

Dear Friends of Benka Lake,

I am writing on behalf of the Susitna Community Council to extend our resolute support to the Friends of Benka Lake in their fervent endeavor to restore access to this treasured natural resource.

The significance of Benka Lake within our community cannot be overstated. Its serene beauty, rich biodiversity, and recreational opportunities have been integral to the fabric of our region. The recent limitations on access have been a matter of concern for us, as it impedes not only the enjoyment of this scenic area but also the ability of our community members to connect with and appreciate the natural wonders that Benka Lake offers.

The Friends of Benka Lake have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preserving this invaluable asset and advocating for responsible access that balances conservation with public use. Their dedication in championing the cause of regaining access to Benka Lake reflects the sentiments and desires of our community at large.

The Susitna Community Council firmly stands in support of the Friends of Benka Lake's pursuit to reinstate access to this beloved site. We believe in the importance of fostering a collaborative approach that considers both conservation efforts and the responsible enjoyment of this natural treasure by our community members.

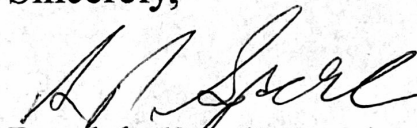
We wholeheartedly encourage and endorse the efforts of the Friends of Benka Lake in their dialogue and engagement with relevant stakeholders to achieve a balanced solution that restores access while ensuring the continued protection and preservation of the lake's ecological integrity.

Please consider us allies in this noble cause. Should there be any way in which our council can actively participate, advocate, or support the endeavor to regain access to Benka Lake, do not hesitate to reach out. We are committed to working alongside the Friends of Benka Lake to achieve a positive resolution that benefits our community and safeguards the long-term health of

this invaluable natural asset.

Thank you for your dedication and tireless advocacy in preserving the accessibility and sanctity of Benka Lake.

Sincerely,



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