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Re: Cold Bay/King Cove Road Access Project

To Whom It May Concern;

I am a lifelong resident of King Cove and now own a business in Cold Bay. Residents of King Cove have been working towards getting this road for many years and our commitment has not changed.

This road is needed to help our King Cove community members access the all weather airport in Cold Bay, whether it's an emergency or not.

Most of you, who live in the area, know what we deal with concerning weather and travel especially during an emergency or even though instances when we need to make our flight into Anchorage.

Those of you who live in Cold Bay or outside our region haven't fully experienced the same worry or situation with getting loved ones into Anchorage for emergency medical treatment. We have had to rely on small fishing boats or crab boats to transport our injured and to this day we still utilize our fleet in these situations. Traveling 2 to 3 hours by boat in rough seas, then dealing with safely getting them onto the dock without further injury is frightening, not only for the injured but for the crew as well.

Without the help of our local fleet and their captains in these situations, we might have lost more of our loved ones.

We have witnessed road systems throughout Alaska and other states that are constructed for tourists, hunters, and such...why are we (King Cove Residents) scrutinized as ones who would have such a detrimental impact on such a small part of the National Wildlife Refuge when all we are asking is for a 14 foot wide access road through such a small portion of the refuge?

We need this road system!

Thank You,



Connie Newton

Resident of King Cove

Bearfoot Inn, Cold Bay

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