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In Reply Refer To:
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AA-082255

Memorandum

To: FOR RECORD

From: Larry Beck
Environmental Protection Specialist

Subject: Public Involvement – Kolmakof Mine Site Non-Time-Critical Removal Action

The purpose of this Memorandum For Record (MFR) is to memorialize BLM's Community Involvement efforts for this Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabilities Act (CERCLA) based project. This MFR with attachments shall be made a permanent component of the Administrative Record and case file AA-082255.

Public notice of availability of the Environmental Engineering/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and Administrative Record (AR) for public review and comment (attachment 1) was made by publication in the affected communities' most widely distributed newspaper; The Delta Discovery. A 30 day public comment period was established for Dec 26, 2012 through January 24, 2013. BLM also made the announcement via the Anchorage District Office and Anchorage Field Office public web pages (attachment 2). Due to a publishing error by the Delta Discovery, the public notice did not appear until the January 7, 2013 edition (attachment 3), however the notice had been published on-time on Delta Discovery's web page (attachment 4). In the January 7, 2013 edition Delta Discovery ran an editorial article about the KMS project, including information about the 30 day public comment period (attachment 5). To ensure a full 30 days were available for public comment, BLM subsequently extended the comment period to be 45 days (attachment 2).

To facilitate public access to the AR, which includes the EE/CA, copies were made available at both the Anchorage Field Office Public Room and the Native Village of Napaimute's (NVN) Tribal Office in Bethel. Additionally, an electronic version was made available on AFO's public web pages. To comply with BLM's Alaska Natives consultation obligation, letters formally requesting consultation were sent to the NVN, The Kuskokwim Corporation, and the Calista Corporation (attachments 6-8 respectively). Copies of the EE/CA were included with each letter.

Calista Corp. replied by email that consultation was not necessary and concurred with EE/CA recommended Alternative 4 (attachment 9). TKC requested meeting with BLM February 8, 2013. NVN requested the meeting at TKC include NVN representatives also (attachment 10).

On February 8, 2013 BLM's Kolmakof Mine Site Team, consisting of Anchorage Field Manager Alan Bittner, Public Affairs Specialist Teresa McPherson, and Project Manager Larry Beck presented the EE/CA, findings, and recommended Alternative (Alt 4) to Rachael Klein, TKC Land Resources Manager and Mark Leary, NVN Director of Operations and Development in a joint consultation at TKC's conference room. TKC made comment supporting EE/CA Alt 4 by email following the consultation (attachment 11). Larry was invited to return and made the same presentation to the TKC Land Committee on February 13th.

Summary of Public Comment on the EE/CA and AR. All comment received supported selecting EE/CA Alternative 4 for the KMS. Only concerns voiced were that BLM plans to spend 2-3 years conducting the removal action; NVN and TKC would like that moved up so that the land could be conveyed sooner. NVN voiced preference to have the oil contaminated soil off-site disposed rather than landspread for 2 or more years at the KMS. Larry Beck explained it's a matter of funding; for every dollar spent disposing materials off-site, that many less dollars are available to dispose off-site of metals-contaminated soils. While landspreading oil contaminated soils is passive and may take a few years to achieve cleanup, it is low-cost and saved funds will allow more expedited removal of metals contaminated soil that can only be treated off-site. No written comment from the general public was received.

Attachments

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kolmakof Mine Site

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and Administrative Record
Available for Public Review and Comment**

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The EE/CA identifies the BLM's preferred alternative for response action at the KMS. A hardcopy of the EE/CA and AR is available for review during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the BLM's Anchorage Field Office, located at 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK. A copy is also available for public review at the Native Village of Napaimute Office in Bethel, AK, and online at www.blm.gov/ak/kms.

To be considered in making the final EE/CA action decision, comments on the AR and EE/CA need to be received by BLM between **December 26, 2012** and **January 24, 2013**. Comments must be in writing and can be provided through the "Contact Us" form on the above website, by email to lbeck@blm.gov, by fax to (907) 267-1267, or by mail to the BLM Anchorage Field Office, attention Larry Beck, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.

