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Thank you for your past support of the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA). I'm writing to ask that you support us further in our efforts to finish the ventilation system in the north range bay of our new facility.

As you know, we lost the historic TVSA Clubhouse/Range to a fire in March of 2007. Since that time we constructed a new building with one 8-lane firing range (south range) capable of handling .22 rifles and all non-magnum handguns. In order to achieve the same capability in the north range, a second 8-lane firing range, we need to provide a state of the art ventilation system. The system is necessary to remove any lead residue from the range air. This is especially important since the main focus of TVSA in recent years has been youth education. We serve three local high school rifle teams as well as several other youth groups. In all, TVSA provides a safe facility for well over 150 youth shooters each year.

The system is designed and we have begun purchasing what equipment we can afford, but we need to raise over \$150,000 to finish the system. We are excited that the NCAA National Rifle Championships will be held in Fairbanks in 2015. TVSA has made a commitment to have our range available should UAF and NCAA decide to conduct the smallbore portion of the championships at TVSA. This is where we need your support.

We have applied for a State grant to finish the ventilation system. **The request for the grant is in CAPSIS.** Please note that the grant is for construction funding only—we do not anticipate coming back in the future asking for funds to maintain the facility. Our income and other fundraising efforts will cover those costs.

We, in conjunction with the UAF Rifle Team, are also working to get legislation passed to allow a **"Big Bull Moose" Derby** similar to some of the fishing derbies held throughout the State. Proceeds from this activity will be split between the UAF Rifle Team and TVSA. Representative Wilson is spearheading the legislation for us. Your support and/or co-sponsorship will be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your past efforts, and please support our current activities.

Sincerely,
Mike and Eileen Dubowski
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