



RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

## **BREAKFAST MEETING**

### **Thursday, February 21, 2008**

- 1) Call to order – John Shively, President
- 2) Self Introductions
- 3) Headtable Introductions
- 4) Staff Report – Jason Brune, Executive Director
- 5) Program and Keynote Speaker:

**Bristol Bay: Balancing Environmental,  
Economic and Subsistence Values**

Lisa Reimers, General Manager, Iliamna  
Development Corporation,  
Charisse Arce, Community & Public Relations  
Specialist, Iliamna Development Corporation

Next Meeting: March 6: The North Aleutian Basin: Exploring Common Ground Between Oil & Fishing, Gregg Nady, Senior Landman, Shell Exploration and Production, Brian Allee, Director, Alaska Sea Grant Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks

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## **Action Alert: Tulsequah Chief Mine Project**

**Deadline for comment is 5:00 pm AST February 21, 2008**

### **Overview:**

The State of Alaska announced a public review and comment period for the Tulsequah Chief Project Air Cushing Barging Proposal. A proposal to move mine product via Air Cushion Barge (ACB) and amphitrac by way of the Taku River from the mine site to Juneau was submitted by Redfern Resources, Ltd., the mine owner. The Alaska Coastal Management Program will review the project for consistency.

The Tulsequah Chief Mine Project is a polymetallic mine located in British Columbia, near the Taku River. The mine is expected to generate \$24 million annually for Southeast Alaska, with a minimum eight-year life expectancy. Approximately 20 – 30 direct jobs will be created in Juneau, and approximately 250 jobs at the mine site. Operation and success of this project will open the door to other projects in the area, creating sustainable employment opportunities.

Redfern Resources has contracted to have the amphitrac created for this project, to specifically protect the land and waters. The amphitrac, along with the ACB, both have very low ground-pressure, which will minimize ground disturbance. The ACB, operated by Juneau-based Alaska Marine Lines, can safely travel over land or water in extreme conditions. The transportation vessels will avoid salmon spawning habitats and will be monitored to avoid and minimize disturbance.

The mine proposal also includes clean up of the waste rock from original mining operations from the 1950s. While the mine is not located on the U.S. side of the border, the benefits of the clean up will positively impact the Taku River, and other nearby waterways.

The Alaska Large Mine Team, consisting of representatives from various departments, all with expertise in mine development, has been invited by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans to participate in the review of the project. This team will ensure the project meets or exceeds the permitting standards in Alaska. This will ensure the protection of water quality and fisheries.

For additional information, refer to the Public Notice located at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/tulsequah/publicnotice.htm>

### **Action Requested:**

- Attend a public meeting February 4, 2008, in Juneau at the Juneau Centennial Hall, Ballroom 3, located at 101 Egan Drive, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.
- Submit comments in support of the Tulsequah Chief Mine Project ACMP permit.

### **Submit written comments to:**

*Tulsequah Chief Project Comments*

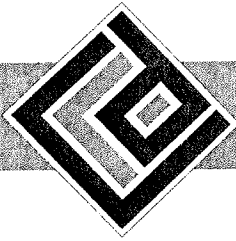
*Attn.: Tom Crafford, Mining Coordinator  
ADNR/Office of Project Management and Permitting  
550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 900D  
Anchorage, AK 99501*

Comments may also be sent via email to: [tom.crafford@alaska.gov](mailto:tom.crafford@alaska.gov)  
Faxes may be sent to (907) 269-8930.

**Points to consider for your comments:**

- The design of the project's transportation equipment will minimally impact the area. The wake generated by the water equipment is small, and the Air Cushion Barge and amphitrac both have very low ground pressure, reducing potential impact to a minimum.
- Access to the site will accelerate clean up efforts of waste rock from mining operations in the 1950s, which will help maintain clean water.
- The mine is expected to generate \$24 million annually for Southeast Alaska, with an eight-year life expectancy. Approximately 20 – 30 direct jobs will be created in Juneau, with approximately 250 jobs at the mine site. Operation and success of this project will open the door to other projects in the area, creating sustainable employment opportunity.
- Alaska's Large Mine Team will ensure the Tulsequah Mine Project meets or exceeds Alaska's permitting standards to protect water quality and fisheries.
- Issuance of the permit will eliminate potential impacts of a road or other ground transportation methods to the environment.
- During operation, efforts to avoid conflict of area resources, including fishing and fish habitat, will be implemented.

