

Hughes Village
P,O, Box 45029
Hughes, Alaska 99745
Resolution No. 24-08

WHEREAS, the community of Hughes is one of the few communities located close to the proposed Ambler Road and potential mines and should have one of the biggest voices of input on whether it happens.

WHEREAS, the community of Hughes suffers from poverty, high unemployment, expensive shipping and costs of groceries, fuel, and other supplies, lacks adequate housing for all its residents, and does not have a road connection for medivacs in event of an emergency and bad weather for flying.

WHEREAS, Hughes Village is a federally recognized Tribe.

WHEREAS, Hughes Village is governed by a Tribal Council and is the sole entity authorized to speak on behalf of the Tribe.

WHEREAS, Hughes Village Tribe submits the following official comments into the record for the Ambler Access Project:

LIMITED ACCESS ONLY ROAD – THE “TRIBAL” ALTERNATIVE

1. The Tribe supports a road (Alternative “A”) only if the road is limited to access by the mining companies, local communities and residents for shipping goods, supplies, and fuel, as well as emergency medivacs;
2. The Tribe understands AIDEA has only asked for a road that has limited access as described above, and urges the BLM (and other landowners) to use legal authority and impose limited access restrictions;

MITIGATION MEASURES TO PROTECT SUBSISTENCE (Similar to Red Dog Mine)

3. The Tribe supports adoption and use of subsistence mitigation measures from impacts of a road that are similar to, or exactly the same as the mitigation measures successfully used at the Red Dog road to protect caribou and other species for over 40 years;

EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

4. The Tribe supports its members and the community having training opportunities, hiring preferences, small business opportunities, in construction of the road and work at the mines or for companies supporting the mines.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

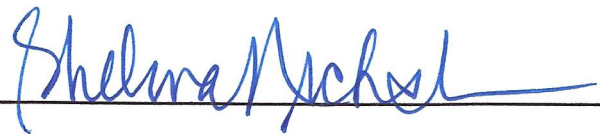
5. The Tribe believes young Alaskan Native Tribal members and future generations need to have opportunities to earn a good living and support their families as well as afford to stay in the community and practice subsistence.
6. Opponents to responsible and balanced resource development (such as the Red Dog Mine) offer nothing for the future except continued poverty and despair.

7. The right question to ask is not “what happens to our communities and Tribal members if a road is built and mining occurs” but “what happens to our communities and Tribal members if a road is not built and no jobs or opportunity exists for our children and future generations.”

THEREFORE, the Tribe of Hughes supports the Ambler Access Project.

Dated: This 21st day of March 2024.

Signed

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