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Subject: Kink Bridge Final EIS response. 0001(277)56047 Knik Arm Crossing

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To whom it concerns:

After having reviewed to the best of my ability the material on the CD that you sent, I have the following comments to make:

1. Coming through the Big Lake area, on the south side of the lake is going to destroy the life styles of everyone living in the area. It will bring unwanted traffic, unsavory businesses and individuals, and increase the unwanted noise level. This is a very residential area where families live and cherish the quiet and natural beauty of the area. The route should follow the proposed train track route north of the Little Susitna River and the already existent Kink-Goose Bay road.
2. I did not find in the material a reasonable plan to eliminate the toll in the future.
3. I did not find in the material any emergency plan for vehicles that break down, car accidents, or natural disasters.
4. There was no mention of foot traffic in case of emergency car break down or accident. For that matter just ordinary walkers, bicyclers, horse riders, dog sledders, or any of the ordinary highway traffic access that happens in Alaska. How have those concerns been met?
5. Regardless of the "study" results, putting all those thousands of tons of rock, pilons, and shielding into the Knik Arm are going to have an impact on all things that currently reside in those areas. It will change the natural flow of the water and the shift of the sands and silt. It will alter natural patterns of the salmon and the whales, as well as the life patterns of any of the other inhabitants. The current between the ends of the fill areas will be swifter and more dangerous, as will the build up of the ice chunks. It is my personal belief that the flow of the Knik Arm should not in any way be impeded, rather we should look for some alternative solution that takes us under or over without any direct interference.

Please let me know if this has not gone to the correct place. Thank you for allowing input from a 40 year resident of the Big Lake Area.

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