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Comments: I was at your scoping meeting on the eis in McGrath but I did not look closely at the route of the gas pipeline on the map. I just found out that from Farewell it travels very close to the Alaska range clear to Big river and that in addition to the Farewell strip you are also planning to construct an airstrip at Big River. The Alaska range is prime big game country and the open foothills is used by both moose and caribou. The drainages you cross also lead to the sheep country in the Alaska range. The range is already being hit hard by fly in hunters and most rams are being killed as soon as they reach full curl. Over 50 hunters have been using the farewell strip already and are flying in 4 wheelers. These hunters and many more will be using the right of way for travel as soon as the construction is finished and will also use the Big river field if it is left open. 4 wheelers can use the open foothills for travel and use the river beds to access the hills. If the line were moved down in the black spruce further from the hills it would travel through country that is not so attractive to moose and caribou except when the move down in the winter. Game is harder to spot and would not be so vulnerable. This could impact what is now a valuable wildlife resource and change the nature of the hunting experience forever. The range is used by local residents in the winter. Most of them do not have access to airplanes. And the winter weather limits the number of people who trap or hunt there. Please address this issue in the EIS. Ray Collins

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