

EI - 16329

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I own approximately 87 acres at the confluence of the Salcha and Tanana, on the south bank of the Salcha and as far west as you can drive. Specifically these are Tax Lots 2830 (46.67 acres) and 2827 (40 acres), SECTION 28 T5S R4E. I do not have any structures on this land nor do I intend to build on it, but I regularly use it for hunting, camping, and general recreation.

I am in favor of the Salcha 1 over Salcha 2. I have no opinions about other parts of the EIS.

On a very personal level, Salcha 2 would all but destroy the solitude and relative isolation that I value in my Salcha property.

On a more practical level, Salcha 2 would affect a great deal more private property than Salcha 1 and probably cause a lot more turmoil and strife.

Most important, Salcha 2 might impact salmon spawning areas in the Tanana at the crossing near Flag Hill. While it is easy to say that "Alaska has plenty of salmon and disturbing a bit of habitat probably won't matter," it is exactly that kind of thinking that led to the destruction of salmon populations in England and Europe, New England, and much of the Pacific North West. If this railroad must be built, and we have a chance to build it without disturbing salmon habitat we should take it.

Thank you.