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October 19, 2007

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Point MacKenzie Rail Spur

Dear Board Members:

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce has considered the various proposed rail spur routes to connect Port MacKenzie to the existing railroad. We would like to express our opinion as to which route we feel would be the best for our area.

Big Lake is a recreational area and the businesses in the area depend heavily, if not exclusively, on the recreational activity that the area attracts. For this reason we are greatly interested in anything that may change or disrupt the areas surrounding our business district.

Of the three routes, the western (or Willow) route appears to have the least impact on the area as a whole. The fact that the route is mostly on borough, state or federal lands that would minimize the disruption of private property along the right of way is a very great plus for this route. The route is mostly on a natural moraine which would minimize wetland issues. Although this route would cross a number of trails, both snow machine and dog mushing, with a little incorporation into the design of the route, any conflicts could be worked out. So this is the route that we prefer.

We fully support the development of Port MacKenzie and the rail spur to service it.

Thank you for your attention to our opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcy Coman, Pres.
Marcy Coman, President
Big Lake Chamber of Commerce



Big Lake Snowmachine Trails



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Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Alaska Department of Natural Resources



Alaska State Troopers

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Agency/Location	Services Available	Phone number
Alaska State Troopers, Palmer	Search and Rescue	
Emergency:		911
Non-emergency:		907-745-2131

Cell Phone note: There is cellular coverage in most of the area covered by this map. However, there are many environmental conditions that will limit or prevent phone service: Mountains, Low swamps, River bottoms, Extreme weather and Battery condition to name a few. Moving to higher ground or open areas may improve performance. Turning off the phone when not using it will help battery life.

GPS note: Set GPS DATUM to NAD 27(Alaska), set Coordinate format to Deg.Min.Sec (ddmmss). As with any electronic device, many environmental conditions can degrade performance. Taking the same actions as for cell phones may help, however the GPS system can be shut "off" at any moment.

Grid information: This map covers two Universal Transverse Mercator(UTM) grid zones; Zone 5 is WEST of Long 150deg.W, Zone 6 is EAST of Long 150deg.W. The zones are labeled in RED at the top of the map, you do not need to adjust your GPS receiver for the different grid zones. Grid squares are 10,000 meters. Lat/Long grid is in 1 min. divisions, Lat/Long lines are labeled. DATUM for grids is North American Datum 1927 (NAD 27).

Some trails may encroach private property and although they have been in use for many years, access may be restricted at any time. It is the users responsibility to respect property owners rights and stay out of posted areas.

WP #	Feature	Latitude Longitude (DDMMSS, NAD 27)
1	Trail Intersection	61°33'02"N 149°59'53"W
2	Trail Intersection	61°33'28"N 150°02'48"W
3	Trail Intersection	61°34'32"N 150°10'29"W
4	Trail Intersection	61°30'58"N 150°05'33"W
5	Trail Intersection	61°31'42"N 150°16'37"W
6	Sustina Crossing	61°32'45"N 150°30'45"W
7	Trail Intersection	61°28'06"N 150°17'52"W
8	Trail to Flathorn Lk	61°25'09"N 150°26'06"W
9	Gabbert's Fish Camp	61°25'25"N 150°35'08"W
10	Trail Intersection	61°25'38"N 150°13'08"W
11	Ayrshire Rd Trail Head	61°25'35"N 150°05'09"W
12	Butterfly Lake	61°35'31"N 150°08'14"W
13	Cow Lake	61°35'08"N 150°11'31"W
14	Flathorn Lake	61°26'51"N 150°25'15"W
15	Hock Lake	61°31'29"N 150°11'22"W
16	Red Shirt Lake	61°37'20"N 150°10'32"W
17	Trail Lake	61°37'24"N 150°45'50"W
18	Big Swamp Trail	61°32'33"N 150°25'46"W
19	Trail LK trail	61°36'58"N 150°40'05"W
20	Little Su Campground	61°26'57"N 150°09'50"W
21	Trail to Redshirt Lk	61°39'42"N 150°13'49"W
22	Trail to Cow Lake	61°35'32"N 150°14'15"W
23	Trail Intersection	61°31'56"N 150°19'11"W
24	Flat Lake	61°31'47"N 150°01'30"W
25	Roly Lk Campground	61°39'35"N 150°07'53"W
26	Lynx Lake	61°38'36"N 150°03'09"W
27	Bill's Cat House	61°33'02"N 149°48'56"W
29	Eagle Song Lodge	61°37'24"N 150°45'50"W
30	Burkshore Marina	61°32'38"N 149°50'28"W
32	South Port Marina	61°31'49"N 149°50'39"W
34	Call of the Wild	61°32'02"N 149°57'59"W
35	Alaska House of Yamaha	61°33'20"N 149°48'57"W
36	Yentna Station	61°43'59"N 150°41'03"W
37	Luce's	61°40'42"N 150°37'24"W
38	Pt. Mackenzie General Store	61°25'51"N 150°00'19"W

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