



Ambler Access Project

Stakeholder Engagement Update

July 14, 2023

Greetings-

The Ambler Access Project (AAP) is excited to share ongoing project updates with our local communities and the larger public. This email summary is the third regular project update, with the first sent on June 1 and the second on June 23. These project updates are also available on the AAP website.

The project continues to have a busy summer. Below is a summary of the current activities.

Please pass along this email to others who may be interested and encourage them to subscribe to our distribution list by sending a note to info@ambleraccess.org. We also encourage you to share your ideas and feedback for the project by emailing info@ambleraccess.org.

Thanks!

Jeff San Juan

AAP Program Manager

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- Fieldwork continues for the project, with operations now being focused from the Bornite Camp. The teams moved from Coldfoot Camp on June 30, but will be

back in August. Bornite Camp is operated by NANA Management Services with numerous local resident employees; local hire is a priority for the AAP.

- The Landing Zones (LZ) teams wrapped up the preparation of landing zones on June 25. The teams cleared 62 LZs, mostly on the west side of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. Bird nest surveys were performed ahead of the clearing teams. Only three LZs required adjustment due to potential nests being present. Over 1,200 staff hours were worked collectively by the LZ and nest survey teams with **zero** safety incidents.
- The Hydrology and Hydraulic (H&H) survey teams continue to perform stream gauging, bank measurements, and mapping of creeks and rivers throughout the corridor, working initially from Coldfoot Camp and now operating from Bornite Camp. These efforts are also supported by a separate bathymetry survey team.
- The Cultural Resources teams continue to perform archaeology surveys along the corridor. The teams are in the midst of their second mobilization. Each team is conducting pedestrian surveys and subsurface testing at components that were not previously surveyed. This work was approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) through the previous years' Annual Work Plans.
- The AAP team continues to support the Subsistence Advisory Committee (SAC) and Workforce Development Working Group (WDWG). Planning is underway for the next quarterly meetings on to be held August 23-24 in a local village. The team looks forward to robust discussions building on June's meetings in Kotzebue and the tour of Red Dog Mine.
- In response to requests from Alatna and Allakaket, the AAP Program Manager (Jeff San Juan), Chief Harding Sam, 2nd Chief Gordon Bergman, and Alaska Department of Fish & Game regional supervisor fisheries biologist Audra Brase, will be conducting an aerial reconnaissance of the Alatna River, looking particularly at the proposed bridge crossing.
- The stakeholder outreach team anticipates publication and distribution of the next project newsletter in the near future.
- The AAP Deputy Program Manager (Craig Jones) is planning to visit the Upper Kobuk communities next week.

- The AAP team continues to support BLM's preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and looks forward to reviewing the Draft SEIS in a few months. The next 60-day court ordered status report from the BLM is anticipated to be filed next week.



H&H team performing stream measurements, with NMS bear guard oversight.

Working Together to Find Opportunity

The Ambler Access Project is being developed collaboratively, in close consultation with the tribes and communities throughout the NANA and Doyon Regions.

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