



January 30, 2019

Ms. Rynnieva Moss
Office of Senator John Coghill
Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, AK 99801

Ms. Moss,

It is my understanding that the Alaska Railroad has presented a request to have the Senator introduce a bill that facilitates the completion of a land sale from the Alaska Railroad to Alaska Tourism Development, LLC (ATD). ATD is a subsidiary of Premier Alaska Tours and I wish to encourage this process in any way possible.

As I believe you are aware, the Alaska Railroad entered an agreement to sell 47.24 acres in Healy to ATD. The sale was approved by the 2018 legislature with House Bill 119. However, the final bill was only for 29.52 acres and the remaining 17.72 acres has not yet been approved by the legislature.

We have retained the services of ECI Alaska Architecture in Anchorage and have begun the overall master plan of the property. Phase 1 of the project will include site development, utility planning, and road construction. Phase 2 of the plan will include a maintenance facility for our motorcoach fleet and employee housing for our drivers. In time, the property will include a boathouse for community events, a hotel complex, and multi-use trails at Otto Lake to help support the continued growth of the Alaska tourism industry.

ATD is moving forward with the project in Healy with the understanding that the legislature can correct the error from 2018 during this current legislative session. Phase 1 is underway and Phases 1 & 2 site work are slated to begin as early as April 2019 with completion estimated by the fall of 2020. Much of this initial site work will be done on the additional property not included in the initial land purchase so it would we would appreciate any efforts to get this finalized before we get too far into the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at josh@turalaska.net or on my cell at 907-441-3042. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Joshua Howes
President