

Proposed Railroad to Ft. GREELY

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Keep the train at least 4 miles away from the Tanana river.....

Building the line away from the Tanana River would also put it on existing military land.

Military Train = Military land

Keeping the train on military land makes it more secure from terror attacks.

This states' densest moose population is along the belt south of the Tanana river. Several years of heavy snow, and winter train kills will destroy this population.

Several miles away from the Tanana River, on military land, the moose kill by trains and habitat changes would have a much less impact on hunters trying to feed their families. WHY.....

- 1- There are less moose away from the river.
- 2- Hunters do NOT hunt farther from the Tanana than they care to pack 800lbs of moose meat.
- 3- The land away from the river is controlled by the military- which already restricts its use.

A train derailment near the Tanana River would devastate the eco-system. If a train happens to dump only a single tanker car of fuel into one of the several "Clear Creeks" that it would cross, there would be instant pollution not only of that creek, but also the Tanana River as well.

Knowing the military, what if they dumped not a fuel but Chemical, Biological, or Nuclear materials into the Tanana river eco-system?

Studies are currently being conducted in this very area on the effects to the environment of even small changes to the habitat. Disturb this frozen, fragile tundra and almost instantly the habitat changes. The vegetation that moose feed on disappears and so do the moose. A fast moving, heavy train traveling over these wet lands can not be good for the area. Even without the actual train, just clearing the route of existing vegetation would have a negative effect on these valuable wet lands.

Virtually all the homes and cabins on the south side of the Tanana River are within 2 miles of the river.

Both the 2 proposed train routes run right through these home site areas. A train in our backyard will bring unnecessary NOISE, POLLUTION, THIEVES, loss of WETLANDS, and ultimately the loss of a valuable food resource to Alaskans.