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Public Notice:
Fieldwork Activities Begin August 15

What We're Doing:
Field data collection activities are summarized below. For more detailed information on specific activities, please visit **www.amberaccess.org**

- **Raptor Nest Survey-** Conduct visual survey by flyover only

- **Fish Habitat Studies-** The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will perform fish habitat studies to collect data on fish habitat, fish species presence, critical spawning areas, and water quality. Fish presence survey methods include fish traps, electro-fishing (the use of direct current electricity to stun, but not harm, nearby fish), angling, and visual survey by helicopter. All captured fish will be identified, measured, and released.

    - **When:** August 20-28, 2022
    - **Where:** Streams between mileposts 58 and 211
    - **Why:** Influence the design parameters for culvert and bridge crossings, protect sensitive areas, and clarify potential permitting requirements
    - **Who:** 2 biologists per crew

- **Hydrology and Hydraulics (H&H) Investigations-** Collect spring breakup data, establish temporary gaging sites, complete detailed hydrology and hydraulics assessments at potential bridge locations, and observe field conditions at potential major and moderate culvert locations. This will be accomplished by manual measurements of stream flow and

channel characteristics and by deployment of temporary in-river pressure sensors.

  - **When:** Now through Fall 2022
  - **Where:** At either side of potential bridge crossings
  - **Why:** Studies will be used to design bridges and culverts that will allow fish passage and maintain natural drainage patterns
  - **Who:** 2 hydrologists/engineers per crew

- **Cultural Resource Investigations-** Identify, characterize, and evaluate archaeological, historic, and ethnographic resources which may be located within the Project's future construction footprint.

  - **When:** Now through Fall 2022
  - **Where:** At potential bridge crossing locations and potential material sites
  - **Why:** Surveys will advise other field crews and proposed future construction activities in order to avoid and/or mitigate disturbance to historic properties
  - **Who:** 4-5 persons per crew

- **Land Surveys-** Conduct surveys along the proposed alignment, which includes potential bridge crossings, potential material sites, land ownership boundaries, and runways and approach paths at potential airfields. Survey control monuments will be established throughout the corridor.

  - **When:** Now through Fall 2022
  - **Where:** At potential bridge crossings, water bodies, potential material sites, land ownership boundaries, and runways/approach paths at potential air fields
  - **Why:** Allow future field crews and contractors to accurately locate the proposed design features
  - **Who:** 3-4 surveyors

- **Engineering Reconnaissance-** Conduct field investigations to support, verify, and refine the roadway alignment described in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

  - The roadway design crew will examine areas on the roadway and bridge crossings to identify geohazards, maximum grade areas, critical water crossings, and other terrain challenges.

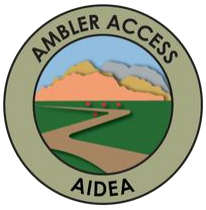
- The facility and communication crew will investigate proposed material sites for siting maintenance facilities and communication infrastructure.
- The aviation and geotechnical crew will observe field conditions and install wind and weather stations at potential airfield locations.
- **When:** Now through Fall 2022
- **Where:** Overflights and locations around the roadway, bridge crossings, proposed maintenance/communication facilities, and potential airfields
- **Why:** Collect sufficient field data to establish project design criteria and advance preliminary engineering review
- **Who:** 2-4 engineers, geologists, or technicians per crew

AIDEA recognizes that communities in the vicinity of the corridor have strong subsistence cultures and that residents may be in the field throughout the area harvesting resources at any time of the year. Field study pilots will be advised to avoid wildlife and subsistence users to the greatest extent practicable while keeping field crews safe. Bear guards are either Doyon, Limited or NANA shareholders.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Charlene Ostbloom at costbloom@ambleraccess.org or 907-590-9301.

About the Ambler Access Project

The Ambler Access Project (AAP) is a proposed 211-mile, controlled industrial access road that would provide access to the Ambler Mining District in northwestern Alaska. The area currently lacks the transportation infrastructure necessary for the development, construction, and operations of potential mines in the district. The Ambler Mining District is a large, prospective copper-zinc mineral deposit with extensive deposits of critical minerals and other elements making this a secure, reliable US supply-chain resource essential for our nation's tech-focused economy, green energy products, and military effectiveness. Developing the mines within the district is expected to provide employment opportunities for more than 3,000 total jobs during construction and an estimated 1,800 total jobs supporting Alaskan families during operation of the road and associated mines.



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