## ALASKA GEOTHERMAL IN 2021 IS HEATING UP!

## WHATS NEW?

- Alaska Division of Oil and Gas (DOG) issued a Best Interest of Finding for Mount Spurr on March 12, 2021 and awarded a noncompetitive geothermal prospecting permit to Raser Power Systems, LLC.
- DOG issued a Best Interest of Findings for Northwest Mount
   Spurr on May 24, 2021 and awarded a noncompetitive geothermal prospecting permit to GeoAlaska, LLC.
- DOG issued a Call for Public Comments and Competing Proposals for geothermal exploration on Augustine Island on June 29, 2021.





Active venting at Crater Peak following Sep 16, 1992 eruption (Mt Spurr visible to the north)

## WHATS HOT?

- Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) is compiling publicly available geothermal data from academic, government, industry, and private sources. These data are located on Alaska Division of Oil and Gas and DGGS websites.
- DGGS is looking into recruiting a geothermal expert to oversee curation of geothermal data and liaise with explorers, academics, Native groups, and State agencies.

## WHATS NEXT?

- Alaska Governor's Office submitted a bill to the Legislature proposing changes to geothermal-related law.
   The purpose of these changes is to remove barriers to geothermal prospecting and better align geothermal statutes and regulations with those written for oil and gas.
- U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski,
  R-Alaska, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. introduced bipartisan legislation titled the "Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act of 2019" or the "AGILE Act of 2019".
  Provisions include grants and loans for geothermal research and development.

