

ALLAKAKET TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Resolution 2013-43

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE BUILDING OF A YEAR-ROUND ROAD TO ACCESS THE AMBLER MINING DISTRICT AND KOBUK MINERAL BELT USING THE BROOKS EAST CORRIDOR STARTING AT PROSPECT CREEK

- WHEREAS,** The Allakaket Tribal Council is the governing body of the federally recognized Allakaket Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Village of Allakaket has gone on public record opposing a State or private highway between Prospect and the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt on a route through the City of Bettles from the State road system; and
- WHEREAS,** The Village of Allakaket desires economic development in keeping with the chosen subsistence lifestyle of its residents and the current economy of living off the land, which a road system access and presence of a mining road would grievously harm; and
- WHEREAS,** The proposed road has been handed over from the State of Alaska to AIDEA and is no longer being considered a public road but a privately owned limited use industrial mining road which in itself is not a good thing the land and watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** The present ice-road between Prospect and Bettles and the winter trail Bettles and Allakaket is only open for a short period during the winter, and is thereby more in keeping with the economy and lifestyle of a remote bush village whose economy is based in large part on remote Alaska subsistence living; and
- WHEREAS,** Federal, State and local governments, as well as local residents and businesses will not benefit from the mining traffic that a private industrial mining road will bring; and
- WHEREAS,** The Brooks Rancg East Corridor option is being examined for constructing and maintaining overland access to the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt because it is the least expensive route and there are six other routes under consideration that should be used instead; and
- WHEREAS,** Road access to the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt and the subsequent development of mines in that area could prove to be an environmental and cultural loss that can never be regained; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of a 220 mile road on subsistence, caribou migration, and the environment have not been adequately addressed by the State of Alaska, DOT, AIDEA or NOVA Copper; and

WHEREAS, Significant concerns in opposition to building this road have not been adequately addressed by the State of Alaska, DOT, AIDEA or NOVA Copper.

NOW THERE BE IF RESOLVED, That the Allakaket Tribal Council by this resolution hereby declare our wholehearted opposition to the building of a year-round road using the Brooks Range East Corridor from Prospect Creek to access the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt.

PASSES and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Allakaket Tribal Council of Allakaket, Alaska this 11th day of December, 2013.

SIGNED: *Dorson Bergman*
Chief

ATTEST: *June Ned*
Secretary/Treasurer