

ALASKA’S SCRAMBLE FOR ENERGY SOURCES WILL IMPACT THE DENALI AREA

HEALY “CLEAN COAL” RESTART AND ENSTAR “BULLET LINE” PROJECT CARRY MANY UNKNOWNNS

by Nancy Bale

When I moved to the Denali area in 1971, power generation was handled by individual households, mainly using diesel/gas generators. Those of us without generated electricity simply burned kerosene or propane lamps, and heated with stove oil or wood. The National Park ran off its own diesel power plant. In 1967, Healy’s first 25 MW coal fired power plant was built on the banks of the Nenana River. It provided power to Usibelli mine and some parts of the local community. In 1981, a power transmission line through Nenana Canyon brought some of this power south to the burgeoning hotel industry and the entrance of Denali National Park.

In the mid 1980s, the State of Alaska funded a \$124 million electric intertie between Willow and Healy. A substation in Cantwell enabled that community to receive power from the intertie, and in the mid 1990s a transmission line from Cantwell, funded by the state with encouragement from locals, brought power to the McKinley Village community. The intertie power came from various sites, including Healy 1, Bradley Lake hydro near Homer and the Beluga gas turbine in Southcentral Alaska.



Although the intertie has enabled tremendous growth in the Denali Borough, the bulk of intertie power goes to urban areas like Fairbanks and Southcentral Alaska. Despite relatively modest use of the state’s power resources in the Denali area, local citizens could soon feel the impact of energy needs elsewhere in the state. We’re told that gas for fuel and power generation is running short, and that new projects will be needed to fill the void. There are two projects of particular concern to Denali area citizens – a restart of the Healy Clean Coal Plant (HCCP or Healy 2) and a proposed gas “bullet line” down the Parks Highway from the North Slope.

The Healy Clean Coal Plant (above) has been sitting idle since 1999 following tests which ultimately led to years of contention between AIDEA and GVEA. A possible restart is under consideration by Golden Valley Electric Association. DCC argues that the proposed restart cannot move forward without new permitting and environmental compliance to take into account advances in the field over the past ten years. *DCC Photo*

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FROM THE BOARD

by Jean Balay

JANUARY 20, 2009 INAUGURATION DAY



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Dear Friends and Members,

On this historic day, is it any wonder that I am at a loss for words?

I have been a citizen of the United States for all of my 43 years, and never have I felt the possibilities of that citizenship as strongly as I did today. Watching our new president give his inaugural address, and seeing the sea of people in the nation's capital, I hope that ordinary citizens heard Obama's call to service, and are impressed by the importance of participation.

Obama comes to power at a time when our government seems more concerned that we will lose our TV signals than that many of us don't have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, when we can afford billions to bail out failing bankers, but the cost to curb greenhouse gas emissions is deemed too high.

When did our priorities become so strange?

Still, there is cause for optimism. It's been said so many times by now, but when a man who less than 50 years ago may well have been denied the right to vote is elected president, it demonstrates the power of our democracy and the power of average citizens to stand up and have their voices heard. And never has it been more important for us to speak out.

As members of DCC, and as citizens of our community, it is incumbent upon us to be active members of this community. This requires participation. All too often, I find myself and my neighbors becoming apathetic, not making the time in our busy lives to take part in the larger community and world around us. The fact is, we can't afford to do nothing. Here in the greater Denali community we are faced with issues that, if ignored, will burgeon out of our control. We have the power to shape our community, but if we do not actively take control of that power, then we will lose it. If we cannot commit to action, then we will be acted upon. As President Obama said, we are embarking on "a new era of responsibility." So let's begin this new era with him: Let's commit to being citizens, to understanding the issues, and to making our voices heard.

Finally, it is significant that our new president began his political career as a community organizer. Once again, we see the importance of action on a local level, and how that can have repercussions on a much greater scale. Here at DCC we owe many thanks to our own community organizers, both past and present: Julia Potter, Sue Deyoe, Cathy Lieser, Leslie Adams, and Jeff Yanuchi. You are the heart of this organization and your work is invaluable. Thank you. And should any of you wish to pursue the highest office in the land, you're crazy, but you have my support.