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Kolmakof Mine Site - Public Notice

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The EE/CA and AR are available for public review during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, located at 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK. A copy is also available at the office of the Native Village of Napaimute in Bethel, AK, and on the KMS Administrative Record webpage. The webpage also includes an Executive Summary for convenience of the reader.

The BLM encourages interested members of the public to comment in writing on the documents contained in the EE/CA, as well as the AR. A 30-day comment period began **Dec. 26, 2012**. All comments must be received in writing on or before **Jan. 24, 2013**, to be considered and responded to in the final EE/CA decision.

NEW: Comment deadline extended to Feb. 7, 2013.

How to comment

- Mail written comments to BLM Anchorage Field Office, Attn: Larry Beck, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507
- Email written comments to KMS Project Manager Larry Beck at lbeck@blm.gov
- Use the online [Public Comments form](#)
- Fax written comments to (907) 267-1267

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

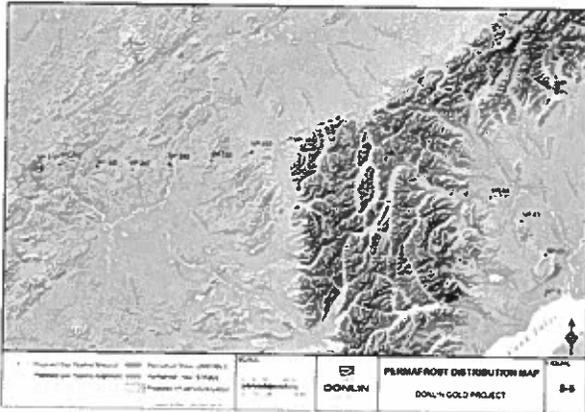
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Donlin Gold Project happenings



Proposed route of the natural gas pipeline.

by Dave Cannon

Here are the latest happenings on the Donlin Gold Environmental Impact Statement – known forevermore as the EIS. If you've never heard of such a thing, you'll be hearing that acronym hundreds, if not thousands, of times in the next three or four years, it's likely to be more common than YKHC or AVCP.

Why an EIS? It's because Donlin Gold LLC submitted their Plan of Operations and Wetlands Permit Application earlier this summer for the Donlin Gold project; as a result, the National Environmental Policy Act – or NEPA – process was formally initiated. What the NEPA process does is consider the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project by requiring the responsible agency to hold numerous public meetings where the public can express their concerns. In addition to those meetings, the public can comment in writing or over the Internet.

The EIS for this particular project is expected to take at least three years to complete. The Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency spearheading the effort and is responsible for coordinating government-to-government coordination with the tribes most affected by the proposed project.

Tribes can participate in the process in several ways: 1) on a government-to-government basis, 2) as a Cooperating Agency, 3) as stakeholders, 4) and/or as private citizens. Sixty-six tribes have been formally contacted about what level of participation they deem appropriate.

The villages of Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk and Napaimute chose to be Cooperating Agencies. Our responsibili-

ties in that capacity include assisting the lead agency by providing information and environmental analyses, reviewing direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, and suggesting mitigation measures for potential adverse effects.

The Corps of Engineers has hired a company to carry out the majority of the EIS components, it's a very large company called URS Corporation that has an office in Anchorage. URS has a core team specifically designated for working on the Donlin project, and two of their staff should be familiar to some of you here in the Kuskokwim. Taylor Brelsford, the Senior Environmental Scientist/Planner or Project Manager, has lived in both Sleetmute and Aniak. Taylor, an anthropologist by training, has also worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Moxie Alexie, who many more will know, is their Senior Rural Outreach Specialist – he'll be working closely with the tribal and village entities throughout the process.

To get you prepped for what's to come, here's a snapshot of the Donlin project as spelled out in Donlin Gold's Plan of Operation that was submitted with the application for permit.

