

Dear Mr. Thompson, State Pipeline Coordinator,

Please accept this as a formal written comment on the ASAP Right-of-Way Lease Application. My husband and I own land in the Denali area at Carlo Creek, mile 224 of the George Parks Hwy. We have Lot 1B in the Freeheel Subdivision, Nenana Recording District. This lot shares a common border with the Intertie system.

I am writing in opposition to the State of Alaska's mandate to grant a Right-of-Way for the ASAP without first going through the standard regulatory processes such as an EIS or public comment period. This decision seems to disregard many relative and serious effects of the ASAP and its construction. I have great concern over some of the safety aspects of this project. The proposed routing through the Windy Pass area crosses the Denali Fault and also some known avalanche zones off of Panorama Mountain. The Plan of Development, March 2011 Revision, states that the proposed pipeline would be buried except in areas of stream crossings and fault crossings, for instance. The POD section pertaining to avalanches hazards, 7.7.4 pg. 57, merely references construction periods, not long-term operational hazards within an avalanche prone area. If you were to elevate the pipeline through the Denali Fault zone it would also likely be within the path of avalanches. Neither of these options sound safe.

While the Denali area is not one of the heavily populated zones that the proposed ASAP would run through, it is relatively populated compared to much of Alaska. Most people live concentrated between the Parks Highway and the Intertie... also where the ASAP is proposed to go. The hazards of a natural gas pipeline, low flash point and flammability, seem to be incongruous with safety in a populated, seismic, avalanche prone area. Especially when the State's decision to grant easement has already been made prior to proper review through the necessary is this even legal through NEPA?

Another concern for this area is water quality. Many people in the Denali area (McKinley Village, Carlo Creek, Cantwell) use a local spring just south of Mile 224 on the East side of the Parks Hwy. for potable water. In an area where there are many dry cabins or the wells draw up extremely hard water, this source of of fresh, clean, potable water is intensely valuable and should not be compromised.

As private land owner and resident of Alaska, I submit these comments to the public record. Thank you so much for your time and attention.

Best regards,

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