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Info on Alaska Community Foundation as potential neutral 3rd party for a mitigation "pool"

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Hi Molly –

Welcome back and it was great to talk with you this afternoon!

As we discussed, here is some info on community foundations, specifically the Alaska Community Foundation which looks like it could be a viable option as a neutral 3rd party for a mitigation “pool” that could be identified in the Regional Mitigation Strategy. The

foundations in Alaska, ranging from Rasmussen (\$16.8 million annual giving, with only 0.3% of their grants to the North Slope region out of 13 AK regions and statewide, from 2008-2016) to the Bethel Community Services Foundation (\$61 K in annual giving). Alaska Community Foundation was listed as #2 (\$5.6 mill in annual giving) and ASCF was not on the list.

As I mentioned, when we meet tomorrow, we'll also recommend a "Subsistence Stewardship Program" which could address all five of the mitigation goals proposed in BLM's recent Conceptual RMS document. This would involve providing local economic and community development opportunities through monitoring and stewardship jobs focused around subsistence uses and access, as well as environmental factors and requirements associated with development of GMT-1. The program would be funded through an endowment held by a group such as the Alaska Community Foundation and could grow with subsequent developments within the RMS, and possibly even beyond (no reason why mitigation for developments on adjacent State and Native Corporation lands couldn't also be included). Existing programs that have involved similar concepts include the [Guardian Watchmen](#) program implemented in First Nations communities in British Columbia, Canada; the [Indigenous Rangers](#) program in Australia; and to some extent, the [Local Environmental Observer](#) program in Alaska.^[ar1]

[I was just having an issue with my hyperlink –if those don't work, here are specific addresses:

"Guardian Watchmen" program in BC:

<http://coastalguardianwatchmen.ca/guardian-watchmen-programs>

the Indigenous Rangers program in Australia:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry/index.html>

or the LEO program in Alaska:

<http://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/leo-network/> or at

<http://www.aos.org/alaska-community-based-monitoring/what-are-we-observing/leo-network/>]

Looking forward to talking with you and Serena, Nicole, and David K tomorrow,

Ann

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