

West Susitna Access is a Road to a Better Future



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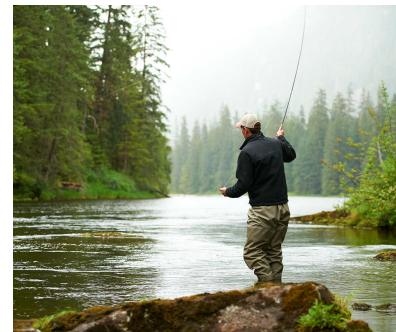
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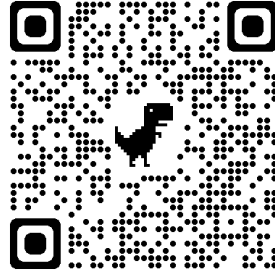
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What is the West Susitna Access Project?

- Envisioned as a “Road to Resources” by the State of Alaska many years ago.
- What Resources Exist West of the Susitna River?
 - Mineral Resources
 - Energy Resources
 - Agricultural Land Potential
 - Timber Potential
 - Wildfood Resources (fish, game, berries)
 - Recreational Resources (potential trails, boat launches, campgrounds)
 - Land Resources for Potential Sale or Lease
- AIDEA-proposed 100-mile access road from the end of Ayshire Rd., west of Big Lake, to the upper Skwentna River at the base of the Alaska Range.





Our Mission

To advocate for year-round road access to lands and resources west of the Susitna River.

Our Principles

The West Susitna Access Road should be:

- Accessible to the Public
- Fiscally Responsible
- Prioritize Alaska Hire

Our Board



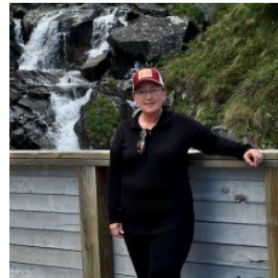
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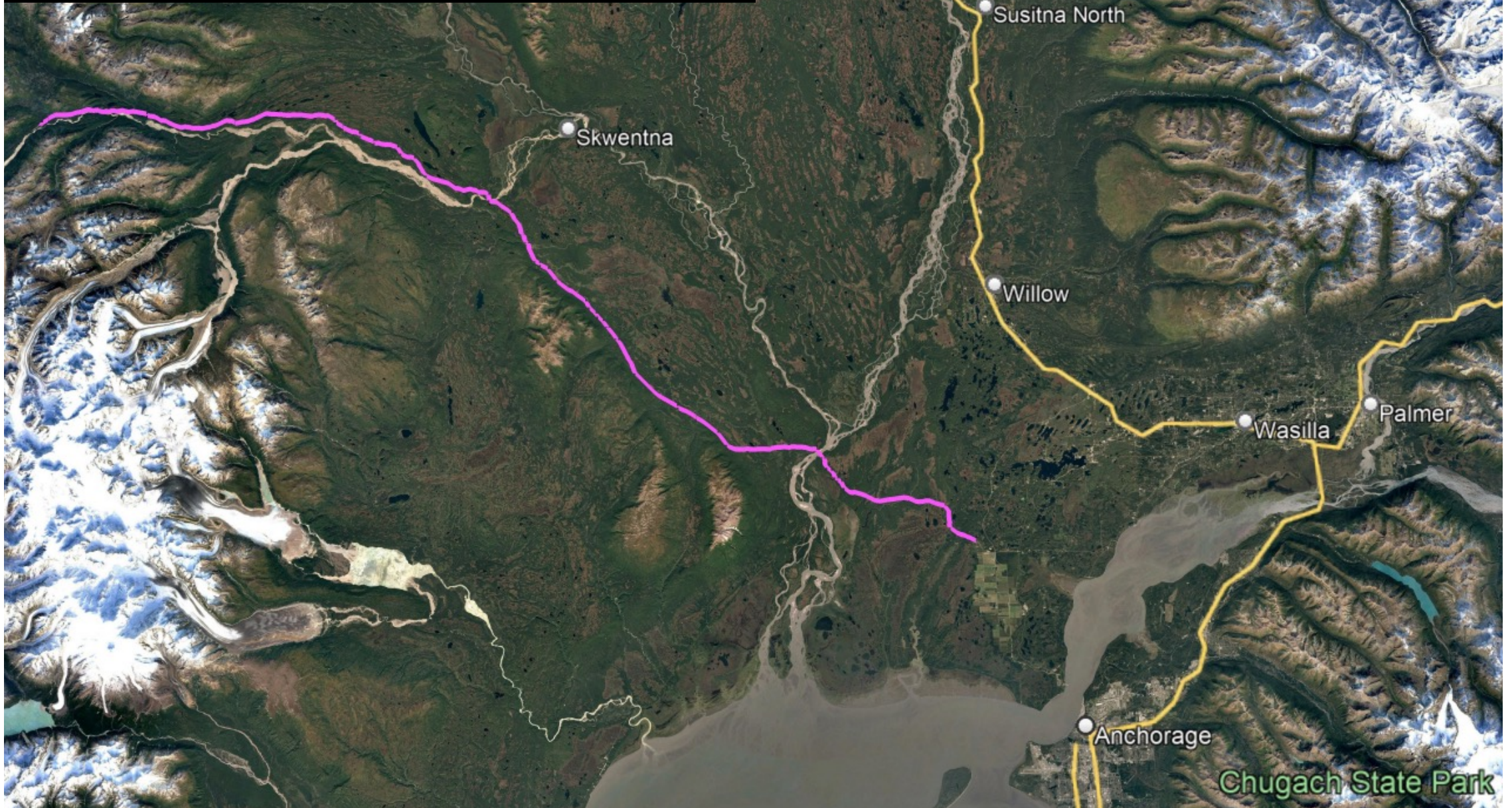


