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Subject: [EXTERNAL] IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DONLIN GOLD PIPELINE PROJECT
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached a resolution from the Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors, in support of the Donlin Gold Pipeline Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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**Resolution of the Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors
In Support of the Donlin Gold Pipeline Project**



WHEREAS, early in its planning process, Donlin Gold requested the Iditarod Trail Committee to provide input on their proposed pipeline plans, and to listen to any concerns it might have relative to their plans to build a pipeline.

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail Committee appreciates Donlin Gold relocating alignment to the Alternative 2 route as identified in the draft EIS as it has the least amount of overlap with the trail.

WHEREAS, only 4 miles of the 315 mile pipeline are co-located with the Iditarod Trail under the Alternative 2 route, and only another 10 1/2 miles of the pipeline will even be within three lengths of a football field of the trail.

WHEREAS, other than 4 miles of trail, it seems that it will be a bit difficult for anyone to see a footprint of the pipeline from the Iditarod Trail right-of-way because of dense vegetation along much of the route, and in treeless areas, visual impacts will be negligible because of snow cover.

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail Committee board of directors believe that the proposed pipeline, as defined as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, can be built and operated without negatively impacting the Iditarod Trail.

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail Committee is confident that the pipeline will be designed for minimum impact as it has a relatively narrow footprint and will be buried to reduce visual impact.

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail Committee understands and very much appreciates that the construction season for the pipeline will be scheduled to limit impacts to sport and subsistence hunting, which is an important consideration for many of our friends and supporters in various communities along the trail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors hereby adopts this Resolution in support of the Donlin Gold Natural Gas Pipeline Project.

Dated: April 29, 2016

**Andy Baker, President
Iditarod Trail Committee**

**Mike Jonrowe, Secretary
Iditarod Trail Committee**