

## 2019 Fall Mailer

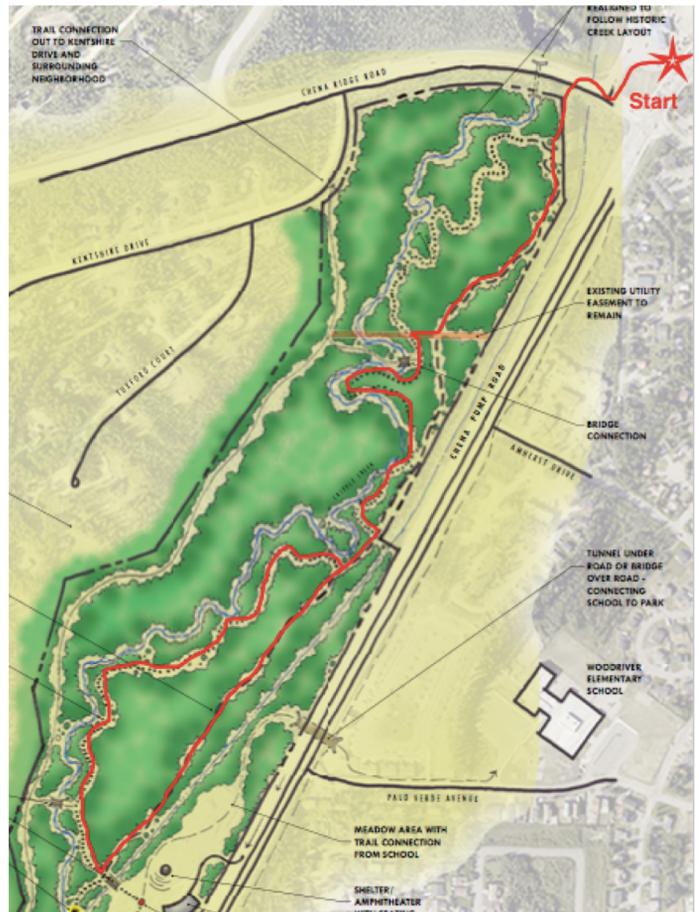
Dear Members,

Our newsletter for 2019 has been moved to later in the winter (or early spring) due to the busy nature of this time of year: annual property monitoring, our fundraiser, and our annual community meeting. We strive to provide our members with quality up-to-date information on our projects and property acquisitions; this move will give us the time to continue to provide thorough newsletters in the years to come. In lieu of a full newsletter this fall, we are excited to provide some short updates on what we've been up to in 2019. Stay tuned for more in-depth updates in our newsletter in a few months!

*-Dave Ruzicka, Conservation Coordinator*

### Chinook Conservation Park

In June, IALT partnered with REI for Trails Day, where community volunteers helped construct a walking trail in our 90-acre Cripple Creek parcel. This ~2 mile loop trail follows the winding Cripple Creek channel along its eastern bank through mature forest, eventually linking back up with the winter trail. Our plan is to expand this trail in the coming summers and construct bridges across the creek channel. This will be part of our "Chinook Conservation Park" project. Our vision is to provide an easy-to-access green space for the community to use for year-round motorized and non-motorized recreation, while providing essential habitat for Chinook salmon rearing. The Cripple Creek Restoration Project is entering its final stages this coming summer with a culvert installation under Chena Ridge Spur Road and a weir where the concrete ditch meets Happy Creek. This is estimated to wrap up by Fall 2020.

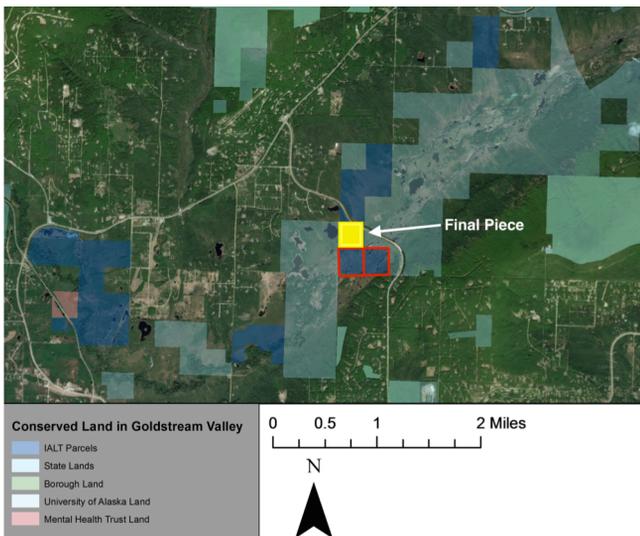


*Chinook Conservation Park Concept Plan with the walking trail highlighted in red. Begin at the Justa Store.*

# New Properties

## Tabbert II Property

In early 2017, Sara Tabbert and Brandon McGrath Bernhard generously donated the development rights to their undeveloped 40-acre southern parcel. We are currently finalizing a conservation easement that will cover their parcel that borders to the north, totaling 25.5 acres west of Eldorado Creek. This is an area that sees wildlife and winter trail traffic; the State's Public Use Area expands south from the Tabbert properties.



With your critical financial assistance, IALT was able to purchase two 40-acre parcels just west of Ballaine Road that connects the Public Use Area with our Blueberry Preserves property. We hope to be able to purchase the last and most critical piece next summer. This piece has essential trails and forms a sort of keystone for central Goldstream Valley. These parcels connect a significant amount of green space for winter recreation as well as habitat that will be conserved forever, including Goldstream Creek! We could really use your donation to help us acquire this critical parcel.

## Annual Community Meeting

Our annual community meeting is going to be held on **Tuesday, December 3rd** from **6-8pm** at the **Noel Wien Public Library**. The conference room is in the first room you enter though the main doors, but before you walk into the main library. This event is open to the public. We invite community members to come learn about our current projects, recent easements, land acquisitions, fundraising efforts and more. Bring any questions or concerns you have regarding land conservation!

We also want to thank all who attended and donated to our Burgers, Brews, and Bogs fundraiser and silent auction on November 2nd at Ivory Jack's. Thanks to you, it was a great success!