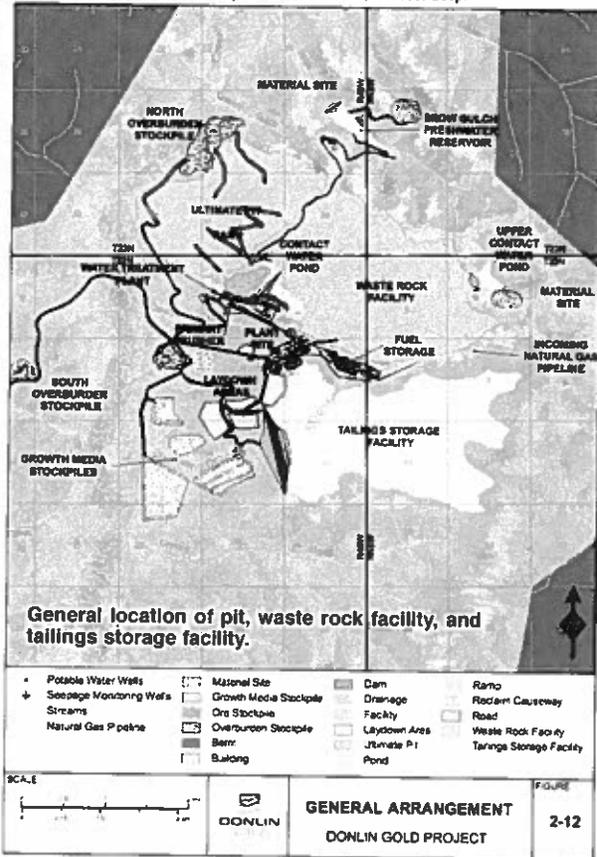
If approved, the construction for the mine itself will take between three and four years and the life of the mine is expected to be about 27 years. It will take approximately 2,500 workers to build the mine and then between 600 and 1,000 to operate it.

The majority of the power for the mine will come in the form of natural gas. A 14-inch pipeline will run mostly underground from Beluga Point in Cook Inlet for 313 miles to the project site. The gas pipeline will run under the Kuskokwim River between the vil-

lages of Stony River and McGrath and placed using a technique called horizontal directional drilling; the distance required for that technique is over 7,000 feet.

Removal of the ore to be processed

will be through what is considered a typical truck and shovel operation. The ore will come from a large open-pit that could be as large as 2.2 miles wide and 1.0 mile deep, the pit could end up being over 1,600 feet deep.



General location of pit, waste rock facility, and tailings storage facility.

Maps and info courtesy of Dave Cannon/Native Village of Napaimute

It's expected that one million ounces of gold will annually be produced at the mine, so to say that this mine will be large is somewhat of an understatement. Some in the mining industry claim that it has the potential to be the world's largest producer of gold!

With those 20+ million ounces of gold produced over the mine's life comes about 3 billion tons of waste material. Waste rock is the material that contains no gold – for every ton of ore that contains quantities of gold worth processing there are 5.5 tons of waste material to deal with. The waste rock will be stored southeast of the pit in the American Creek drainage (you can see the location from the previous picture). Of that 3 billion tons of waste rock, it's estimated that up to 7 percent of it has the potential to generate acid rock drainage.

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To be considered in making the final EECA action decision, comments on the AR and EECA need to be received by BLM no later than December 26, 2012 and January 24, 2013. Comments must be in writing and can be provided through the Contact Us form on the above website by email to blm@blm.gov, by fax to (907) 261-1287, or by mail to the BLM Anchorage Field Office, 4700 86th Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.



FROM THE EDITOR



Quyana for a great year

By Greg Lincoln

As December comes to a close, we are grateful again for another year of bringing you the Delta Discovery. We could not have done it without you, quyana cakneq for all your support and encouragement...

IN OUR NATIVE LAND

BLM releases Kuskokwim River Fish Tissue Study Results

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is releasing an interim research report "Mercury, Arsenic and Antimony in Aquatic Biota from the Middle Kuskokwim River Region, Alaska, 2010-2011." The report evaluates mercury, arsenic and antimony...

Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

FROM THE EDITOR

Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Basketball Fundraiser



by Greg Lincoln

The Jr Native Youth Olympics team for the Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Carayit has been busy this past week with their basketball fundraiser at the old armory gym. They have been working hard to raise funds to travel to the State Jr NYO tournament in February. This tournament is the "Ray Jacob Culuk's Tournament" presented by Ayaprun Elitnaurvik. Playing in the tournament are teams in the Mens A and B leagues, 35 and over Mens, and the ladies. Visiting players from other villages include teams



Photo by Greg Lincoln

from Tuntutuliak, Chefomak, and Akrachak Sephora Lestenkof, who is helping to coordinate the tournament has very high praise for the parents of the Ayaprun Elitnaurvik JNYO team. "They have been here every day from start to finish," she said. "They are very dedicated." Also helping every day are Kathleen "Little Girl" Naneng and Dimitri Lestenkof. In photo above are some of the JNYO team members for Ayaprun Elitnaurvik. From left are Angeline Alexue, Jolene Carlson, Adeline Dymont, and Deja Jackson. In the back is Richard Westdahl standing in memoriam of Ray Jacob who passed away several years ago. Not in photo are 5 other girls.

Public invited to comment on Kolmakof Mine Site

by K.J. Lincoln

The Kolmakof Mine Site is an abandoned cinnabar (mercury) mine on lands currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management or the BLM. This abandoned mercury mine is located on the north bank of the Kuskokwim River approximately 19 miles east of Aniak and 9 miles west of Napaimute. It has been investigated to help identify and protect public lands and the users of those lands from the effects of hazardous materials and waste.

The KMS is within the Napaimute Village Townsite selection and the surface estate is scheduled to be conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC). The subsurface estate is scheduled to be conveyed to Calista Corporation in accordance with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

BLM must complete reclamation/cleanup of the site before conveyance can be accomplished.

The BLM has announced the availability of the Administrative Record and the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for public review and comment for the Kolmakof Mine Site.

In 2006, a HazMat inspection was conducted by Larry Beck, BLM Environmental Protection Specialist and Project Manager at the old mine site. With him was Mark Leary, Tribal Administrator for the Native Village

of Napaimute.

According to the Field Inspection Report by Mr. Beck, it was stated that TKC will not accept title to the land in its present condition.

Items found on the derelict mine site include a collapsing ball mill, a dozen or so old mercury flasks left in a shed next to the ball mill, the remains of a burned down dynamite shed which may have housed TNT which does contain hazardous chemicals, a pond approximately 10-15 feet from the ball mill, the remains of a blue truck left on an old road, and numerous piles of drums scattered in the general vicinity of a suspected retort area, and other debris.

An old device resembling a beer keg that may have been used as a retort was also found. Also nearby in the camp area were a shed, three cabins, the manager's house, and an old storage wall tent. The camp area is connected to the mining area by a dirt road now overgrown with foliage.

The insides of the abandoned cabins were littered with household type materials, clothing, and other materials. Inside the camp kitchen there was shelving with cooking and old containers of food along with bottles of some kind of unidentified liquid.

The following history of the Kolmakof Mine is courtesy of the BLM's Kolmakof Mine Site Project Homepage:

Within the history of the Kolmakof Mine

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WEATHER OUTLOOK

Last week

Date	Record				
	High	Low	Precip	High	Low
12/30	29°	21°	.03"	39° (-73)	-42° (-48)
12/31	36°	21°	.00"	39° (-84)	-44° (-48)
1/1	35°	21°	.00"	41° (-68)	-44° (-49)
1/2	31°	19°	.01"	38° (-79)	-41° (-49)
1/3	32°	22°	.00"	43° (-95)	-38° (-55)
1/4	32°	26°	.04"	43° (-53)	-42° (-49)
1/5	34°	27°	.00"	42° (-53)	-37° (-54)

Bethel Search and Rescue Tip of the Week

Always carry a lighter or matches for making a fire. If you find yourself without these, use your snow machine's spark plug cap, next to a small piece of cloth soaked in gas. Pull your starter rope, the plug will spark and ignite the cloth which can then be moved to your pile of wood for the fire.

