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To Whom it May Concern:

ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) is pleased to announce that proposal applications are now being accepted for the Hunter Access Grant Program. Program funds utilize Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson) funds, which are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as a pass-through grant to ADF&G DWC.

Program funds are used to improve opportunity and access to Alaska's public lands for hunters, trappers, and other recreational users. Eligible applicants include public and non-profit organizations who are eligible to do business with the Federal government and must be able to provide the required 25% non-federal match. If selected for award, the Hunter Access Grant Program will reimburse 75% of total eligible costs.

In 2020, ADF&G DWC anticipates that approximately \$1.5 million in federal funds will be available. Proposals with a federal budget exceeding \$30,000 are preferred, though those with smaller budgets may still be considered for funding on a case-by-case basis. Future funding availability may vary from year to year depending on the Federal appropriation and State of Alaska legislative authorization.

Proposals must develop or enhance public access to wildlife resources for hunting, trapping, and other recreation to be considered for funding. All proposals will be evaluated, ranked, and scored using established criteria that can be found on the Hunter Access Grant Program website along with the application package, FAQ's, and more at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunteraccess.grantapplication>.

The deadline for proposal submission is 4:30 PM Alaska Daylight Time on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Background information and more about the Hunter Access Program can be found online at [www.hunteraccess.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.hunteraccess.adfg.alaska.gov). If individuals have a project in mind, but don't have the required 25% match, we encourage you visit our website and take our survey to help us prioritize projects and areas of interest.

To date DWC has awarded approximately \$12 million and partnered with state and federal land managers, local governments, and nonprofit entities to meet match requirements and facilitate design and construction of 20+ hunter access projects. These projects are diverse and include building, improving, and repairing public use trails, roads, parking lots, campgrounds, boat launches, bridges, and more. Please view our website project pages to see what we've been up to.

If you have any questions, please contact ADF&G Hunter Access Program Coordinators:

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