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Consists of three major Divisions: The Law Enforcement Division in conjunction with the Coast Guard is responsible for high seas surveillance and enforcement within the 200-mile zone and at dockside. Such responsibilities include keeping a watch on foreign fishing activities, recording the amount and type of fish landed at ports, and enforcing the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. The Fisheries Management Division is responsible for developing and conserving fishing resources and for developing alternatives to avert fishing disasters. This division’s work includes conducting feasibility studies, market surveys, and economic research. The Division of Environmental Assessment keeps track of marine habitat quality in areas of economic activity and/or resource development.

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Conducts hydrographic and topographic surveys and constructs bathymetric maps and nautical and aeronautical charts. The Survey also collects and disseminates information to supplement these maps and charts. Examples of such information include tide tables, tidal currents tables and charts, and enroute, area, and instrument approach procedure charts.
Dept. of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency—710 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 19), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5083) Operates many programs to provide technical information, advisory services and counseling, training, project and research grants, and direct loans. Areas of study and/or control include water, air, and noise pollution, solid waste disposal, waste water treatment works, water quality control, underground water source protection, safe drinking water protection, pesticide science and technology, pesticide control, and radiation research.

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, Office of Environmental Health—3350 Commercial Dr., Anchorage, AK 99510 (279-9628) Acting as the Indian Health Service, this agency provides water and sewer facilities to Native individuals and communities and to all new housing constructed by HUD. Non-Native communities can purchase a PHS constructed water/sewer system. Copies of as-builts, premise surveys, and project summaries are available from the Service office.

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration—612 E. 14th (Mailing - Box 2600), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4015) Operates a number of programs to aid the elderly, the physically and/or emotionally disabled, and the blind, disabled or elderly with extremely low incomes. Examples of such programs include hospital and supplementary medical insurance under Medicare; disability, retirement and survivor insurance, and special benefits for persons aged 72 or over under Social Security; the Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners (Black Lung) Program; and the Supplementary Security Income Program for the blind, disabled, or people over 65 whose incomes and resources are very small.

Dept. of Housing and Urban Development—334 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (271-4166) The three major Divisions are: Federal Insurance Administration, Community Planning and Development, and Housing Production and Mortgage Credit/Federal Housing Authority and Housing Management Offices. The FIA is primarily involved with flood protection and promoting floodplain management, although it also administers riot and crime insurance programs. The Community Planning and Development Division operates the Comprehensive Planning Assistance ("701") Program, the discretionary and entitlement Community Development Block Grants Program, and the New Communities Loan Guarantee Program. The Housing Division runs a myriad of direct payment and guaranteed/insured loan housing production and management programs. Also within HUD is the Office of Interstate Land Sales Registration, Office of Equal Opportunity in Housing, Office of Policy Development and Research, and the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration.

Dept. of the Interior, Alaska Native Claims Appeals Board—716 W. 4th Ave. (Mailing - P.O. Box 2433), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4001) Created in 1974 to review village eligibility questions and property interest disputes arising under ANCSA. After BLM publishes a selection decision, 30 days exist in which anyone claiming a property interest in the land in question may appeal the BLM decision. This Board does not handle enrollment or allotment appeals.

Dept. of the Interior, Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Office—620 E. 10th, Anchorage, AK 99501 (276-2955) One of four such offices in the United States, this office is responsible for managing the sea-bed of the outer continental shelf beyond the three-mile limit off the coast of Alaska. Such management includes the development of minerals, sand and gravel, salt, and other resources contained within the OCS. Current operations in Alaska deal largely with coordinating the sale of oil and gas leases on the OCS.

Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs—1875 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 120), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4088) Operates a wide range of programs to aid the development of the human and natural resource potentials of those Native Americans living under a trust relationship to the Federal Government. Areas covered by Bureau programs include education, employment assistance, housing development and improvement, economic development, and various other social services. All BIA programs apply to any Native in Alaska who is at least one-quarter Native.

Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management—701 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 13), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5900) Responsible for managing federal public lands and the resources contained thereupon. Included in this management responsibility are the tasks of firefighting, surveying land, managing the habitat for wildlife, leasing minerals, selling timber, building roads and trails, and providing areas for recreation. It is BLM which grants permits, licenses, easements, leases, or rights-of-way on public lands, including the OCS. BLM also runs the Townsite Trustee Program in Alaska. Copies of as-builts, status plats, and townsite plats are available from BLM.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines—2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99504 (274-9621) Conducts research on mining and metallurgy. Specific areas of study include mine health and safety, improvements in mining technology, environmental problems associated with mining, and improvements in methods of processing and recycling metals and other minerals. The Bureau is also actively involved in the repair of environmental damage from past mining operations and does analysis of mineral supply and demand worldwide. The Bureau also engages in mineral surveys of federal lands and evaluates mineral potential and the economic significance of mineral occurrences.

Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.—1011 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503 (276-3800) Conducts research, employs management techniques, and enforces federal laws and regulations concerning the nation's migratory birds and game, waterfowl, wild mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and sport fishing resources. This office is responsible for managing the National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries, monitoring the effects of resource development projects on fish and wildlife, and operating management programs for endangered species and other wildlife of national significance.

Dept. of the Interior, Geological Survey, U.S.—Alaska Division, 508 W. 2nd Ave. (Mailing - 218 E. St.), Anchorage, AK 99501 (271-4145; Director - 271-4398) Assembles and disseminates information on the nation's land, mineral, and water resources. The Survey produces maps of physical features of land areas; identifies and assesses the quantity and quality of potential energy, mineral, and water resources, including those of the OCS; assesses the environmental consequences of alternative methods of developing these resources, and collects and disseminates information on natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, land subsidence, and floods. The Survey is also responsible for supervising the exploration, development, and production phases of resource development on federally leased land and collects royalties and rents on these lands.
Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service—Alaska Area Office, 540 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (271-4243)  
Responsible for conserving and managing the use of the scenery, natural and historic features, and the wildlife in the national parks, monuments, and reservations of the United States. In this capacity the Service controls wildlife populations; supports, with project and research grants, the discovery, investigation, inventory, and preservation of significant historical, archeological, or paleontological remains, buildings, sites, landmarks, etc.; and provides technical information and advisory services to state and local agencies in the planning, development, and management of park and recreation areas.

Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics—2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 120, Anchorage, AK 99504 (274-8731)  
Collects and provides data on a number of issues related to the nation’s economy. Examples of collected data include: manpower and employment data, prices and cost-of-living data, productivity and technological data, wages and industrial relations data, and economic research data. Additionally, the Bureau does some analyses of information—long-range predictions, area and industry comparisons, and trend analysis.

Dept. of Transportation, Coast Guard, U.S.—Captain of the Port, Marine Safety Office, 701 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 17), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5137)  
Responsible for protecting and patrolling the navigable waters and ports of the nation, including its ocean shores, bays and inlets, Great Lakes and inland waterways. Duties of the Guard include port safety and security, merchant vessel safety, boating safety, ice breaking, search and rescue, buoy tending, and prevention of marine environment pollution. The Guard also broadcasts National Weather Service reports and, together with the National Marine Fisheries Service, enforces federal conservation and territorial fishing laws and treaties.

Dept. of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration—Alaska Regional Headquarters, 701 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 14), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5645)  
Responsible for assisting in the development of a nationwide system of public airports. In this capacity the Administration provides technical information, advisory services, counseling, and project grants to public agencies to promote the advancement of civil aviation. Planning and construction grants are available to public agencies for the development of airports and airport and navigation facilities.

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC)—Manager, 4831 Eagle St., Anchorage, AK 99503 (277-6632)  
An independent, member-owned cooperative that designs and constructs electrical facilities for its member villages with funds loaned by the Rural Electrification Administration.

Fairbanks Town and Village Association for Development, Inc.—P.O. Box 74080, Fairbanks, AK 99707 (456-5178)  
Provides service for Fairbanks, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 46 Alaskan villages, a nonprofit corporation. It is involved in long-range economic development of Interior Alaska; program and project assistance to communities and public interest organizations; business assistance; and public works financing.

Interior Village Association—127½ Minnie Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (452-1601)  
Acts as management, financial and land consultants for area ANCSA village corporations. As a nonprofit corporation, it is involved in project permit reviews for pipeline activities on Native corporation selected lands.

Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.—Doyon Blq., 1st & Hall Streets, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (452-8251); Subregional Office, P.O. Box 126, Tok, AK 99760 (883-2786)  
As a nonprofit regional Native corporation, provides certain social services in the same geographic area as Doyon, Inc. The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority was formed as a department of Tanana Chiefs Conference. The health authority is responsible for administration and delivery of health services and grants with the federal government and State of Alaska.

United Crow Band—P.O. Box 131, Tok, AK 99780 (883-2601)  
Is a service provider in the Upper Tanana region. It has contracted to provide employment counseling, general assistance, a foster care program and information and referral services. It administers general assistance programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Upper Tanana Development Corporation—P.O. Box 459, Tok, AK 99780 (883-2661)  
One of 12 nonprofit regional development corporations, it promotes overall economic, social and educational development of people in the Upper Tanana region. Programs are aimed at low income Natives and non-Natives, the elderly and preschoolers. UTDC is extremely active and interested in the area of gasoline impacts.

Upper Tanana Regional Council on Alcoholism—P.O. Box 155, Tok, AK 99780 (883-4201)  
Is responsible for its primary objective of reduction of alcohol and other drug abuse programs in the region. The agency pursues this goal through preventive measures (counseling, recreation and school programs), diversion of substance abusers from the criminal justice system, referral and coordination.
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Consists of three major Divisions: The Law Enforcement Division in conjunction with the Coast Guard is responsible for high seas surveillance and enforcement within the 200-mile zone and at dockside. Such responsibilities include keeping a watch on foreign fishing activities, recording the amount and type of fish landed at ports, and enforcing the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. The Fisheries Management Division is responsible for developing and conserving fishery resources and for developing alternatives to avert fishing disasters. This division's work includes conducting feasibility studies, market surveys, and economic research. The Division of Environmental Assessment keeps track of marine habitat quality in areas of economic activity and/or resource development.

Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Survey—701 C St. (Mailing · P.O. Box 38), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5040)
Conducts hydrographic and topographic surveys and constructs bathymetric maps and nautical and aeronautical charts. The Survey also collects and disseminates information to supplement these maps and charts. Examples of such information include tide tables, tidal currents tables and charts, and en-route, area, and instrument approach procedure charts.
Dept. of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency—710 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 19), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5033)
Operates many programs to provide technical information, advisory services and counseling, training, project and research grants, and direct loans. Areas of study and control include water, air, and noise pollution, solid waste disposal, waste water treatment works, water quality control, underground water source protection, safe drinking water protection, pesticide science and technology, pesticide control, and radiation research.

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, Office of Environmental Health—3350 Commercial Dr., Anchorage, AK 99510 (279-9628)
Acting as the Indian Health Service, this agency provides water and sewer facilities to Native individuals and communities and to all new housing constructed by HUD. Non-Native communities can purchase a PHS constructed water/sewer system. Copies of as-builtons, premise surveys, and project summaries are available from the Service office.

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration—612 E. 14th (Mailing - Box 2600), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4015)
Operates a number of programs to aid the elderly, the physically and/or emotionally disabled, and the blind, disabled or elderly with extremely low incomes. Examples of such programs include hospital and supplementary medical insurance under Medicare; disability, retirement and survivor insurance, and special benefits for persons aged 72 or over under Social Security; the Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners (Black Lung) Program; and the Supplementary Security Income Program for the blind, disabled, or people over 65 whose incomes and resources are very small.

Dept. of Housing and Urban Development—334 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (271-4166)
The three major Divisions are: Federal Insurance Administration, Community Planning and Development, and Housing Production and Mortgage Credit/Federal Housing Authority and Housing Management Offices. The FIA is primarily involved with flood protection and promoting floodplain management, although it also administers riot and crime insurance programs. The Community Planning and Development Division operates the Comprehensive Planning Assistance ("701") Program, the discretionary and entitlement Community Development Block Grants Program, and the New Communities Loan Guarantee Program. The Housing Division runs a myriad of direct payment and guaranteed/insured loan housing production and management programs. Also within HUD is the Office of Intestate Land Sales Registration, Office of Equal Opportunity in Housing, Office of Policy Development and Research, and the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration.

