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I have a small placer mining operation ,13 miles from Flat and 15 miles from Donlin. I need bigger and better equipment in there to expand my operation. A herc will haul 40,000 pounds by air into that 4000' strip at Flat for \$40,000. That is if it fits in the airplane and the local miners keep the field maintained. If larger machinery is needed it can be moved upriver on a barge ,if the water is high enough, then a year later go over a winter trail , if conditions are right. This is a lengthy, iffy, costly process. Neither is economically practical in most situations. The country is basically locked up due to lack of road access. I figure if Donlin gets going there could be some infrastructure improvements that will benefit the small miners in the area . There is not much use prospecting and locating minerals if you can't afford to bring machinery in to mine it. That country needs all the industry, practical to develop, to give the locals a chance for an ordinary income. Donlin is the best hope right now.

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