



## COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

≈Upriver and down, salmon are common ground≈

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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to express my support for the Cordova Covered Spaces Project as the Executive Director of the Copper River Watershed Project, Cordova Alaska. This effort to identify and develop covered open-aired meeting spaces is well aligned with the tourism initiatives and vision for Cordova at the Copper River Watershed Project.

The Copper River Watershed Project strategic priorities include supporting healthy communities, access to outdoor recreation, youth education programming and sustainable, environmentally conscious tourism, among others. Our nonprofit owns and manages an encumbered Conservation Easement, a 112-acre parcel in the Fleming Creek drainage approximately 1.5 miles north of the City of Cordova commercial core. CRWP concurrently conveys the Conservation Easement to Great Land Trust (GLT) that outlines a Limited Development Area containing one recreational structure up to 700 square feet in size, up to two gazebos or picnic shelters and may include trash cans, food storage containers, fire rings etc. The Copper River Watershed Project has partnered with the Covered Spaces committing this area as a location to join the covered spaces sites.

The Cordova Covered Spaces Project will fill a critical need in the community by focusing on key infrastructure missing from the developed outdoor recreation opportunities in the area. Open-air meeting spaces provide protection from weather for outdoor recreation opportunity for all members of the public. Our offer to include the Stern Property Limited-development Area as one of the locations for the Cordova Covered Spaces Project is a mutually beneficial partnership that allows us to strategically develop a covered space that is connected to a broader plan linking covered spaces across the area. Our location is unique such that it provides access to viewing Alaska's prestigious salmon spawning in the creek nearby and we plan to develop trails from this area to access the Chugach Forest lands.

Sincerely,

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