**Deadline for comment is 5:00 pm AST February 21, 2008**



**ACTION ALERT**  
**Yukon Flats NWR Land Exchange**  
**Deadline for Comments: March 25, 2008**

**Overview:**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering a land exchange in the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge with Doyon Limited, the largest private landowner in the refuge. Created in 1980, the refuge is comprised of 11 million acres, roughly the size of Maryland. Doyon owns 2 million acres within the refuge boundary. In 2004, USFWS and Doyon tentatively agreed to the terms of a land exchange. The Department of Interior initially determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not required. Doyon and others, however, requested an EIS, given it would offer residents in the Yukon Flats more details on the potential impacts of the trade and potential development in the area.

Under the proposed trade, Doyon would turn over 150,000 acres rich in fish and game resources, including prime waterfowl habitat in the wet low lands of the refuge. In exchange, Doyon would receive oil and gas rights to 200,000 prospective acres. However, Doyon would have surface rights to only 110,000 of those acres, most of which is in the uplands with lesser habitat values. The remaining acreage would be reached only by directional drilling. If Doyon discovers and produces oil and gas on the lands acquired through the exchange, the Service would receive a production payment equal to 1.25% of the value at the wellhead and a commitment from Doyon to sell up to 120,000 acres more land to the USFWS. In addition, Doyon would reallocate 56,000 acres of remaining entitlement within the refuge to locations outside the refuge.

Birch Creek is the closest community to the land trade area and the Birch Creek Tribal Council and its leadership support the trade. Doyon is supportive of both the Proposed Action Alternative and Alternative 1. Detailed information on the alternatives and the overall EIS can be found at:

[http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/yukon\\_flats/](http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/yukon_flats/)

**Action Requested:**

1. Testify in support of the land exchange at one of the following public meetings:

**Fairbanks**

Thursday, February 21st, 5 p.m., Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street

**Anchorage**

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m., Public Conference Room, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.

2. Submit written comments in support of the Yukon Flats land exchange before March 25, 2008

**Mail:** Yukon Flats EIS Project Office, c/o ENSR

1835 South Bragaw, Suite 490, Anchorage, AK 99508

**Online Comments:** [http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/Yukon\\_Flats/Comments.aspx](http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/Yukon_Flats/Comments.aspx)

**Points to consider in your testimony and letter:**

- The proposed land exchange is in the public's best interest as it would allow the USFWS to achieve its conservation goals and consolidate land ownership.
- The exchange would allow the agency to acquire many of the highest-priority fish and wildlife habitats on Doyon lands.
- The land exchange would allow Doyon to consolidate its holdings within the refuge so it can improve the economics of drilling for oil and gas. The entire flats show favorable signs of oil and gas, but the highest petroleum potential lies under land proposed for exchange.
- The Yukon Flats could hold significant quantities of natural gas and oil. The U.S. Geological Survey offers a mean estimate of 5.5 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas and 173 million barrels of recoverable oil. A recent private-sector assessment estimates the area could hold 300 million to almost 1 billion barrels of oil and 15 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The area is potentially another energy province on the scale of Cook Inlet and could hold two Alpine-size oil fields.
- If oil and gas are discovered, many public benefits would be generated, including billions of dollars pumped into Alaska's economy. State revenues would grow and new energy supplies would flow into the American market.
- The land exchange and subsequent discovery of energy resources would allow for the creation of a long-term economic base in an economically-disadvantaged part of rural Alaska. Development would create 1,000 or more good paying jobs. It would help fulfill ANCSA's promise to enhance social and economic well-being of Native people, creating jobs and other opportunities for Doyon shareholders.
- Other benefits include village and regional Native corporation revenue sharing under ANCSA, which means more revenue statewide for these entities.
- The land exchange does not include the biological heart of the refuge.
- If all of the areas under the exchange turned into development opportunities, less than one percent of the Yukon Flats would be disturbed.
- Doyon will proceed with development opportunities, with or without the land exchange. If there is no exchange, there is increased potential for development in high value habitat areas of the refuge. With the trade, there is more land for Doyon to explore, land considered low in habitat value with little subsistence use.



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713-656-4376

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 12, 2008

### Alaska North Slope Natural Gas to Warm Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS, AK, FEBRUARY 12, 2008 -- Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE: XOM) and Fairbanks Natural Gas LLC (FNG) today announced a long-term contract to supply Alaska North Slope gas to FNG customers in Interior Alaska.

ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing Company will supply natural gas to a new liquefaction plant at Prudhoe Bay to be built and owned by Polar LNG, LLC an affiliate of Fairbanks Natural Gas. FNG will truck the LNG nearly 500 miles from the North Slope to its Fairbanks distribution system. FNG owns and operates two LNG storage and regasification facilities in Fairbanks.

"We are pleased to be able to provide a reliable supply of natural gas to Fairbanks from the North Slope," said Craig A. Haymes, ExxonMobil's Alaska production manager. "We continue to look for viable projects to demonstrate ExxonMobil's commitment to commercializing North Slope gas."

The supply contract calls for FNG to receive up to 10 billion cubic feet of natural gas per year for a 10-year period beginning in mid-2009 when the necessary facilities are expected to be completed. The contract also allows for annual renewal after the initial 10 years.

"This agreement will enable us to proceed with our plans to provide Fairbanks with an affordable and stable supply of natural gas with ExxonMobil," said FNG President Daniel W. Britton. "We will have the capacity to continue to grow to meet the needs of new customers as well as our existing important customers like homes, schools and medical facilities."

FNG is the natural gas utility providing gas service to Fairbanks, Alaska. The company initiated service to its first customer during the spring of 1998. Over 1,100 residential and commercial customers now enjoy the benefits of natural gas. FNG continues to broaden its underground distribution system to serve the Fairbanks community.

"The people at Fairbanks Natural Gas were great to work with on this project," said Carolyn Hicks, ExxonMobil's contract specialist. "Dan Britton and everyone there worked hard to get the best deal for their customers."

ExxonMobil has had a presence in Alaska for more than 50 years. The company holds the largest working interest (36.4%) at Prudhoe Bay and is the largest lease holder of discovered gas resources in Alaska.

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Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

February 12, 2008

Representative Kyle Johansen  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 13  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 355: Open and Transparent Initiative Act

Dear Representative Johansen:

On behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc., (RDC), I am writing in support of the concepts and spirit of House Bill 355, the Open and Transparent Initiative Act.

RDC is a private, non-profit business association comprised of individuals and leading companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, fisheries and tourism industries. The association's membership also includes construction companies, local communities, Native corporations, organized labor, and a wide range of industry-support firms. RDC's mission is to grow Alaska's economy through the responsible development of the state's natural resources.

Although we sometimes may question the appropriateness and the role of the petition process as a means of governing, RDC appreciates the democratic rights of Alaskans to change state law through the initiative process. However, as we have seen over the last several years, a number of proposed initiatives have been brought forward that do not have the best interest of the state nor its people in mind. Furthermore, tactics are often used in the signature gathering process that mislead the public and misconstrue the issues and impacts at play.

RDC believes that openness and transparency must be at the forefront of good government. This should apply when individuals are trying to gather signatures to put items on our ballots. Unfortunately, many of RDC's members have witnessed the contrary. Standards must be put in place to ensure a candid process and we applaud the bill's author and co-sponsors for introducing this bill. We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Brune  
Executive Director  
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**No: 08-021**

### **Town Hall Meetings on the AGIA Gasline Process Announced**

February 11, 2008, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Palin’s gasline team has scheduled a series of 16 public town hall meetings around the state February 18-28 to update Alaskans on the efforts that are being taken to advance a gasline under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA). The meetings are to provide information and encourage Alaskans to make their voices heard by submitting written comments before the March 6 public comment deadline.

The town hall meetings will provide as much information as possible about how AGIA works, the applications that were filed under the Act and what will happen next. Following a presentation there will be a question and answer period.

The presentation will provide an overview of AGIA and describe the process that was used to determine whether the five applicants met the requirements to be considered for a license under AGIA. Members of the gasline team will also explain the evaluation process required by AGIA and how public comments will be considered.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments before the March 6 deadline, through the AGIA website, in writing or by fax. Details on how and where to submit comments are available at [www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia](http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia). The same website contains details about the meeting times and locations.

All meetings will be from 6-8 p.m. except for Barrow, which will be from 2-5 p.m. and Anchorage, which will be from 7- 9 p.m.

