

Copper Basin Land and Resource Managers Meeting

October 3, 2018

Next Meeting: April 3, 2018

State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNRF) – Candice Snow, Natural Resource Specialist

- There is a new trail within the Tangle Lakes Archaelogical District Special Use Area that connects the Mclaurin Summit trail to the Glacier Gap trail. See attached map for reference.

Native Village of Taelina – Heidi Ungenlster, Tribal Administrator

- Taelina RR: Winding up planning phase for bike path, 90% complete. Negotiating with Altona for right-of-way around Simpson RR over look. One private parcel they are sending out request to purchase for bike path to go through. Funded under the Tribal Transportation Program.
- Got above ground storage tank at Dry Creek. Been demolished and recovered. Funding to address additional spill sites. Next summer, cleaning out barrel dump. Estimated 13 hundred barrels and 5 jeep bodies but site visit show many more (this side of airport). Did site visit with Army Corps of Engineers. Putting hold on other airport sites that need to be cleaned up. Clean up may go for another 2-3 years. Soil testing shows mercury from some cleanup sites.
- Signed sale contract with the Archdiocese of Anchorage for purchase of 462 acres of catholic school lands. Actively moving into fundraising portion which will include things such as dinners, etc.

Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment (WISE) – Robin Mayo, Executive Director

- Awesome summer partners with BLM, NPS and others
 - Geology Camp in McCarthy in partnership with BLM and Wrangell Mt. Center continues to be a big hit. This year we were joined by Denny Rosenkrantz, a retired NPS Geologist who was OUTSTANDING.
 - WISE/BLM security hikes had 605 different individuals which made it a record year! The record day was 85 people who hiked to the road volcanoes.
 - Incorporated new program called Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills (OWLS). Was a very successful pilot year with two participants who did an awesome job of passing forward as leaders. WISE is excited to continue to grow this program in the upcoming years.
 - First science lecture is on Friday, Oct 25. Other lectures are in the works, if there is anyone in your agency or organization who would like to present a lecture, let Robin know. Finding lecturers is the hardest part.
 - WISE will be doing more school programming this winter and are trying to afford another AmeriCorps Volunteer to help with planning for next summer.

Altona Incorporated – Bruce Cain, Special Project Manager