Sincerely,

Jean Balay

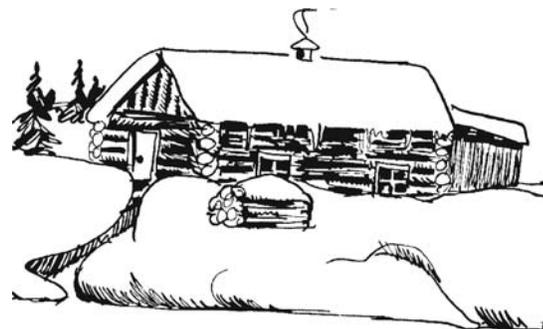


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FROM THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

by Julia Potter

Our new year has started off with bone-chilling cold temperatures of 40 below zero (or more in some places) and turned right around to hit 40 above. Not sure whether to get out my shorts and t-shirts (being overly optimistic) or continue with the cold-weather gear. Of course right when you think the nice warm temps are here for a while, Mother Nature decides winter hasn't had much of a chance and we're back to 40 below. I don't really mind the cold but I sure enjoy being outside a little more when things warm up.



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Looks like aside from the weather, we'll be dealing with some interesting issues this year. One of the most important here in Denali, and elsewhere in the nation, is energy. With the possibility of the Healy Clean Coal Plant re-starting, the issue of burning coal for electricity or for use heating a home, many concerns arise about our air quality. Living near a Class 1 Airshed is a treasure beyond description. Keeping that Class 1 Airshed is a must. How do we maintain something so important when coal is abundant and inexpensive here in Denali? When people need to heat their homes and may not realize how each small coal burner, while alone may not contribute a significant amount of air pollution, together the cumulative effect of many can have an impact on our air quality. Not to mention the noxious smell - yuk. And of course coal means jobs for many local folks. I'm all for affordable energy and understand the thinking behind using a fuel source that is abundant and inexpensive. I am, however, concerned about the air I breathe, the air you breathe and of course the air for our wildlife, plants and fish. There are alternatives to coal and fossil fuels which could provide us all with clean air. It's time to make those alternatives available to all of us. I am hopeful the new administration in Washington, D.C. will fulfill its promise of a cleaner, greener America. We all have a choice to either continue with the old "dirty" fuels or to decide that our air quality really is important and not take it for granted as so many do. We may have to make some tough choices. It really all boils down to what's best in the long term for our health and the health of our beautiful planet. We each only have one life and one planet, and good planets like Earth are hard to find. I'm all for taking care of the one we have. **✪**

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Healy Clean Coal (HCCP or Healy 2)

This 50 MW plant, conceived in the early 1990s when federal clean coal funding for low emission coal plants was available, was built with approximately \$280 million in combined federal, state and AIDEA appropriations. AIDEA (the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority) owns the plant. Golden Valley Electric Association agreed to purchase power from the plant in 1991. An EIS was completed in December 1993. In May 1994 GVEA, AIDEA and Trustees for Alaska entered into an agreement that detailed the steps to be taken to benefit the environment and work toward energy conservation, so that the plant could move forward. Elements of the agreement included emissions monitoring, installation of low NOx burners in the Healy 1 plant, a study of wind power options in the Healy area, and an educational newsletter on alternative energy. The main pollutants of interest in those days were particulates, SOx and NOx. During testing in the late 1990s the plant passed emission levels but had operational problems that led to years of contention between AIDEA and GVEA. Between 1999 and 2007 the plant sat idle, at a cost of approximately \$12.7 million.

Then in 2006 Homer Electric Association began to express interest in restarting and buying power from the plant. Just this January Homer Electric, GVEA, and AIDEA announced their intention to cooperate on the restarting of Healy 2. GVEA would purchase the plant from AIDEA for \$50 million and in turn would receive \$45 million in loan guarantees to cover the restart. Homer Electric would agree to purchase power from the plant beginning in 2014.

Despite the optimism associated with this restart, there are many questions, most serious to local citizens being the air quality standards for this plant. The original permits are over ten years old, and although GVEA has publicly stated that the project does not require new permits, we are skeptical. A number of pollutants in addition to SOx and NOx have been identified, including mercury, CO and CO2. Knowledge of the affects of particulate emissions has advanced as well. We at DCC contend that the restart must legally reapply for air quality permits and must meet EPA standards for clean coal operations. In addition, problems with noise during the test period have been documented and must be addressed, and disposal of waste material in a non-hazardous manner must be stipulated. The original EIS of 1993 must be supplemented or redone. These activities may be time intensive but are extremely important for Alaskans. Already, pollution in northern ecosystems has been documented in the WACAP study, and is related to the industrial burning of coal in Asia. That we in Alaska would enlarge that known problem is unconscionable. The ultimate financial cost of starting a plant that has been idle for almost ten years may exceed budget projections and may constitute the most serious barrier to this project. The Homer Electric board recently commissioned a study of all possible ways to provide power to their customers, given a lot of member opposition to the coal deal. All parties have until August 1, 2009 to finalize this deal.