#### **February 18**

Palmer – The Palmer Depot

#### **February 19**

Anchorage – UAA Lucy Cuddy Hall

#### **February 20**

Sitka – Harrigan Centennial Hall, Maksoutoff Room

Kotzebue – NWAB Assembly Chambers

McGrath – Cap’n Snow Center Assembly Room

#### **February 21**

Ketchikan – Cape Fox Lodge, Mountain Room

Nome – Old St. Joseph’s Church Hall

Bethel – UAF Kuskokwim Campus, Yup’iit Piciryarait Cultural Center

**February 22**

Juneau – Centennial Hall, Hickel Room

**February 25**

Delta Junction – Community Center  
Kenai – Kenai Peninsula College

**February 26**

Barrow – Inupiat Heritage Center  
Dillingham – Dillingham Middle School Gymnasium

**February 27**

Fairbanks – Carlson Center  
Kodiak – High School Commons

**February 28**

Valdez – Valdez Convention and Civic Center, Ballroom 1

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Contact: Margaret Ross, ExxonMobil  
(713) 656-4376

EXXONMOBIL ANNOUNCES PLAN TO PUT  
ALASKA'S POINT THOMSON FIELD ON PRODUCTION

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, February 19 -- ExxonMobil Production Company, as operator and on behalf of the other unit working interest owners, today announced a new project to develop and produce hydrocarbon resources from the Point Thomson field on the Alaska North Slope.

ExxonMobil submitted the plan to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. It involves evaluation, delineation and development of Point Thomson reservoirs through a phased approach to fully develop the hydrocarbon resource for the mutual benefit of Alaskans and the unit working interest owners. Production is anticipated to start by year-end 2014.

The project includes an investment of approximately \$1.3 billion to commence a multi-year development and delineation drilling program in the 2008-09 winter season and to construct production facilities, pipelines, and support infrastructure.

Under the initial phase, approximately 200 million cubic feet per day of Point Thomson gas is expected to be produced. Approximately 10,000 barrels per day of liquid condensate that is separated from the gas is planned to be delivered for sale through new and existing oil pipelines. The remaining gas will be injected back into the Thomson Sand reservoir to maintain pressure for continued hydrocarbon recovery and for subsequent gas sales.

In addition, engineering work will be completed to provide necessary information that will allow individual Point Thomson Unit owners to participate in an open season for a gas pipeline. Subsequent field development will be determined, which could include expanding the injection capacity, oil production, pursuing gas sales or a combination.

Craig Haymes, Alaska Production Manager for ExxonMobil, said, "We look forward to working with the State of Alaska to delineate and bring Point Thomson hydrocarbon resources into production. We have completed significant engineering and geoscience work over the past 18 months, focused on reservoir evaluation and development planning. The assessments indicate that a phased development is a prudent approach to maximize the benefits to the State of Alaska and the Point Thomson owners, especially since a gas pipeline is more than a decade away."

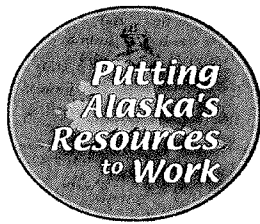
Since 1954, ExxonMobil has invested over \$20 billion dollars to develop Alaska's petroleum resources. The company's current working interest share of oil production in the state is approximately 140,000 barrels per day.

In addition to ExxonMobil, the other major Point Thomson Unit owners include BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc.

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**ANILCA Seminar**  
**March 4 & 5, 2008**  
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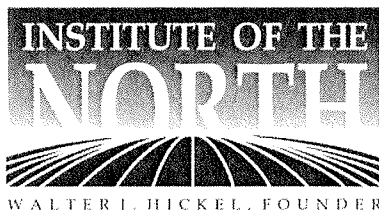
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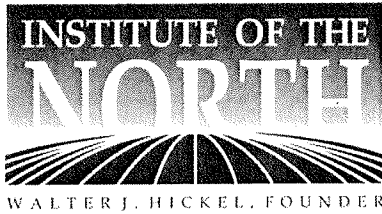
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March 4 & 5, Hotel Captain Cook

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# Alaska Miners Association 21<sup>st</sup> Fairbanks Biennial Conference

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March 18 - March 22, 2008  
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## Short Courses

**Alaska Mineral Aggregates and Construction Materials, Tuesday March 18**  
Dr. Paul Metz – University of Alaska, Fairbanks: (907) 474-6749, Email: [ffpam@uaf.edu](mailto:ffpam@uaf.edu)

**The Short Course is open to all.** Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention. The short course reviews Alaska's historical production of these commodities, published geological and engineering data available in Alaska, and focuses on market opportunities for new aggregate and construction material ventures. Specific topics included in the course are: an overview of the availability of construction materials in Alaska, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) aggregate needs, materials information from maps, materials testing, and property rights and construction materials. The course will convene from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks. Registration Fee: \$125, includes lunch.