Dept. of the Interior, Alaska Native Claims Appeals Board—716 W. 4th Ave, (Mailing - P.O. Box 2433), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4001)
Created in 1974 to review village eligibility questions and property interest disputes arising under ANCSA. After BLM publishes a selection decision, 30 days exist in which anyone claiming a property interest in the land in question may appeal the BLM decision. This Board does not handle enrollment or allotment appeals.

Dept. of the Interior, Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Office—620 E. 10th, Anchorage, AK 99501 (276-2656)
One of four such offices in the United States, this office is responsible for managing the seafloor of the outer continental shelf beyond the three-mile limit off the coast of Alaska. Such management includes the development of minerals, sand and gravel, salt, and other resources contained within the OCS. Current operations in Alaska deal largely with coordinating the sale of oil and gas leases on the OCS.

Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs—1675 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 120), Anchorage, AK 99510 (271-4088)
Operates a wide range of programs to aid the development of the human and natural resource potentials of those Native Americans living under a trust relationship to the Federal Government. Areas covered by Bureau programs include education, employment assistance, housing development and improvement, economic development, and various other social services. All BIA programs apply to any Native in Alaska who is at least one-quarter Native.

Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management—701 C St. (Mailing - P.O. Box 13), Anchorage, AK 99513 (271-5960)
Responsible for managing federal public lands and the resources contained thereupon. Included in this management responsibility are the tasks of firefighting, surveying land, managing the habitat for wildlife, leasing minerals, selling timber, building roads and trails, and providing areas for recreation. It is BLM which grants permits, licenses, easements, leases, or rights-of-way on public lands, including the OCS. BLM also runs the Townsite Trustee Program in Alaska. Copies of as-builtons, status plats, and townsite plats are available from BLM.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines—2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99504 (274-9621)
Conducts research on mining and metallurgy. Specific areas of study include mine health and safety, improvements in mining technology, environmental problems associated with mining, and improvements in methods of processing and recycling metals and other minerals. The Bureau is also actively involved in the repair of environmental damage from past mining operations and does analysis of mineral supply and demand worldwide. The Bureau also engages in mineral surveys of federal lands and evaluates mineral potential and the economic significance of mineral occurrences.

Conducts research, employs management techniques, and enforces federal laws and regulations concerning the nation's migratory birds and game, waterfowl, wild mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and sport fishing resources. This office is responsible for managing the National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries, monitoring the effects of resource development projects on fish and wildlife, and operating management programs for endangered species and other wildlife of national significance.

Dept. of the Interior, Geological Survey, U.S.—Alaska Division, 508 W. 2nd Ave, (Mailing - 218 E. St.), Anchorage, AK 99501 (271-4145; Director - 271-4389)
Assembles and disseminates information on the nation's land, mineral, and water resources. The Survey produces maps of physical features of land areas; identifies and assesses the quantity and quality of potential energy, mineral, and water resources, including those of the OCS; assesses the environmental consequences of alternative methods of developing these resources, and collects and disseminates information on natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, land subsidence, and floods. The Survey is also responsible for supervising the exploration, development, and production phases of resource development on federally leased land and collects royalties and rents on these lands.
PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC)—Manager, 4831 Eagle St., Anchorage, AK 99503 (277-6832)
An independent, member-owned cooperative that designs and constructs electrical facilities for its member villages with funds loaned by the Rural Electrification Administration.

Fairbanks Town and Village Association for Development, Inc.—P.O. Box 74080, Fairbanks, AK 99707 (456-5178)
Provides service for Fairbanks, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 46 Alaskan villages, a nonprofit corporation. It is involved in long-range economic development of Interior Alaska; program and project assistance to communities and public interest organizations; business assistance; and public works financing.

Interior Village Association—127½ Minnie Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (452-1601)
Acts as management, financial and land consultants for area ANCSA village corporations. As a nonprofit corporation, it is involved in project permit reviews for pipeline activities on Native corporation selected lands.

Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.—Doyon Bldg., 1st & Hall Streets, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (452-8251); Subregional Office, P.O. Box 120, Tok, AK 99780 (883-2782)
As a nonprofit regional Native corporation, provides certain social services in the same geographic area as Doyon, Inc. The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority was formed as a department of Tanana Chiefs Conference. The health authority is responsible for administration and delivery of health services and grants with the federal government and State of Alaska.

