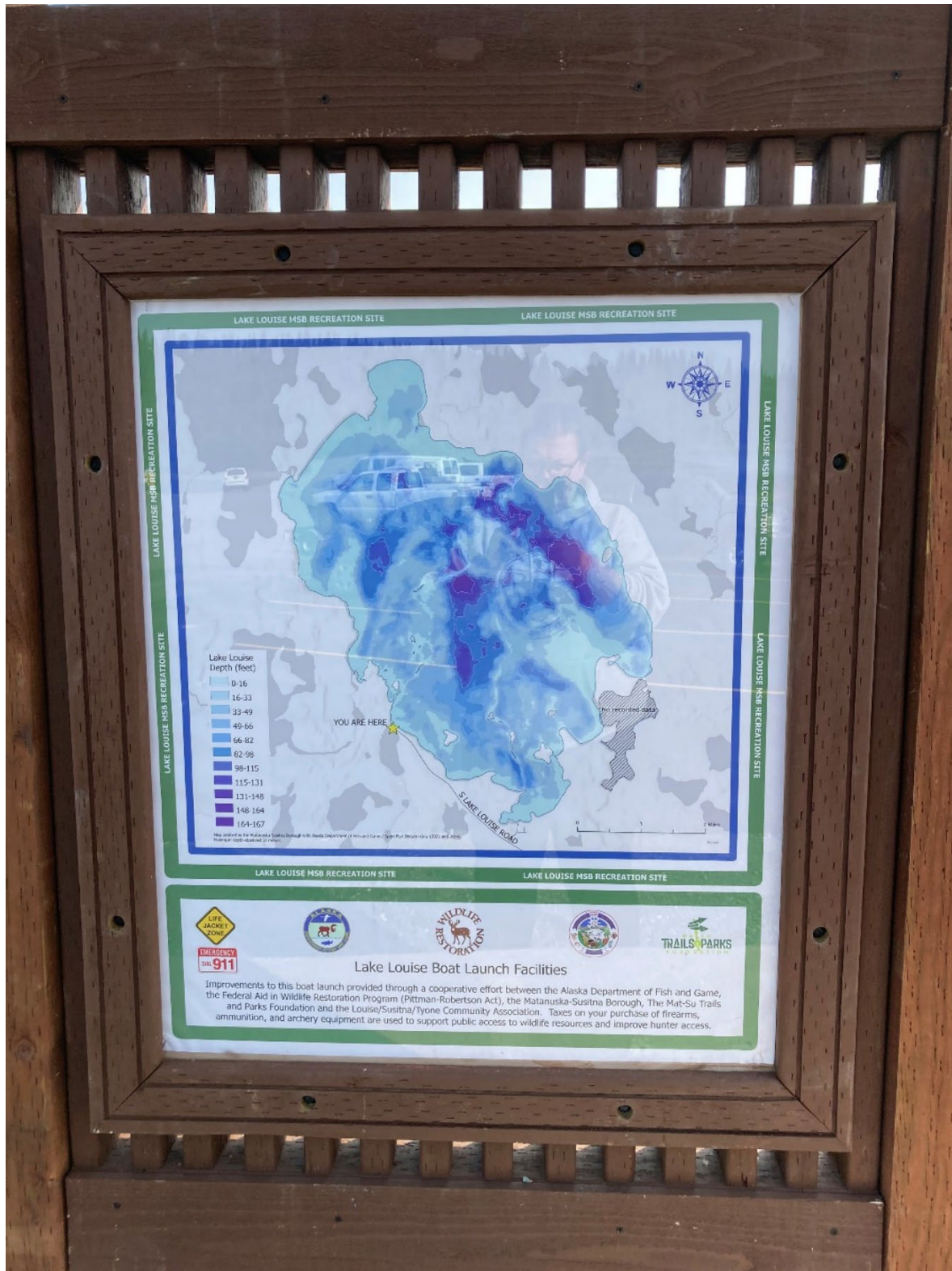


Figure 5.—Completed kiosk panel, August 2021.



Figure 6.–Paved and striped site entrance, August 2021.



Figure 7.–Paved expanded parking area, August 2021.



Figure 8.—Paved expanded parking area, August 2021.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

None at this time.

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