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AIDEA appreciates the engagement in the Ambler Access Project (AAP) over the past couple years and we want to continue this engagement in various ways. This includes providing multiple means of sharing information about the activities of the project.

AIDEA will begin distributing a summary email on a regular basis (at least monthly) that provides a snapshot of many of the on-going project activities. This email is the first distribution of these updates. Please let us know if others should be added to the distribution list or if you have any questions about any of these updates. Please send any feedback to info@ambleraccess.org. Note that these distributions will also be posted to the project website at <http://ambleraccess.org>.

Thanks!

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- The hydrology and hydraulics (H&H) team continues to perform spring breakup surveys along the corridor. This team is based out of Coldfoot and is making daily trips across the corridor to measure and watch river levels, iceflows, and general conditions, especially in the locations of the proposed bridges. This week is the 6th week of observations. Most rivers are free flowing now, with many still near bank full; minimal ice is still present. Conditions are changing daily and water levels are rapidly receding.
 - In preparation for 2023 field activities, the Cultural Resource Team has been providing Contractor Training (as stipulated in the project Programmatic Agreement) to all non-cultural resource personnel mobilizing for field work.
 - The cultural resource team participated in two workshops with BLM, NPS, and SHPO during the month of May. One workshop was dedicated to resolving outstanding comments on the 2022 Annual Fieldwork Report and the other workshop was focused on address concerns and Consulting Party's comments on the 2023 Annual Work Plan.
 - The cultural resource team is continuing to plan for the upcoming field season; the survey crews will participate in technical training on June 12th in Fairbanks and then mobilize to conduct survey. survey crews will be based out of the Bornite Camp through mid-August and then shift to be based out of Coldfoot through the end of the survey season. This year's survey will focus on the study areas that were approved in the 2022 Annual Work Plan, but not completed during the 2022 field season. Pending approval of the 2023 Annual Work Plan, survey activities may also include representative linear segments of the road corridor for each landowner.
 - AIDEA and the AAP stakeholder outreach team is planning for the upcoming Workforce Development Working Group (WDWG) and Subsistence Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings in Kotzebue on June 14-15. A tour of the Red Dog Mine is also being coordinated for the SAC and WDWG members ahead of these meetings.
 - Project representatives met with community members from Huslia on May 17th to provide updates and information on the project.



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- BLM recently submitted to the US District Court the 6th status report for the on-going AAP Supplemental EIS. This report provided a new timeline for publication of the draft SEIS – now anticipated at the end of 2024, a delay of 6 months. AIDEA and Ambler Metals provided an official response to this delay; this response is available at [News Releases — Ambler Metals LLC](#).
- The US District Court provided a decision on 5/25 (last Thursday) over two issues related to the on-going lawsuit: (1) the court affirmed the applicability of the PA to on-going activities in the current stage of the project; and (2) the court is allowing ground-breaking activities to move forward, pending these activities comply with the stipulations of the PA. AIDEA is reviewing this decision and is discussing with the agencies its implications for the project.