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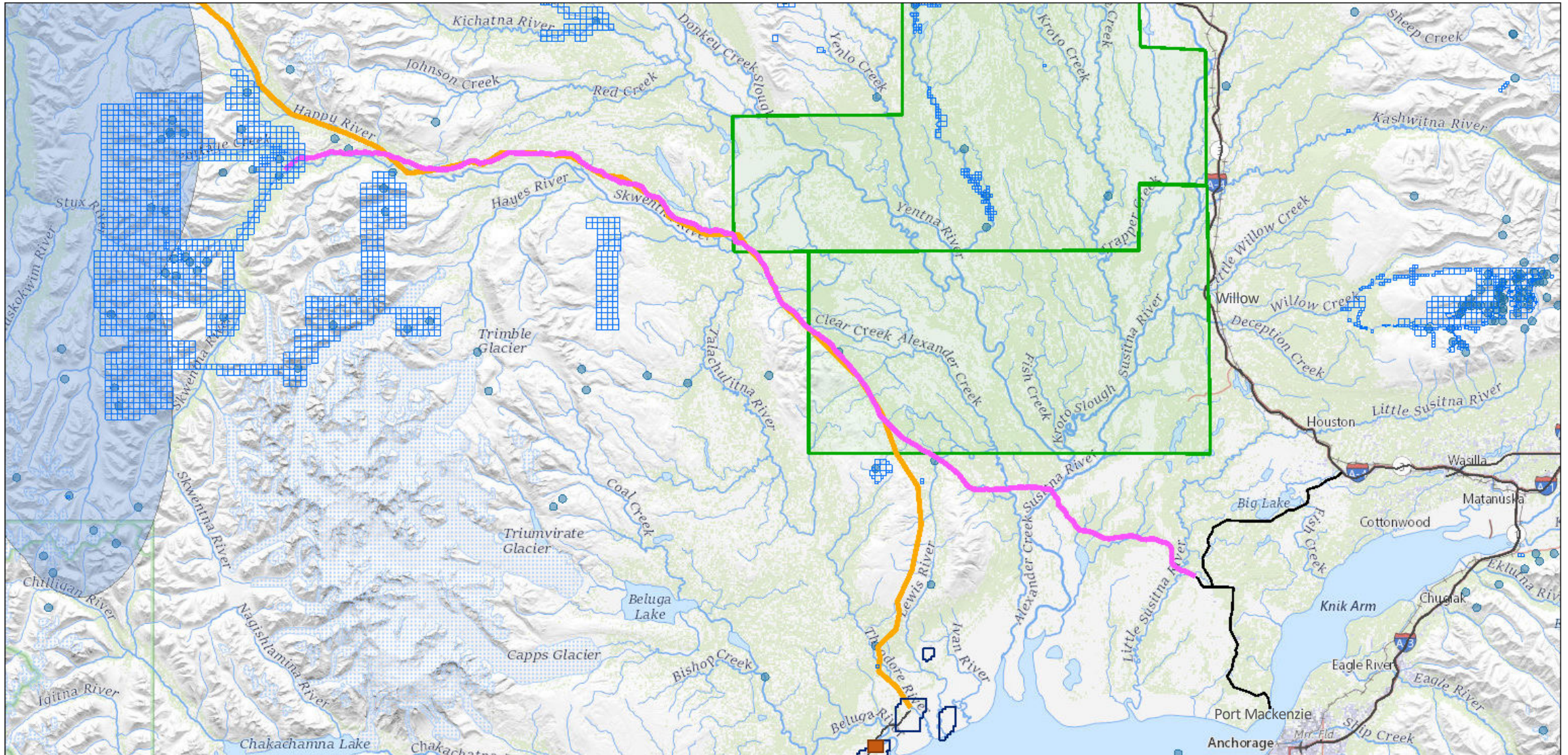
Anchorage
Former musher and organizer of Iditaski and Iditasport events; Alexander Lake area property owner

The West Susitna Access Project is proposed as a 100-mile heavy haul road over state lands to provide regional access to mining claims and other resources west of the Susitna River.