**Lecturers:** Dr. Paul Metz – University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Thomas Bundtzen – President, Pacific Rim Geological Consultants.

### Permitting of Large Mining Projects, Tuesday March 18

Tom Crafford – Alaska Department of Natural Resources (907) 269-8629, [tom.crafford@alaska.gov](mailto:tom.crafford@alaska.gov)

**The Short Course is open to all.** Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention. This short course shall provide an overview of the DNR large mining project permitting process, including case examples. The course will convene from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks. Registration Fee: \$125, includes lunch.

**Lecturer:** Tom Crafford, Large Mine Project Manager, Office of Project Management and Permitting

### Career Planning Panel for High School and Beyond, Wednesday March 19 "What a Kid Needs to Know for a Career in the Minerals Industry"

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**The Short Course is open to all.** Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention.. Two panels of select university and industry representatives discuss what preparation in high school and beyond is needed by potential job-seekers in the worldwide mining industry. Tips to prepare for openings in mining and the minerals industry for HS grads to PhD's.

## Technical Sessions

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### Morning Sessions 8 – 11:00 AM

Wednesday Morning, March 19  
*Placer Deposits, Aggregates and Industrial Minerals*

Wednesday Afternoon, March 19  
*Mine Operations*

Thursday Morning, March 20  
*Arctic Mineral Deposits*

### Afternoon Sessions 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Thursday Afternoon, March 20  
*Northern and Interior Alaska Geology*

Friday Morning, March 21  
*Impact of Arctic Climate Change*

Friday Afternoon, March 21  
*Overview of Current and Planned Infrastructure Projects Related to Mining*

## Poster Sessions

Gang Chen, Department of Mining & Geological Engineering: (907) 474-6875; [ffgc@uaf.edu](mailto:ffgc@uaf.edu)

Posters will be displayed during the duration of the Conference. Presentations will feature detailed project level investigations as well a regional overviews of mineral tracts throughout Alaska.

## Field Trips

William Brophy, Usibelli Coal Mine: (907) 452-2625 ext. 232, Email [bill@usibelli.com](mailto:bill@usibelli.com)

**Field Trip # 1: Pogo Gold Mine** – Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Depart Westmark Hotel at 7 a.m. by bus to tour the new Pogo Mine located 145 km southeast of Fairbanks in the upper Goodpaster River Valley. The Pogo deposit has a defined probable gold resource of 7 million tonnes grading 16.12 g/t. The Pogo Mine began production in 2006 with expected annual gold production of 350,000 to 450,000 ounces over the 10 year life of the mine. Register early. Seats are limited. First come, first served. Registration fee: \$250.

**Field Trip #2: Fort Knox Mine Tour** – Saturday, March 22, 2008. Depart Westmark Hotel at 8 a.m. by bus to tour the Fort Knox Mine operated by Fairbanks Gold Mining Co., subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corp. This open-pit mine is 42 km northeast of Fairbanks and mined by conventional open pit methods. The Fort Knox Mine will have produced 4 million ounces of gold by the time of the field trip at an average grade of 0.025 ounces per ton (0.857 g/t) Au. A new heap leach facility is projected to continue gold production through 2017. Registration fee: \$125.

## Trade Show

Karl Gohlke, Frontier Plumbing Supply Inc.: (907) 374-3500, [Karl@FrontierPlumbing.com](mailto:Karl@FrontierPlumbing.com)

A three-day trade show held at the Westmark Hotel is a staple of the conference and offers an opportunity to visit companies and government agencies offering products and services to support Alaskan mining projects. The trade show is open to conference registrants and the general public.

