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Notice of Project
OPEN HOUSE
 and Opportunity to Comment

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Ways to Participate....

There are several ways to participate during this information-gathering stage:

- Attend any of the 5 Public Open House events
- Visit the project web site for more project information — www.portmacrail.com
- Email comments to info@portmacrail.com
- Mail written comments to:
HDR Alaska, Inc. (Port Mackenzie Rail Extension)
836 S. Colony Way, Suite 2, Palmer, AK 99645
- Borough Contact: MSB Public Affairs Director
Patty Sullivan, (907) 745-9577
Railroad Contact: ARRC Public Involvement Officer
Stephenie Wheeler, (907) 265-2671

More opportunity to participate will take place during the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) phase later on.



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Alcantra, Rosetta M.

From: Peg Tileston [pegt@gci.net]
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WHAT'S UP - September 19, 2007 - Compiled Weekly by Peg Tileston
 On behalf of the Alaska Women's Environmental Network (AWEN), Alaska
 Center for the Environment (ACE), and Alaska Conservation Alliance (ACA)

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, TRAINING & STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCED EVENTS

September 22

HOMER - 20 YEARS OF SAILING FOR SCIENCE will be presented from 1 to 4pm
 at the Homer Harbor where the Tiglax is moored. Help celebrate the 20th
 birthday of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's ship, the M/V
 Tiglax. Try your hand at shipboard research, visit a virtual field camp,
 learn about seabirds, otters, sea lions, and archaeology from the field
 biologists and staff that study them! For more information, contact
 Marianne Aplin, Manager, Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, at (907)
 226-4619, Fax: (907) 235-7469, <http://IslandsAndOcean.org> or
<http://alaskamaritime.fws.gov>.

September 21 & 22

SEWARD - FIRE IN ALASKA (ED 580 R) course to be offered again in Seward.
 UAA tuition free (sponsored by Western States Fire Managers). This hands
 on, interactive, and fun course features instruction and activities for
 teachers, home-schooling parents, and others to use with students. Over
 700 participants have learned about Alaskan fire ecology, fire behavior,
 and fire mitigation with Fire in Alaska. First come, first served. For
 more info or to register contact Matt Weaver Matt.weaver@alaska.gov or
 907-269-8481.

September 24 - 27

ANCHORAGE - 2007 ARCTIC SCIENCE CONFERENCE will be held at the Hotel
 Captain Cook. This year's theme for the annual Arctic AAAS Division
 meeting's theme is "PARTNERING FOR NORTHERN FUTURES: SCIENCE • POLICY •
 EDUCATION • LEGACY • IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR." The featured
 Banquet Speaker will be DAVID HIK, Canadian IPY Secretariat, and the
 Master of Ceremonies will be GARY LAURSEN, Dept. of Biology and
 Wildlife, UAF. For more information, contact John Kelley at
ffjkk@uaf.edu or 907-474-5585, or Arthur Roraff at
info@thecoordinatorsinc.com or 907-646-9000. For more information about
 the AAAS Arctic Division and division activities contact Larry Duffy,
 Secretary of the AAAS Arctic Division at fychem@uaf.edu or 907-474-7525.

September 25 -27

FAIRBANKS - "2007 ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT CONFERENCE
 will be held at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel. This is an annual
 conference hosted by the AK Dept. of Transportation State Transit Office
 and is geared toward public transportation and human service

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 transportation agencies in Alaska. The conference provides important,
 up-to-date training and information for operating a public or human
 service transportation agency. For more information, registration,
 agenda, etc, please visit the conference website at
www.signup4.com/DOT2007 or the State Transit Office website at
<http://www.dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/transit/>. You may also email any
 questions to the events coordinator, Robyn Langlie at
robyn.langlie@visionsus.com.

September 28

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2007 CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT
 AWARDS will be presented the Anchorage Marriott Downtown, 820 W. Seventh
 Ave. Doors open at 6pm, Awards program begins at 7pm. Price \$25 per
 ticket; \$250 for a table of 10. Please RSVP by calling ACF at
 907-276-1917 or email acfinfo@akcf.org. Please specify if you need a
 vegetarian dish. For more information about the Awards, go to
<http://www.akcf.org/>.

