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The proposed Juneau Road would add 50 miles of new road to the Juneau road system, dead-ending at a new ferry terminal on the Katzeihin River. From there, drivers would have to catch a shuttle ferry to Haines or Skagway.

This two-lane road, estimated to cost well over \$500 million, would cross 36 avalanche chutes and miles of unstable, difficult terrain, creating an expensive to maintain and dangerous gauntlet for winter drivers and workers.

For the last 17 years, SEACC, our allies, and thousands of Alaskans have opposed this boondoggle. Unfortunately, sometimes bad ideas just don't go away, and we need you to speak up once more to stop the road.



### Top 4 Reasons to Oppose the Road

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#### We can't afford it.

The road's estimated cost is \$524 million and counting. \$524 million does not include the maintenance and regular operations required to keep the road open once built. Alaska is in the middle of a revenue crisis. Every dollar spent on this boondoggle is a dollar not spent on our schools or communities. If we say yes to this road, we will be spending money on this every year for the next 40 years.

#### It's not safe.

The proposed route crosses through 36 avalanche zones and DOT estimates it will be closed 34 days every year due to avalanche and weather conditions. DOT estimates that 8 deaths will occur on this road in the next 30 years. No deaths have occurred in the 50+ years of ferry service in Lynn Canal. There has been no discussion about additional publicly funded emergency needs or highway patrol.

#### It would destroy Southeast Alaska's iconic coastline.

The road would cut through the gorgeous and productive ecosystems that Southeast Alaska is known for, including Berner's Bay, the Katzeihin River Delta, and Lynn Canal. It will invade critical habitat for sea lions and mountain goats. Essential fish habitat will have to be dredged for the road's numerous bridges. Alternative options for transportation exist. This environmental impact is not necessary.

#### It will decrease, not increase quality of life.

Travelers won't be able to get to or from the ferry terminal without a car. This will effectively eliminate the walk-on option for ferry service. This will reroute traffic in ways that will hurt the economies of Haines and Skagway which rely on tourist dollars.

### Take Action

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Sign the petition to Governor Parnell and Alaska Legislative leaders. The Governor has proposed spending \$35 million to start construction in Summer 2014, beginning with a road to the Kensington Mine. The time is now to stand up and ask the legislature to take this unnecessary and destructive project off the table.

Let's protect this place we call home! Thanks for taking the time to sign this petition.

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