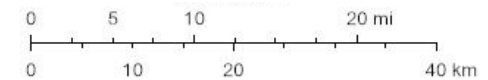
AIDEA states the public will have “managed access” to the road.



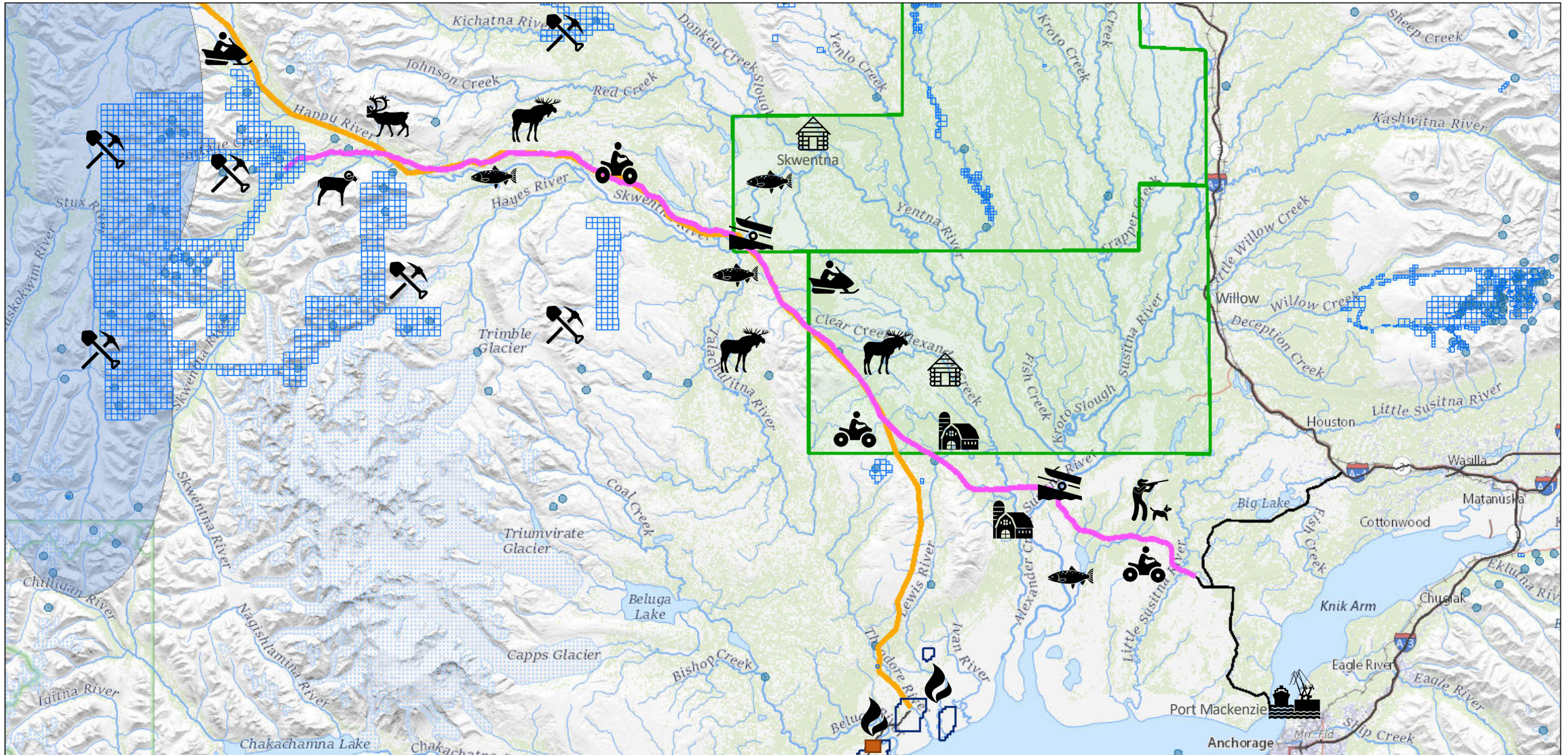
West Susitna Area Resources



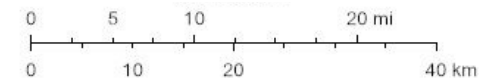
- Active Mining Claims
- Proposed West Susitna Access Road
- Rare Earth Element (REE) Exploration Areas
- Cook Inlet Gas Leases
- Donlin Natural Gas Pipeline Corridor
- Susitna Valley Gas Exploration Licenses
- Prospects, Mines, and Known Mineral Occurrences
- Beluga River Power Plant



