

Northern Region: Winter Trail Markings**FY2005 Request: \$219,300**
Reference No: 36443**AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Central Alaska**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Central Alaska Areawide (HD 6-11)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Mark overland winter trails in Northern Region with permanent trail markers. Trail markers will ensure winter travelers can safely journey by snowmobile and dogsled between communities in the area. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$219,300						\$219,300
Total:	\$219,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$219,300

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2004 - \$258,500; FY2003 - \$380,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this project is to identify and mark safe and secure travel routes between remote communities without normal highway access. Winter overland travel between these communities is primarily by snowmachine. Changing weather conditions and low visibility due to darkness and storms can cause travelers to become lost or stranded and is a major concern.

Establishing well marked routes significantly improves safety for travelers and reduces search and rescue efforts. The need for this project is identified in the Department's Transportation Area Plans and is a priority of the communities. This is a cooperative project involving Northwest Arctic Borough villages, North Slope Borough villages and villages in the Tanana Chiefs region.