Really, there may be no such thing as clean coal, given demonstrated problems with dust, airborne pollutants and toxic wastes. However, because coal will likely provide some portion of Alaska's (and America's) energy mix for a least a few more decades, an updated Clean Coal standard must be developed. We hope that all parties to the restart of Healy 2 recognize and embrace such a standard. Trustees for Alaska was a vital co-participant during initial environmental review in the 90's and should play a similar role in the restart, if it moves forward.

Enstar bullet line – not a done deal, but gaining traction

In early January I joined representatives of several environmental organizations in a meeting with Enstar executives, engineers and planners. Enstar is a gas delivery company doing business in Southcentral Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula, responsible for over 3,000 miles of gas distribution and transmission mains in the state. At the meeting they presented the latest information on their proposed “bullet line” from the North Slope to Southcentral Alaska.

Enstar representatives used charts to show limits to the gas supply from existing sources, reaching a critical point in the next ten years or so, and they added that negotiations for a larger natural gas pipeline under AGIA are delaying that project

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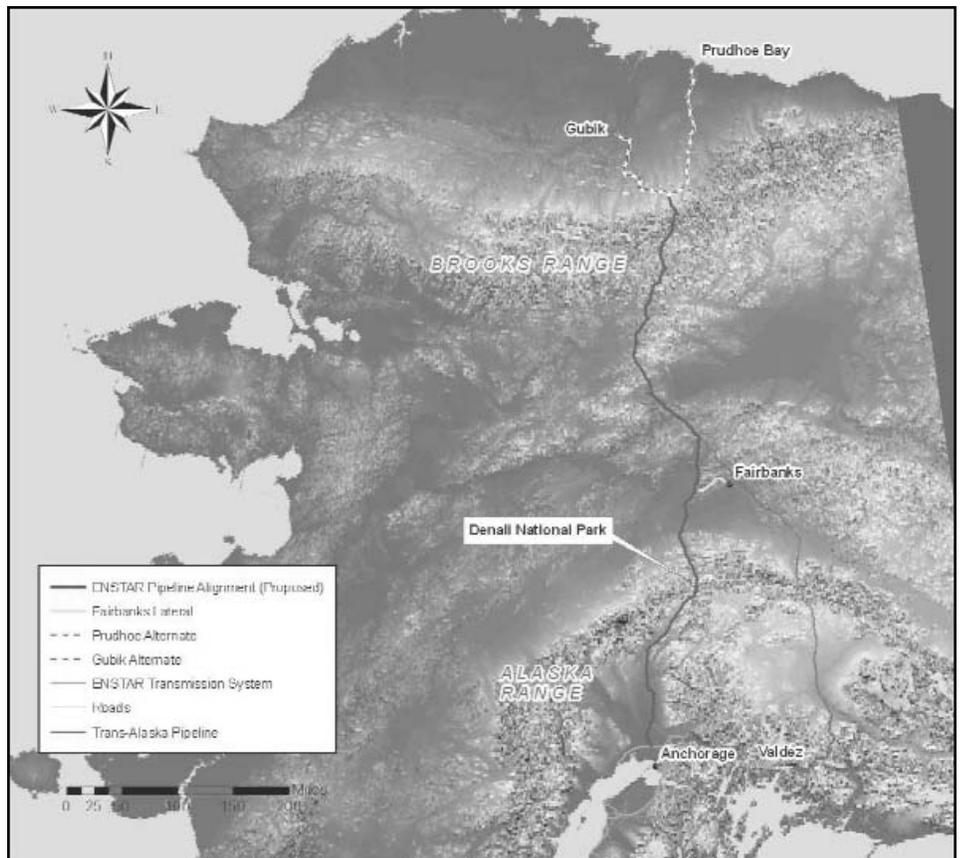
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indefinitely. They offered their smaller-diameter bullet line as a way to get sales-quality natural gas from the North Slope foothills to their market in Southcentral Alaska, and, of course, Fairbanks too. They touted their project as potentially online in 2014, sooner than other gasline options and in time to meet demand.

The pipeline, shown on the adjacent map, would travel from the Gubik Field in the foothills of the North Slope, along the Trans Alaska Pipeline Corridor as far as Livengood, then proceed south, intersecting the Parks Highway near Nenana. The pipeline would then travel within the highway right of way for most of the way to Wasilla. It would be buried (mostly), would be 20-24 inches in diameter and 690 miles long, and would supply about 400 billion cubic feet annually. There would be proposed take-off points at Fairbanks, Nenana and Denali National Park to enable local distribution of gas. Enstar representatives stressed that their proposal would be the fastest on line of any existing proposals.

