

**DAVE TALERICO:** My name's Dave Talerico. I'm the mayor of the Denali Borough, but I am here representing myself.

I really appreciate you folks coming down and giving us an opportunity to look at all the information in the public hearing. I just have a brief comment, really.

I know there's a lot of rules here, but I'm going to stick with the lease application. I certainly hope that there's an opportunity prior to getting all of this turned into everyone that someone has a proposal and a potential lease application -- an alternate to this application that runs this line from Livengood into the Northstar Borough into Fairbanks rather than a spur line from Mile 458 to Fairbanks.

The reasoning behind that is, I think if I lived in the Northstar Borough and currently we need some assistance with -- we need gas and we need assistance with the cost of utilities and quite a few other things. There's been concerns that there's not infrastructure in Fairbanks to distribute gas. Of course there never will be if there's never any gasline, a direct gasline going into Fairbanks.

I think with Fairbanks being the commercial hub here in the Interior and with these utility concerns that we have, I would certainly encourage folks to come up with an alternate -- to provide that alternate and make that available within this lease procedure on State land to run that line from Livengood directly into the Northstar Borough and into Fairbanks.

I think any line that comes off of the North Slope has to come into the Northstar Borough. The Northstar Borough has 95,000 people that live in it and it will service the needs of probably very close to 150,000 people in the Interior, those are direct needs, and then indirectly throughout the rest of Northern and Western Alaska. It's huge.

Right now without that utility relief, I think we'll see the Northstar Borough shrink and not be able to provide those types of services. It will be very difficult for Interior Alaska. And to me, I just -- I think it makes complete sense to follow a State right-of-way, follow a roadway and bring that directly into the Northstar Borough. That's what I would like to see, an alternate to the plan and a portion of the actual lease application to have an alternate proposal to follow State land from Livengood into the Northstar Borough.

Thank you very much for the opportunity. I appreciate it.

**TERRY HINMAN:** First of all, again, thank you for the opportunity of coming down and provide us with the information and the opportunity to speak.

My name is Terry Hinman. I'm a local resident. Basically my comment is just understanding that for the right-of-way, anything through a national park would have to be done by Congress and the routing as it stands right now kind of goes around on the outside of the transportation corridor through Denali National Park.

Preferentially would be to run through the transportation corridor and not as it's currently designed to go on the other side up through the hill would create a pretty striking visual impact, not in keeping with trying to keep things as natural as they are.

So, you know, with some help from Congress and hopefully, you know, the citizenry can kind of put a little bit of pressure on Congress to see the logic in running a pipeline along the public transportation corridor, which would be the highway/railroad area.

That's all I have to say. Thank you.

**HANNAH RAGLAND:** My name's Hannah Ragland and I live here in Healy.

I guess I would reiterate, I've heard quite a bit of feedback from the community just in general discussions. Concern about some of the -- and it's a sticky situation whether you want it to go through the national park or not. There's a preexisting transportation right-of-way through that corridor, and detouring to the east of that transportation corridor does run through some pretty pristine area. So I would say that that interest has been echoed in other places. That's all.

**ELWOOD LYNN:** My name's Elwood Lynn. I would echo that the pipeline should be routed through the park rather than the Yanert Valley. This route would be less disruptive visually and would provide a route for a future bicycle path within the Parks Highway corridor, which would benefit people for years to come.

(Meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.)