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The Honorable Claudia Balducci Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the Trails-Emergency Route Report, called for by Ordinance 19021, Section 53, Proviso P2, and a proposed motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

The enclosed report outlines an inventory of all trails owned or operated by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) that are listed as emergency routes in any city or county emergency management plan or evacuation plan.

In developing the report, DNRP engaged the cities in King County along with emergency response providers such as fire departments by inquiring if DNRP owned trails were listed as emergency routes in any city's emergency management or evacuation plan. DNRP also consulted with King County Emergency Management and the King County Sheriff's Office for assistance in identifying whether any trails are listed as emergency routes.

The report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of delivering a safe, reliable, and seamless network of transportation options by operating and maintaining a Regional Trails System. It also supports the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of a healthy environment by preserving open space which enhances and expands the backcountry trail system.

It is estimated that the report required 20 hours by DNRP staff to produce, costing approximately \$2,200 in staff hours. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed motion. The important work discussed in the report will help King County residents understand the uses of King County regional and backcountry trails.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine King County Executive

Enclosure

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