Many concerns and questions remain, including the project cost of \$3 billion, the viability of the Gubik gas prospect, and the ultimate cost of the gas to individual consumers. Seven miles of the line would likely go through Denali National Park, which would require a complicated process under Title 11 of ANILCA OR an act of Congress. In addition, the construction of this pipeline would create individual impacts upon citizens whose homes are near the ROW, and the excavation and clearing required could permanently affect the scenic qualities of the Parks Highway.

The clean-burning qualities of gas make it a far more environmentally friendly fuel than coal, and it can be used for a variety of purposes, including power generation. However, we’re reserving judgment on this Enstar project until we learn more about it and compare it to other energy options statewide, including energy conservation.



Map of proposed Enstar bullet line from Gubik Field in the foothills of the North Slope to Wasilla, north of Anchorage. *Map courtesy of Enstar*

Members of DCC who live along the Parks Highway have a right to learn about and comment upon this project early. We look forward to having Enstar present at a Borough Assembly meeting or other public venue sometime later this spring. **END**



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FINAL DECISION ON DENALI BOROUGH LAND SELECTIONS ISSUED ON JANUARY 20, 2009

DNR APPROPRIATELY SPARES SENSITIVE LANDS IN THREE AREAS OF INTEREST TO DCC

by Nancy Bale

As our members are aware, DCC has been closely involved in commenting on the state process of conveying lands to the Denali Borough as part of its legal municipal entitlement. This entitlement of 49,789 acres was mandated under the Municipal Entitlement Act to provide lands to 1) create or expand a tax base, 2) generate revenue through land sales and leases, and 3) provide a land base that could be reserved for public areas and facilities and for community expansion.

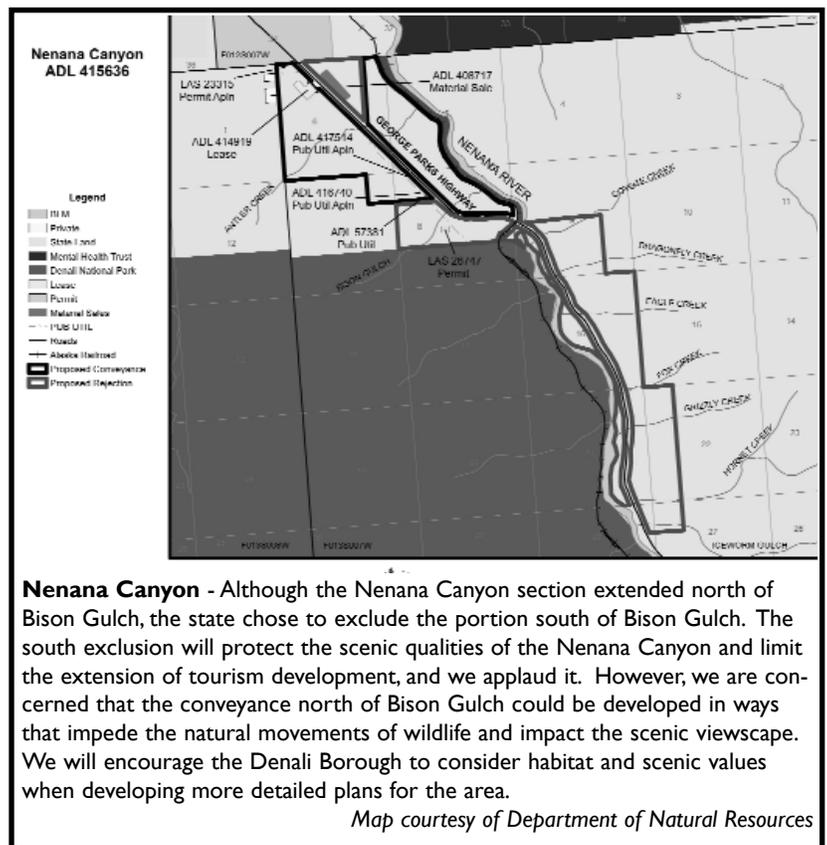
The Denali Borough made its first land selections in 1996 and the state conveyed approximately 20,000 acres to the borough, leaving about 29,000 yet to be conveyed. The Borough has been considering its second round of selections for several years now, and the state announced its intention to convey approximately 24,800 acres to the borough in a Preliminary Decision last summer with a deadline for comments on July 31, 2008.

