

**Native Village of Shungnak**  
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### **Resolution No. 24-06**

WHEREAS, the community of Shungnak is one of the few communities located close to the proposed Ambler Road and potential mines and should have one of the biggest voices of input on whether it happens.

WHEREAS, the community of Shungnak suffers from high unemployment, expensive shipping and costs of groceries, fuel, and other supplies, lacks adequate housing for all its residents, and does not have a road connection for medivacs in event of an emergency and bad weather for flying.

WHEREAS, Shungnak Village is a federally recognized Tribe.

WHEREAS, Shungnak Village is governed by a Tribal Council and is the sole entity authorized to speak on behalf of the Tribe.

WHEREAS, Shungnak Village Tribe submits the following official comments into the record for the Ambler Access Project:

#### **LIMITED ACCESS ONLY ROAD – THE “TRIBAL” ALTERNATIVE**

1. The Tribe supports a road but only if the road is limited to access by the mining companies, with controlled use of the local communities and residents for shipping goods, supplies, and fuel, as well as emergency medivacs;
  2. The Tribe understands AIDEA has only asked for a road that has limited access as described above, and urges the landowners to use legal authority and impose limited access restrictions;
  3. The Tribe supports that AIDEA has delegated authority to its Subsistence committee who has adopted Subsistence mitigation measures from
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impacts of a road that are similar to the mitigation measures successfully used at the Red Dog Road to protect caribou and other species for over 40 years;

4. The Tribe supports its members and the community having training opportunities, hiring preferences, small business opportunities, in construction of the road and work at the mines or for companies supporting the mines.
5. The Tribe believes young Alaskan Native Tribal members and future generations need to have opportunities to earn a good living and support their families as well as afford to stay in the community and practice subsistence.
6. Opponents to responsible and balanced resource development (such as the Red Dog Mine) offer nothing for the future except continued poverty and despair and are not looking out for our children's future.
7. The big question is, how do we continue our Subsistence lifestyle that is now expensive, and we need gas and equipment to do and what happens to our communities and Tribal members if a road is not built and no jobs or opportunity exists for our children and future generations."

THEREFORE, the Tribe of Shungnak supports the Ambler Access Project and Resource Development that is done with Subsistence always as the first priority and would like to enter discussions on how the Tribe can also benefit from being involved with construction and jobs and profits.

Dated: This 14th day of May 2024.

Signed Fred In President/Chair

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