Tides & Sun

	High Tides		Low Tides		Sun	
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Thu 1/10	3:01	4.6	2:43	1.6	11:19	1.7 10:04 -0.9 10:49 5:00
Fri 1/11	3:53	4.6	3:38	1.5	12:30	1.7 10:55 -0.8 10:47 5:03
Sat 1/12	4:45	4.4	4:39	1.5	11:50	1.7 11:50 -0.6 10:46 5:05
Sun 1/13	5:38	4.2	5:44	1.5	---	---
Mon 1/14	6:51	3.9	6:46	1.6	12:51	-0.3 3:34 1.1 10:43 5:09
Tue 1/15	7:59	3.6	7:45	1.8	1:59	0.0 4:15 1.0 10:41 5:12
Wed 1/16	8:14	3.2	8:43	2.0	3:09	0.3 4:52 0.8 10:40 5:14

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INSIDE BETHEL NEWS

Support for Akiak erosion efforts on City's agenda

by K.J. Lincoln

A resolution to support the City of Akiak's efforts to secure technical assistance and funding to address their community's severe river erosion is on the City of Bethel's agenda for their first meeting in the new year.

Resolution 13-01 is on the consent agenda, sponsored by City Manager Lee Foley. Last summer, Akiak experienced severe riverbank erosion that threatened the loss of land, homes, businesses, and public infrastructure.

Also in danger is a historic graveyard. Akiak is a small native Alaskan village with a population of approximately 367 people. The village is located 42 air miles upstream from Bethel on the west bank of the Kuskokwim River.

The City of Akiak is proactively seek-

ing technical assistance and financing to plan, design, and complete a project that will protect as much of the 31,900 square feet of land lost each year as possible, relocate graves, and save the eight residences and 21 outbuildings at risk.

In the 1980s, the City of Bethel experienced unprotected river erosion conditions, says the resolution, similar to those in Akiak today and knows full well the dangers and cost associated with this potentially devastating phenomenon.

The resolution also states that the City of Akiak is hampered by a lack of financial resources, technical expertise onsite, availability of heavy equipment, and supporting infrastructure to deal with this problem on its own. Technical assistance and funding to address the riverbank erosion problems are estimated to cost \$18,870,000 over the next 50 years.

AVCP State of Our Salmon Special Convention to Air on 360 North

The Association of Village Council Presidents held a special convention in March, 2012 on the *State of Our Salmon*, for the purposes of identifying ways to help conserve our Chinook salmon and how to incorporate Tribes in the management of salmon throughout their migratory route.

For three days representatives from Tribes and many different agencies discussed the concern of the declining Chinook salmon and how it impacts

the lives of the people living along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers.

The special convention was viewed as an overwhelming success reaching unprecedented audiences through live streaming and radio coverage. AVCP President, Myron Naneng said, "It turned out to be an international meeting. The purpose was to present perspectives from state and federal managers as well as

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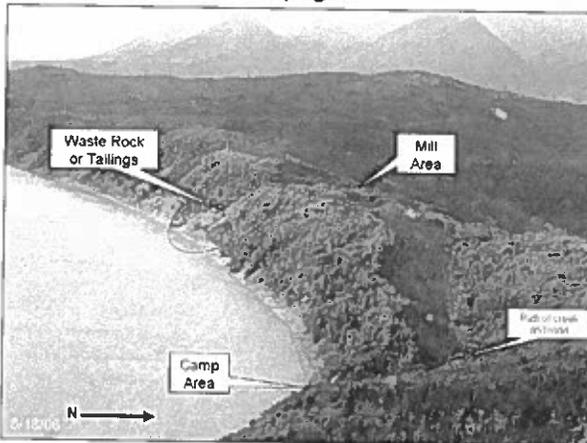


Photo by the Bureau of Land Management

The Kolmakof Mine Site, an abandoned cinnabar mercury mine, is located on the Kuskokwim River 9 miles west of Napaimute and 19 miles east of Aniak.

it is said that the cinnabar deposits were first discovered by Russian explorers in about 1838, making it one of Alaska's earliest mineral discoveries.