The State of Alaska already made general land management designations for these lands under the Tanana Basin Area Plan, most recently amended in 1991. In the plan many of the lands within the borough boundaries were designated Wildlife Habitat, a classification of land that cannot be conveyed. Therefore, it became necessary to amend the TBAP in order to convey many of the lands in the second round of conveyances.

Our concerns

In our comments, we at DCC expressed strong concerns on removing Wildlife Habitat status from lands close to Denali National Park and Preserve. We urged the state to reduce or eliminate selections in the 8 Mile Lake area, Otto Lake area and Nenana Canyon areas. We contended that:

1. These lands should be left intact because of their primary value as wildlife habitat and for public recreation.
2. Conveyance to the borough is more likely to lead to fragmentation, lease or sale, and these lands should be kept whole.
3. State, no Borough ownership of these lands will best protect their habitat and recreational values because of the state's managerial expertise.
4. The Denali Borough, though it may express an interest in managing land for habitat and recreation, does not have expertise in this area.



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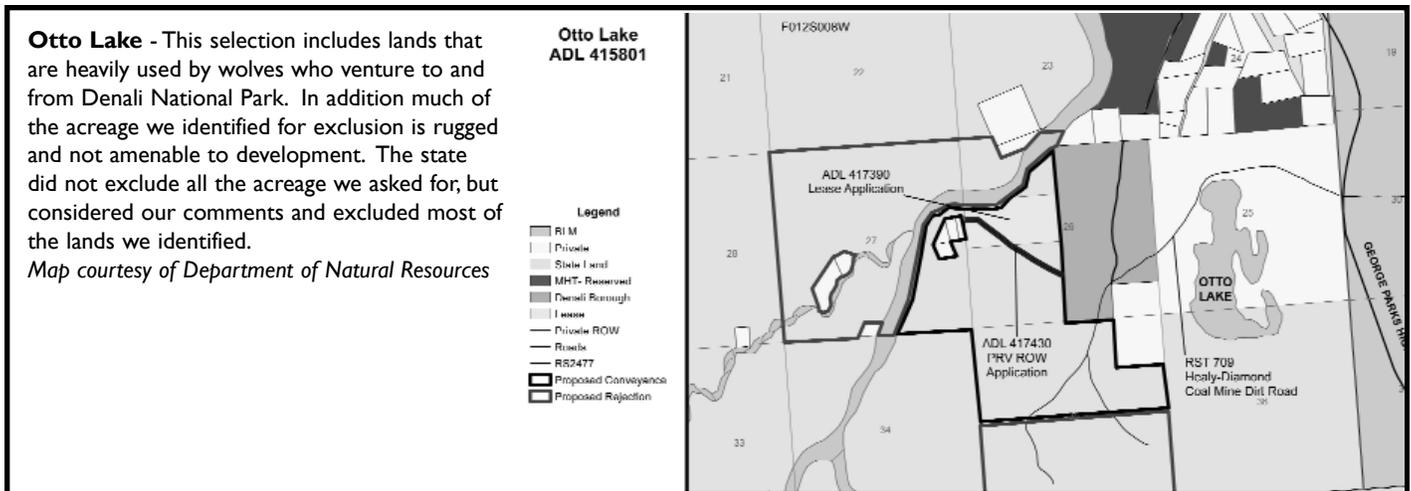
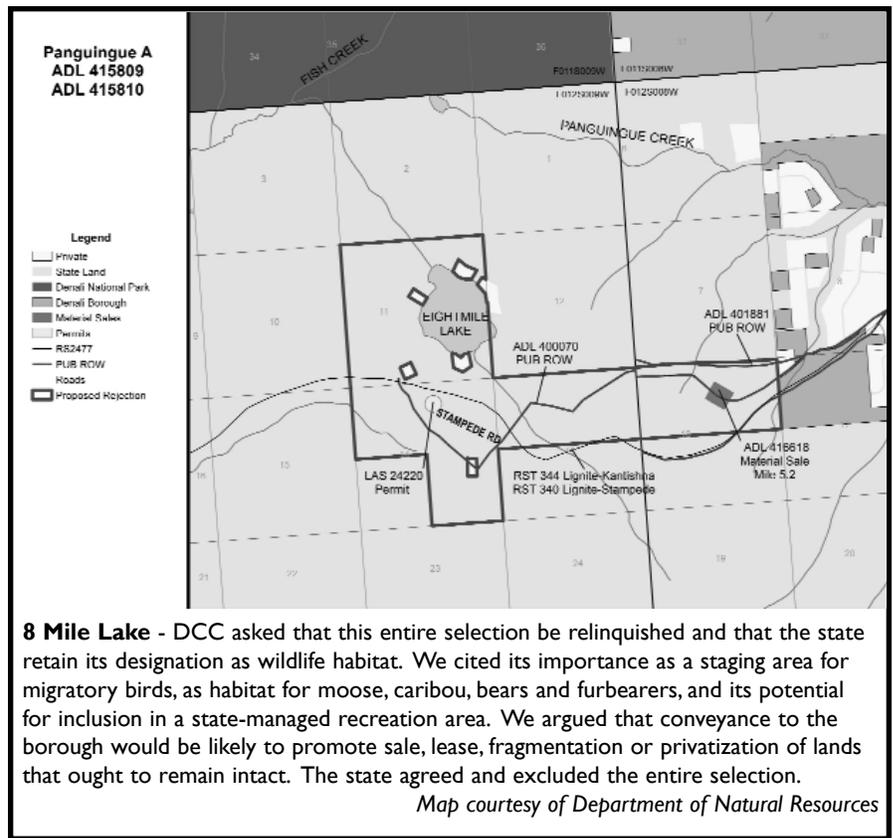
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Final decision

