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Revised lease goes to Trygstad

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PALMER — Warm weather allowed a spell of winter golf in Palmer last week. But an advancing timetable is swinging golf action to the Butte now.

The Mat-Su Borough Land Management Division on Thursday provided developer Victor Trygstad with a revised copy of the proposed lease with a purchase-option to accommodate his request to obtain 320 acres of borough land in the Butte for use as a golf resort and subdivision.

Borough officials hope to meet with Trygstad in less than a month to negotiate the lease.

Borough Land Management agent Steve Cypra said he expects a lease-negotiation meeting can be arranged within the 30-day period requested by the borough in a Nov. 5 letter, and

originally slated for Sept. 30.

Trygstad's efforts to acquire the land have been ongoing for more than a year. But late this summer, the assembly overrode a veto by then-mayor Barb Lacher to convey the land to Trygstad for the 18-hole golf course, resort and residential subdivision.

Trygstad said he plans to add the land to some 500 adjoining acres he already owns or has options on, to develop the complex.

A couple of weeks ago, Trygstad requested a "redline" comparison version of the proposed lease, showing changes.

Cypra is also part of the borough's lease-negotiating committee for the project, known as Homestead Resort.

A sizable vocal group of Butte residents have opposed Trygstad's plans every step of the way.