

Protecting Traditional Land Use Areas by Hardening Trails



Porous pavement provides a hardened trail, allowing the fragile tundra to heal from unconfined ATV use.

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Overview

Hardened trails benefit tundra and wildlife by controlling all-terrain vehicle (ATV) damage. When ATVs stay on hardened trails, the tundra has an opportunity to heal previously-made ruts, waterfowl nests are protected from crushing wheels, and access to traditional hunting and gathering areas is maintained.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide communities technical and financial assistance for trails through the Farm Bill's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Assistance

Contact your local NRCS office to learn how financial assistance contracts can benefit you and your community. Alaska Natives may receive greater financial assistance and are not subject to payment limitations.

Eligibility

Land eligible for financial assistance contracts must be privately owned; tribal or Corporation property is eligible. The land must be suitable for fish or wildlife habitat development and improvements, for example traditional subsistence areas and non-industrial private forestland.



This improved trail will allow the mud rutted lowland to heal.