We were delighted when on January 20, 2009, the state Department of Natural Resources released a final decision that took our comments into consideration and changed selection boundaries in three key areas. The total amount of acreage was reduced from approximately 24,800 acres to approximately 21,100. This means that a final round of approximately 8,000 acres will need to occur in the future.

The Final Decision will become law on February 20, 2009 barring any legal appeal process. The Denali Borough Assembly has gone on record opposing this decision. Whether appeals or other actions will slow down or stop the conveyances is unknown at this writing.

See the maps included in this article to view the changes made as the result of public comment. DCC thanks those citizens who provided comment. Your involvement mattered. 



AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHTS COUNCIL COMPLETES FOUR MEETINGS IN 2008

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 7, 2009 IN FAIRBANKS

by Nancy Bale

The Denali Aircraft Overflights Council held its fourth meeting on December 4, 2008, at Campbell Creek Science Center in Anchorage. The varied perspectives of the twelve members have provided a “real life” situation within which to make decisions on mitigating the impacts of aircraft noise over Denali.

Council member Suzanne Rust, who represents air service operators at Denali, gave a slide presentation describing actions **already taken** by operators to promote safety and minimize their noise impacts. These measures include: 1) Regular pilot meetings to discuss safety and procedures, 2) Position reporting procedures, 3) Pilot training opportunities, 4) Preventive maintenance, 5) Co-management of Base Camp, 6) Identification of location of backcountry users, 6) Introduction of quieter aircraft, 7) Transition to larger aircraft, 8) Moving to higher altitude than required, weather permitting.

Ms. Rust strongly advocated for establishment of an Aviation Subcommittee, composed of operators and other stakeholders to develop detailed recommendations on best practices and to review Council recommendations. In addition she recommended establishment of a Subcommittee to review existing education materials on aviation at Denali and to recommend development of future materials. The Council acted on her first recommendation by authorizing an aviation workgroup that would meet before the next Council meeting on April 7, 2009. Ms. Rust also advocated for a rational system of collecting visitor feedback and noise perceptions.

Council member Charlie Sassara expressed a desire to take action now to address real problems this season, such as aircraft noise in the Ruth Amphitheater, in addition to gathering data on possible changes in the future. He stated that these recommendations should naturally come from the operators themselves. Joan Frankevich passed around a map that listed Backcountry Units and invited members to mark what units had existing problems with soundscape disturbance.

Jared Withers, soundscape technician for Denali National Park, announced a Denali soundscape website where information and research will be posted. The Council discussed whether they would like to make a recommendation on placement of the non-random sound stations this summer.