United Crow Band—P.O. Box 131, Tok, AK 99780 (883-2601)
Is a service provider in the Upper Tanana region. It has contracted to provide employment counseling, general assistance, a foster care program and information and referral services. It administers general assistance programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Upper Tanana Development Corporation—P.O. Box 459, Tok, AK 99780 (883-2661)
One of 12 nonprofit regional development corporations, it promotes overall economic, social and educational development of people in the Upper Tanana region. Programs are aimed at low income Natives and non-Natives, the elderly and preschoolers. UTDC is extremely active and interested in the area of gasline impacts.

Upper Tanana Regional Council on Alcoholism—P.O. Box 155, Tok, AK 99780 (883-4201)
Is responsible for its primary objective of reduction of alcohol and other drug abuse programs in the region. The agency pursues this goal through preventive measures (counseling, recreation and school programs), diversion of substance abusers from the criminal justice system, referral and coordination.
The Village

The village, located on the Tanana River, is a remote and isolated community. The village is situated on the east side of the river and is accessible only by boat or seaplane. The village has a population of approximately 150 people, most of whom are Native Alaskans.

Economy and Transportation - The village is primarily dependent on subsistence fishing and hunting for its economic livelihood. The Tanana River is known for its abundant salmon and lake trout, which provide a valuable resource for villagers. Transportation in the village is limited to boats and seaplanes, with no road access.

Education - The village has a small school with grades K-8, which is supported by the Alaska Native Education Program. It provides education in traditional and modern subjects, with a focus on cultural preservation.

Health Care - The village has a health clinic that provides primary care services. The clinic is staffed by a registered nurse and a part-time physician. There is also a nearby hospital in another community that offers more advanced medical services.

Housing and Utilities - The village has a mix of traditional and modern housing options. Many homes are traditional Alaska Native-style homes made of wood and covered with tarps. There are also a few modern single-family homes.

Communication - The village has a small post office and a telephone service. Cell phone service is available, but internet access is limited due to the remote location.

Environment - The village is located in a temperate forest region with a moderate climate. The spring and summer months are warm, with temperatures ranging from 50°F to 70°F. The winter months are cold, with temperatures ranging from 10°F to 20°F.

Future Needs - The village faces challenges in infrastructure and education. There is a need for better roads and bridges to improve access, as well as for improved health care services.

Source: Tanacross Village Council

Environmental Considerations

Climate - The village is located in a temperate climate zone, with warm summers and cold winters. The average temperature in January is about 10°F, and the average temperature in July is about 65°F. The village experiences a warm dry summer and cold, snowy winters.

Soils - The soils in the village are mostly loamy and well-drained. The village has a range of soil types, including sandy loam and clay loam.

Water Resources - The village has a river system that provides water for drinking and agricultural purposes. The river is also used for fishing and recreation.

Vegetation - The vegetation in the village includes a mix of spruce, fir, and aspen trees, as well as grasses and wildflowers.

Wildlife - The village is home to a variety of wildlife, including moose, caribou, and ground squirrels.

Natural Hazards - The village is located in an area that is prone to earthquakes and flooding. The village has a history of both events and has taken steps to mitigate the risks.

Resource Use - The village is a traditional community that relies on natural resources for its livelihood. The village engages in subsistence hunting and fishing, and the residents have a strong connection to the land and wildlife.

Source: Tanacross Village Council
The Village

Hillcrest Area

- Hillcrest Area
- Hillcrest School
- Hillcrest Church
- Hillcrest Community Center
- Hillcrest Housing

Tetlin

- Tetlin
- Tetlin School
- Tetlin Church
- Tetlin Community Center
- Tetlin Housing

Subsistence Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Traditions

- Subsistence Hunting
- Subsistence Fishing
- Subsistence Gathering

Land Use and Community Facilities

- Land Use
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Land Use and Community Facilities

Many houses in Tok are heated with oil. However, some oil has been used for cooking. As a result, the community is attempting to reduce its reliance on oil for heating. This has led to the installation of oil storage tanks in several houses. Some houses also have oil storage tanks for cooking.

Environmental Considerations

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