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Subject: comments Donlin pipeline

Ray Collins, Barney Anselment, Brett Gibbens , Joshua Pierce, Roger Savoy and other interested parties.
you may want to comment on this. There is currently a deadline of postmarked by March 29, 2013. You can send comments to:

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for this next upcoming EIS.
or there is a comment form on the Donlin Creek home page site.
<http://www.donlingoldeis.com/>

<http://www.donlingoldeis.com/Documents/ScopingPoster3Pipeline11x17.pdf>

I don't know where your view stands on this but according to information I have just recently been made aware of, a 5000 foot runway that is planned for Big River, with upgrades at the Farewell airstrip and a number of gravel pits that are indicated on DCM maps , that located are in between Farewell and Big River, with one gravel site sized at 3.84 hectares which = just under 10 acres being established 2 miles down from Silvertip. Which is by my estimation at the bluffs where we traditionally spot for game from there. A 200 foot route initially and a 50 foot wide right of way for the life of the mine, making a pretty unlimited travel way in between Big River and Farewell for anyone with a means of overland travel. I see the possibility lots of traffic, hunters, new game restriction regulations, ect. i'm really concerned about the 2 miles from our camp. I agree, along with Bobby Fithian, a registered guide that has held a DNR permit for many years adjacent to our lease area in the Alaska, about suggesting a pipeline route located much further out in between the middle of the Alaska Range and Nikolai. A route located further out in the spruce trees would help to control some of the side effects. I am especially concerned about the possible sudden increase in the number of hunters that could travel this route. Our lives as we have known it will not be the same after this project makes its way through the once untouched Alaska Range. Modern man is approaching so with this in mind we need to protect and safeguard not only the land and animals, but our livelihoods and life styles as well. The Alaska Range has never been exposed to a development of this magnitude in the past. I am not against the mine development, but want to see the pipeline route moved further out and away from the delicate balance of Alaska Range. I don't profess to know everything about this but, we definitely need to consider all we can. Our grandchildren's, children's, children will hopefully be here long after the mine has completed its life and been closed down.

John Runkle

Comments:

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