I left this meeting with the sense that some short term recommendations are in the offing, given the establishment of the work group and acknowledgement that operators are interested in feedback about ground level sound impacts. I am hopeful that our next meeting will move ahead to solid recommendations based on the discussions at the December meeting. The aviation work group will meet in late March 2009 in Anchorage. The full Council will meet in Fairbanks on April 7, 2009. Look for member updates on these upcoming meetings. ☛

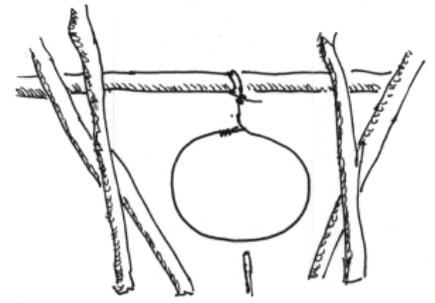


“...as we go forward in our discussions and debates, let us not get into a debate as to whether aircraft use is appropriate or not appropriate. The fact of the matter is for the purposes of this committee, it is appropriate. It’s how we do it, where we do it, when we do it that we need to discuss. And what we’re trying to accomplish here is to meet the standards that were set in the Backcountry Management Plan... This group is not charged with modifying the Backcountry Management Plan. This group cannot modify that plan. ... We’re here to work together, not to win or lose, but to find a solution that benefits everybody.”

remarks by Paul Anderson before the Denali Aircraft Advisory Council, Dec 4, 2008

DENALI BOROUGH RESIDENTS DISCUSS TRAPPING IN POPULATED AREAS

by Julia Potter



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Trapping for furbearing animals is a traditional way of life for many throughout Alaska and Denali Borough is no exception. We are fortunate that the overwhelming majority of local trappers are conscientious and sensible, and local residents respect the trapping traditions. Their traplines are in remote areas away from residential areas, trails are marked noting that traps are set, and many place their name on or near their traps. Unfortunately, more and more local residents, and more specifically their pet dogs, are discovering traps in populated areas. Along the highway, in residential subdivisions and on trails used for skijoring, hiking and walking their dog. The other side of the coin is that some pet owners let their dogs run free, out of control with no supervision. The dogs form packs, gather at the local schools, or just plain roam the countryside. And some end up in a trap.

During the February Denali Borough Assembly meeting, locals gathered to discuss this issue. Local residents Anja Phoenix and Martin Weiner both presented very concise information detailing the situation from both the standpoint of the dog owner and the trapper. It's a very emotional issue for both trappers and dog owners. Several residents told stories of their dog being caught in a trap near their property, or in areas where they commonly take their dog for exercise. The experience of having your beloved pet caught in a trap is heart rending.

Many of the area's local trappers were also present and they talked about how they mark trails, how far out they go to place traplines and about state trapping regulations. It was quite evident that the problem traps are either being set by unethical trappers or by trappers from outside the local area who may be unaware of local use of trails and roadside areas for various recreational activities.

While the borough could develop some sort of regulations for both trappers and dog owners, it is not cost effective and most residents want less regulation, not more. The answer lies in communication. Trappers talking to other trappers. Dog owners talking to other dog owners. Trappers and dog owners talking to each other. With this in mind, residents Martin Weiner and Pat Owen are holding a workshop on February 26, 2009 at the Tri-Valley School Library at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss the issue and for residents to learn more about traps.

It is most unfortunate that a few insensitive and irresponsible trappers and dog owners can create so much distress for the many conscientious and responsible trappers and dog owners. I am confident the local trappers and residents will, through peer pressure and communication, resolve this issue. 

FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE AND ALASKA STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

by Julia Potter

With the passage of President Obama's stimulus package, states are scurrying to prepare and release lists of potential infrastructure projects in the hopes of acquiring federal dollars for a variety of transportation projects. The stimulus package has many requirements which states must meet in order to receive these funds. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) has been working diligently to amend the STIP to include projects not previously in the program. The STIP, amended in December 2008, is a 300-plus-page document detailing transportation projects throughout the state. Projects include everything from resurfacing highways to bridge repair, public transportation and recreational trails. One of the projects located in STIP is the rehabilitation of the Parks Highway from mile post 238 to mile post 262 which runs from just north of the entrance of Denali National Park to just north of the Rock Creek area. The project includes passing lanes in some areas. The project was originally slated for 2008. It is unknown which projects will be selected to utilize funds from the stimulus package. Projects are currently open for public comment, followed by response to comments, revised amendment for submission to the Federal Highway Administration for review and processing and awaiting approval from FHWA and FTA in April or May 2009. For more detailed information visit AKDOT&PF website at: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/econstim/>. 