A distinguishing characteristic of the deposit is that it is located within a high bluff overlooking the Kuskokwim River, natural erosion action of the river causes the reddish cinnabar to become exposed to view by travelers on the river and pieces of fresh cinnabar can be easily collected from the river bank.

Exploration of the deposit dates back to 1881, with small-scale mining occurring from time-to-time. US Government funded exploration activities in the 1950's and 1960's failed to locate any significant deposits of cinnabar in the area beyond the original.

Formal records and anecdotal evidence indicate that approximately 250 "flasks" worth of mercury has been extracted from KMS cinnabar. A "flask" holds 2½ quarts of mercury and weighs about 76 lbs.

In the early days 2 flasks of mercury produced in an on-site homemade retort are recorded to have been sold to local miners for fine gold amalgamation.

Most of the mined ore appears to have been shipped to refineries in Tacoma, WA and San Francisco, CA for processing. None of the mining efforts ever proved profitable, the deposit held mercury-rich cinnabar, but not enough of it to justify the high cost of mining and processing.

All of the buildings and equipment found at the KMS today date from the 1940's and later, most being property of the R&H

Mining Company which operated the KMS mining claims from 1965 until closure.

The most aggressive mining at the KMS occurred during R&H's time, they brought in a large bulldozer and used explosives to blast away rock at the top of the bluff to expose and break free cinnabar. The miners hand-sorted cinnabar pieces from the rubble, then cleared the debris from the open pit by pushing it over the bluff. A ball mill was employed to crush the ore and a flotation circuit was brought in to further concentrate/purify the cinnabar.

R&H conducted some testing of retorting mercury on-site, but since the price of mercury was in steep decline retorting on-site did not get past small scale testing. The last known production of cinnabar occurred in 1970, and the last claims were abandoned and void by 1993.

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The public comment period is open until January 24th, 2013.

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-Sammijo Smith



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THE PORT OF BETHEL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED REVISIONS AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO AMENDMENT THE TERMINAL TARIFF #004 PURSUANT TO BMC 14.02.050. CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 JANUARY 2013, 7 P.M. BETHEL, ALASKA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE PORT DIRECTOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK AT (907)543-2310

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Brook Kristovich, President
Native Village of Napaimute
P.O. Box 1301
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Ms. Kristovich:

The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate government-to-government consultation with the Native Village of Napaimute to discuss cleanup of the Kolmakof Mine Site (KMS). The KMS is located within the Napaimute Village Townsite selection authorized by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The land has not yet been conveyed due to environmental concerns associated with past use of the land as a cinnabar mine. Once cleanup is complete, the land will be available for conveyance.

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Because Napaimute Traditional Council members reside at widely separated locations, I suggest the consultation occur here at the Anchorage Field Office during the week of the Alaska Forum on the Environment, February 4-8, 2013. The consultation can be with only the Council, or, if you choose, can be open to all members of the Native Village of Napaimute who are able to attend.

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Sincerely,
/s/ Douglas Ballou

Acting

Alan R. Bittner
Field Manager

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The Kuskokwim Corporation
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Dear Ms. Klein:

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Sincerely,
/s/ Douglas Ballou

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Christine Klein, COO
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Dear Ms. Klein:

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Beck, Larry <lbeck@blm.gov>

Re: Kolmakof Mine Site EE/CA Consultation

1 message

Beck, Larry <lbeck@blm.gov>
To: June McAtee <jmcaatee@calistacorp.com>

Thu, Jan 24, 2013 at 2:14 PM

June;
Thank you for the response. If you have questions or comments on the project at any time in the future please let me know.

