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ALASKA BASSCO SUSTAINABLE JOINT VENTURE
MEMORANDUM

STATION Anchorage
TO R. Fairbanks
FROM R. Densmore
SUBJECT Meeting with Dr. L.A. Viereck

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On January 27 and 30 I met with Dr. L.A. Viereck of the U.S. Forest Service Institute of Northern Forestry in Fairbanks, Alaska. These conversations were continued in a telephone conversation on January 30. We discussed the effects of fire on berry production and wetlands and wetland succession.

Dr. Viereck has observed an increase in blueberry production following wildfires and prescribed burns in interior Alaska. He mentioned that a large number of Fairbanks residents harvest blueberries in burns accessible by road. He regretted that no quantitative measurements of blueberry crops had been made before and after experimental prescribed burns he has participated in. Dr. Viereck also discussed burning of vegetated wetlands, in particular the Minto Flats burn and the Tanana Flats Blair Lakes fire. He stated that wetland areas often regenerate rapidly to the same type of vegetation.