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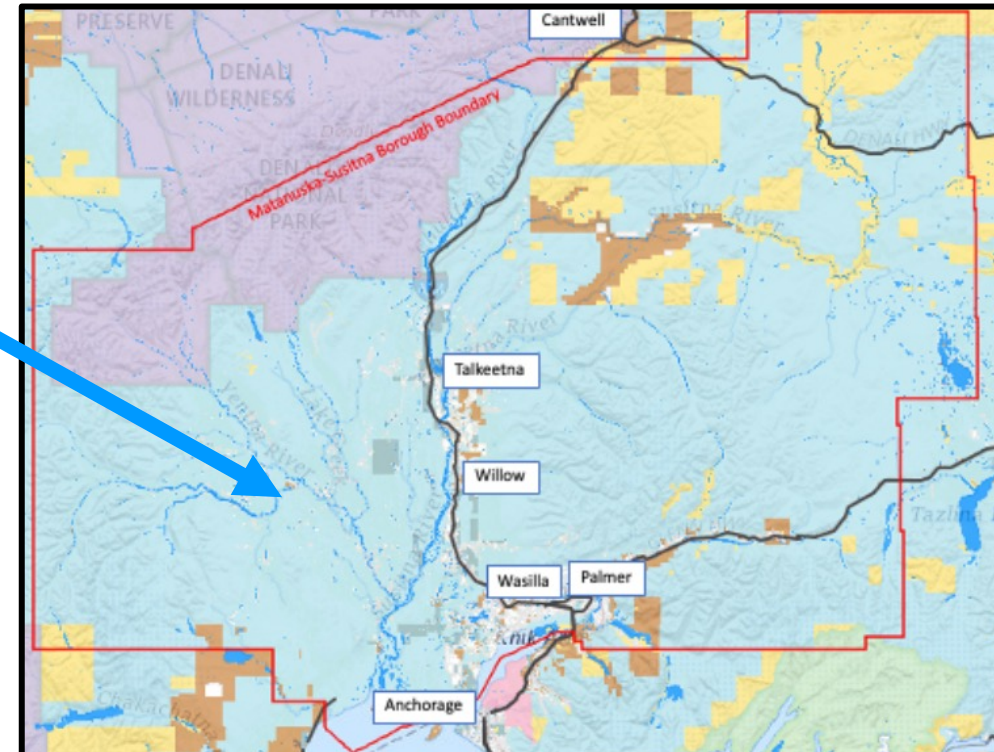


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|  West Susitna Access Road (in permitting) |  Susitna Valley Gas Exploration Licenses |
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Permitting is Underway

- The 100-mile road has been designed to avoid and minimize environmental impacts, with less than 100 acres of projected impacts to wetlands.
- AIDEA submitted its application for federal wetlands permit (CWA 404) in May 2020. The NEPA process will soon be underway.
- The entire project occurs on State lands.
 - State ROW required
 - Federal government cannot use a federal ROW process to shut down the project like they did on Ambler Rd.



This is Our Future. Opportunity is Just a Road Away.

The Friends of West Susitna support:

- More **road-accessible public use areas for outdoor recreation and wildfood harvest**, including hunting and fishing
- New regulated **resource developments** to put Alaskans to work in career-track jobs
- Enhanced **telecommunications & broadband** for improved communication
- Improved **food security** through new **agricultural land** designations
- Use of the road by **emergency services** to fight wildfires and clear beetle-killed forest.
- Evaluation of future **timber resources** at selectively-managed sites
- State **land sales and leases**, as long as access to vast public lands is not hindered
- **Alaska hire initiatives** for road construction, maintenance, and resource development
- **Prioritization of Alaska Contractors and Businesses** for road & resource development

Please Show Your Support for West Susitna Access!

1.) Register Your Support on the Friends of West Susitna website

- Add your name or business to publicly show your support!

2.) “Like” us on Social Media

- Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn

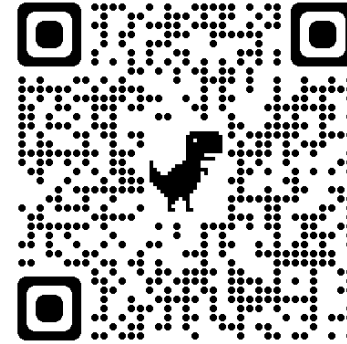


3.) Comment During NEPA in Support of the Project

- Address emails to the Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District, Regulatory Division

4.) Donate at our Website

- www.friendsofwestsusitna.org



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