On Thu, Jan 24, 2013 at 2:04 PM, June McAtee <jmcaatee@calistacorp.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Beck:

Calista Corporation received and read the BLM Kolmakof site investigation Report and the contained remediation alternatives. Given the minimal nature of the disturbance and the limited size of the affected areas, we agree that Alternative #4 is the most reasonable and best solution for cleaning up the abandoned mine site. We are waiving the opportunity for consultation on this matter because we feel the remediation outlined in Alternative #4 addresses the public and environmental risk posed by the site.

Sincerely,

June McAtee
VP, Land & Shareholder Services
Calista Corporation
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Beck, Larry <lbeck@blm.gov>

RE: Kolmakof Mine Site

message

Rachel Klein <rlk@kuskokwim.hostpilot.com>
To: "Beck, Larry" <lbeck@blm.gov>

Fri, Feb 1, 2013 at 1:15 PM

Hi Larry-

Thank-you. We would appreciate that. We can have the meeting here on Friday the 8th at 1:30. We have a projector setup and full conference facilities.

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Rachel Klein

The Kuskokwim Corporation

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From: Beck, Larry [mailto:lbeck@blm.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Rachel Klein
Subject: Fwd: Kolmakof Mine Site

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From: Beck, Larry <lbeck@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 1, 2013 at 12:40 PM
Subject: Re: Kolmakof Mine Site
To: mark leary <napaimute@gci.net>
Cc: Alan Bittner <abittner@blm.gov>, Teresa McPherson <tmcpfers@blm.gov>

Mark;

We are looking forward to holding a Government to Government Consultation with the Native Village of Napaimute concerning the Kolmakof Mine Site EE/CA. I have the meeting scheduled for February 8th at 1:30pm here at the

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Anchorage Field Office.

Rachel: Last you and talked about this you thought TKC might like a consultation at the end of February. Mark Leary asked if you would like to attend the consultation with us on Feb 8th. If this works or does not work for TKC please let me know. If you would rather we hold the meeting at the TKC offices same date and time, Mark said that was OK with him, please let me know.

I have attached directions to the AFO for your convenience.

Larry Beck

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On Tue, Jan 22, 2013 at 10:29 AM, mark leary <napaimute@gci.net> wrote:

Happy New Year Larry,

We'll figure out a good time to meet during that week after I get there and see who else can attend with me.

No one has come to the Bethel office to look at the info.

Thanks.

From: Beck, Larry

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 12:34 PM

To: Mark Leary

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Subject: Kolmakof Mine Site

Mark;

Have you folks given any thought to when you'd like to meet about the KMS during the AFE week? The agenda is up now:
<http://akforum.com/agenda.htm>.

We have extended the public comment period on the EE/CA due to a publishing problem - Delta Discovery did not get the notice into the 12/24/12 edition; it made it into the 1/7/13 edition so we are extending the comments period until 2/7/13 to allow everyone the full 30 days. Has any one come in to your office to look at it?

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Rachel Klein <rlk@kuskokwim.hostpilot.com>
To: "Beck, Larry (lbeck@blm.gov)" <lbeck@blm.gov>

Fri, Feb 8, 2013 at 10:47 AM

Hi Larry-

I tried to submit formal comment for the administrative record online yesterday and I do not think it was received. Though we will have further consultation with you, I did want the following statement to be documented in the public record:

The Kuskokwim Corporation is in concurrence with findings of BLM and would prefer option 4 of proposed alternatives for clean-up at the Kolmokof mine site that provides the highest level of protection to the environment and human health, and the least amount of long term maintenance on the site. We will have further consultation with the BLM KMS project manager and Kolmakof Mine site team.

As for your question regarding who will be here from TKC , it will just be me. We may have you come provide an update to our land committee on February 13th if you are available.

Rachel Klein

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