



A resolution of the Northern Alaska Environmental Center BOARD OF DIRECTORS and ISSUES COMMITTEE in opposition to the proposed Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road

Whereas the Northern Alaska Environmental Center represents over 900 dues paying members that support the conservation of the environment and sustainable resource stewardship in Interior and Arctic Alaska through education and advocacy;

Whereas there are seven (7) community, organizational, and citizen group resolutions against the proposed industrial road and these communities and groups would be directly impacted;

Whereas the proposed road route would cross through Gates of the Arctic National Preserve, and have a significant impact on the foundation upon which Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve was created, and is currently an intact arctic landscape possessing many of the intrinsic values and qualities of wilderness;

Whereas the integrity of Alaska's wild lands and wildlife in the foothills of the Brooks Mountain Range would be compromised;

Whereas the proposed road would cross hundreds of streams and impact countless acres of wetlands that provide habitat for salmon, whitefish, and other species of extreme importance to the ecosystem and local communities;

Whereas the Northern Center recognizes that transportation infrastructure in Alaska should be part of a comprehensive planning process that is fiscally responsible;

Whereas decisions for new transportation corridors should aim to protect the fiscal well-being of Alaska and minimize environmental and sociological impacts, and the proposed road would be counter to these goals; and

Whereas the State of Alaska is in an economic crisis and currently allocated funds for the proposed road could be re-directed to decrease the budget gap for fiscal year 2017;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Northern Alaska Environmental Center with the full support of the Board of Directors and Issues Committee opposes the construction of the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road.

Frank Williams, Board President

Sven Grage, Issues Committee Chair