BRIEF NEWS & VIEWS

DCC PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AYEА CIVICS AND CONSERVATION SUMMIT

Each year the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action organization holds a Civics and Conservation Summit in Juneau designed to provide innovative training which inspires young people from diverse Alaskan communities to discover their power to influence positive change. This year's Summit is March 15-19, 2009 and will focus on environmental justice, health and conservation issues; government function and political processes; civil action tools to help youth engage decision makers and make their voices heard; and legislation that affects our environment and is currently being considered. Denali Citizens Council will be providing scholarships for one or two students from the local Denali Borough area to attend the Summit. In past years there has been a waiting list due to the popularity of the Summit and interest by many of Alaska's youth. Only 25 students are chosen by AYEА and DCC is hopeful that students from the Denali area will be selected to attend this year's Summit. ☞

ENJOY DENALI NATIONAL PARK THIS WINTER

Dog mushing, skijoring, cross country skiing or just a good old-fashioned walk are some of the activities you can participate in at Denali this winter. Trails (unmaintained) in the front-country of the park are available for these activities. Now that daylight is increasing, ranger-led snowshoe hikes are available for those of you who relish the beauty of Denali in winter. One of the advantages to getting out for fun in the snow is the peace and quiet, and the hopes of seeing the winter wildlife. Ranger-led hikes are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays beginning at the Murie Science and Learning Center at 1:00 p.m. Snowshoes are available; however, you are encouraged to bring your own equipment. Hikes generally last two to three hours. Be sure to dress warm, bring along some lunch and something to drink. More information can be found on the Denali Park website at: www.nps.gov/dena. ☞

STAMPEDE STATE RECREATION AREA LEGISLATION RE-INTRODUCED

At the Denali Borough Assembly meeting on January 24, 2009, the assembly voted to have legislators re-introduce a bill for the creation of the Stampede State Recreation Area. In a conversation with Joe Hardenbrook, staffer for Senator Thomas, he stated the bill was filed the second week of February and would most likely have its first reading the week of February 16th. Senator Joe Thomas has met with the new co-chairs of the Resources Committee, which will undoubtedly be the bill's first committee of referral following introduction. When the SRI legislation was introduced in 2007 and subsequently referred to the Resources Committee, reaction from committee members was not favorable and the bill stalled. Senator Thomas is hopeful the re-introduced bill will have a more favorable chance of getting through the Resources Committee. DCC will be following the progress of the bill closely. DCC favors inclusion of more state lands within the boundaries of the SRA, including 8-Mile Lake. More detailed information on the proposed SRI legislation is slated for the Mar-Apr 2009 issue of *DCC News*. ☞



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DCC INCREASES MEMBERSHIP FEES

Many of you may notice a change on the back page of this issue of *DCC News* - our membership contribution categories and amounts. The board of directors unanimously approved the change which simplifies the categories for membership and provides an option for members to contribute an amount other than those listed. The new categories and amounts are: Taiga \$35, Tundra \$75, Summit \$125 and Other (whereby you may decide how much you wish to contribute). Our spring membership recruitment will be underway shortly. DCC appreciates the contributions we receive from our dedicated members. 🐾

BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION IS BACK

After nearly a year of the Denali Borough Assembly serving as the Planning Commission following an upheaval over the state-required financial disclosure form when most of the Planning Commission members resigned, four residents have stepped up recently to serve as members of the Planning Commission. The new members are Jim Anderson and Sid Michaels of Anderson, Tammany Straughn of Cantwell and Elizabeth Usibelli of Healy. Cyrus Cooper of Healy also submitted an application but is considering withdrawing to serve on the Assembly Advisory Committee instead. DCC is pleased to see the Planning Commission back on track and we look forward to working with this group. 🐾

WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES COVERED WIDE RANGE

This year's Winterfest celebration hosted a large variety of activities during the week of February 16-22, 2009. From Anderson to Healy to Cantwell, the local communities of Denali Borough, along with Denali National Park came together to share and enjoy the time of year most year-round residents treasure - winter. The festivities kicked off with snow safety courses and storytelling. There were ice sculpting workshops, avalanche awareness presentations, ice hockey games for all ages, music by a steel drum band, presentations of exciting expeditions to Mt. Everest and Antarctica, and of course the popular chili cookoff, home-brew competition and homestead cooking contest. Spaced throughout the week, participants also took in an art and quilt show, soul dancing, tours of the Usibelli coal mine, dog sled rides, snowshoe hikes, snow sculpting competition, a crafts bazaar and a special 50th anniversary cake to celebrate Alaska's 50th year of statehood. What a super way to get outdoors, enjoy the beauty of the season and visit with neighbors and winter visitors. 🐾

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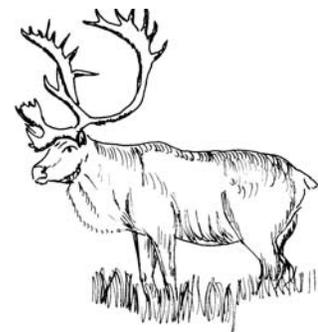
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