## Conference Schedule

	<b>Tuesday March 18</b>	<b>Wednesday March 19</b>	<b>Thursday March 20</b>	<b>Friday March 21</b>	<b>Saturday March 22</b>
Breakfast	Field Trip to Pogo Gold Mine departs from Westmark Hotel  MSHA Miners Refresher Course 8:00 am, NC Machinery Co.	Buffet 7 a.m.	Miners & UAF Breakfast 7 a.m.	Buffet 7 a.m.	Field Trip to Fort Knox gold mine departs from Westmark Hotel
<b>Morning Session</b>	Short Course Alaska Mineral Aggregates and Construction Materials- Westmark 8 a.m. – 12 pm  Short Course Permitting Large Mining Projects - Westmark 8 a.m. – 12 pm	Placer Deposits, Aggregates, and Industrial Materials  8 - 11 a.m.	Arctic Mineral Deposits  8 – 11 a.m.	Impact of Arctic Climate Change  8 – 11 a.m.	
Luncheon	Short Course Lunch	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon	
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	Short Course continued 1 - 5 p.m.	Mine Operations 2 – 5 p.m.  Career Planning Panels 2 – 3:15 p.m.	Northern and Interior Alaska Geology 2 - 5 p.m.	Overview of Current and Planned Infrastructure Projects Related to Mining 2 - 5 p.m.	
<b>Evening</b>		Suppliers Cocktail Reception 5 – 8 p.m.  AMA Board Meeting 7 – 8 p.m.	Miners Hall of Fame Reception & Presentations 6:30 – 9 p.m.	Miners Reception & Banquet 6 – 10 p.m.	

## Conference Schedule Travel Information

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### Hotel

The Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Convention Center is providing rooms at the special rates of \$89US (single or double) and \$109US (Suite). Reserve your room early. To receive these rates, you must contact Westmark Hotel directly at: (800) 544-0970 and identify yourself as a registered participant in the AMA Biennial Conference.

### Special Events

#### Three Day Trade Show

A three-day trade show and suppliers' exhibit will feature products and services available to support mineral ventures in Alaska. A special room adjacent to the Trade Show is being provided to suppliers who wish to make scheduled presentations about their products and services during the Conference (**Attention prospective Trade Show exhibitors** - Please contact Karl Gohlke-(907) 374-3500 Email [KarlG@FrontierPlumbing.com](mailto:KarlG@FrontierPlumbing.com) to reserve exhibit space and presentation times.)

#### Suppliers Reception

The official ice-breaker for the Conference is Wednesday, March 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This reception is well attended and is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues a wide range of industry suppliers. Registration includes a ticket for one drink. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the trade show exhibitors and reception sponsors. Meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

#### Daily Luncheons

The Conference Committee has made a special effort to engage authoritative luncheon speakers for each day of the Conference. Be in the know. Space is limited. Reserve your seat by registering today!

#### Miners & Friends of UAF Breakfast

Thursday morning March 20, 7:00 a.m. Enjoy an early start to a full day of conference activities with a real miner's breakfast and an update on the University of Alaska Mining and Geological Engineering Programs and the evolution of the UAF School of Mineral Engineering to a part of the College of Engineering and Mines. Space is limited.

#### Miners Hall of Fame

Thursday evening, March 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m. A reception and evening program to recognize the contributions that have been made by Alaska's mining pioneers. This event is a highlight of the Conference and is always of great interest to miners and the general public.

#### Miners Reception & Banquet

Friday evening, March 21, at the Westmark Hotel, Gold Room, Cost: \$50.00. A full evening of enjoyment begins with a no host cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by banquet meal service to begin at 7:00 p.m. The event will include the AMEREF drawing with an extensive list of prizes. Other features of the evening will include awards presentation and a short lighthearted program. Banquet tickets may be purchased in advance or will be available at the registration booth.

#### AMEREF Raffle

First prize is a package of two Alaska Airline round trip tickets to any Alaska Airlines North American destination city (except the East Coast) including Mexico. In addition, the AMEREF raffle has scores of other significant prizes and there will be a silent auction for special items at the Thursday evening banquet. Raffle drawings will take place throughout the Conference, with winning tickets replaced so that early winners still have a chance for the Grand Prize. Good odds; good cause.

#### AMEREF Board Meeting

The AMEREF Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, March 19.

#### MSHA Miners Refresher Course

A MSHA refresher course taught by Dennis Steffy is scheduled for Tuesday morning, March 18 at N. C. Machinery Co., 730 Old Steese Highway.



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	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Individual</u>
PLATINUM	\$3000 or more	\$500 or more
GOLD	\$1500	\$300
SILVER	\$ 750	\$150
BASIC	\$ 500	\$ 75

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