September 29 & 30

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA NATURAL HISTORY WORKSHOP: PART 1 will be held on
 Saturday from 10am to 4pm at the Eagle Nature Center and ALASKA NATURAL
 HISTORY WORKSHOP: PART 2 will be held at the same times on Sunday at the
 Eagle River Nature Center. Naturalists UTE OLSSON and GISELLE BERGERON
 will introduce nature interpretation, geology, ecology and plants of
 Southcentral Alaska. The program is free to candidates enrolled in the
 Interpretive Certification Program of Alaska (INCPA). Non-INCPA attendee
 fee: \$25 for one day; \$40 for both days. Limited to 15 participants ages
 16 and up. Call 694-2108 for more information or to register.

October 5, 6 & November 2

PALMER - "DISCOVERING WETLANDS" WORKSHOP for educators will be held at
 Spring Creek Farm. This fun-filled workshop will be taught by wildlife
 educators LILLY GOODMAN and ELIZABETH MANNING and will introduce formal
 and non-formal educators to hands-on activities that teach kids about

outdoor exploration. This event will be followed by an Estuaries Discovery Lab for all ages from 2 - 4 pm. Contact Carmen at 226-4659 or carmen_field@alaska.gov for more information.

September 30

KODIAK - Celebrate the 100 anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuges at 7pm in the Biliken Theater for a performance of A SENSE OF WONDER, written and performed by Broadway actress KAIULANI LEE. It is the story of one woman's love for the natural world and her fight to defend it. It is the account of the extremely private RACHEL CARSON thrust into the role of controversial public figure. Call (907) 487-2600 for more information.

October 1

TYONEK - The TYONEK FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at the Tyonek Tribal Office, Robert Standifer Conference room at 1 pm to prepare Joint Board proposal comments, prepare GMU 15 small game proposal comments, prepare Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet proposal comments and discuss drafting Board of Game Statewide Cycle "B" proposals. Public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Cornell Constantine at 583-2227 or Sherry Wright at 267-2354.

October 1

WASILLA - Public hearing will be held before the Mat-Su Planning Commission in Central Public Safety Building Station 6-1, 101 W. Swanson Ave. on the conditional used permit application for the proposed COALBED METHANE PILOT PROJECT on the KIRCHER FARM on Trunk Road. The project proposes a single well on 840 acres, underground directional drilling, a 10'x20'x10' equipment building and a gravel access road. For more information, go to <http://www.fowleroilandgas.com> and <http://fowleroilandgasalaska.com/>.

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FIVE OPEN HOUSES for PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT will be held on the following dates and locations:

OCTOBER 1 - WASILLA from 6 to 8pm at Lake Lucille Inn, 1300 W. Lake Lucille Drive

October 2 - BIG LAKE from 6 to 8pm at Big Lake Elementary School, 3808 S. Big Lake Rd.

October 3 - WILLOW from 6 to 8pm at Willow Area Community Center, Mile 69.5 Parks Hwy.

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Purpose of the meetings is to inform citizens about the joint effort to PLAN, ENGINEER, DESIGN and CONSTRUCT A 30- to 45-MILE RAIL LINE FROM PORT MACKENZIE, connecting to the EXISTING RAIL SYSTEM at a point between Meadow Lakes and Willow. Project team members will be on-hand to discuss route proposals and to answer questions from interested citizens. Each event will also include a project overview presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.portmacrail.com or contact Borough Public Affairs Director Patty Sullivan at 745-9577 and psullivan@matsugov.us or contact Railroad Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler at 265-2671 and wheelers@akrr.com.

**October 2

Alcantra, Rosetta M.

From: Alcantra, Rosetta M.
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October 9 - 12

HOMER - CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH INTERPRETIVE PANELS and EXHIBITS Training will be held beginning at noon on Tuesday and run to 5pm on Friday at the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center. Participants design tools to spark visitor interest, encourage compliance with site rules, and meet other objectives. The course content covers the research, theme development, graphics, and presentation of interpretive exhibits. Who should attend: Outdoor recreation planners, interpretive specialists, public use specialists, landscape architects, maintenance personnel, or any conservation professional responsible for designing and producing interpretive panels and exhibits. Cost: No charge for FWS personnel for tuition. For participants from other agencies and

Port MacKenzie Rail Extension

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Importance: High

Patty Sullivan

Public Affairs Director
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psullivan@matsugov.us
 (907)745-9577

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: September 26, 2007 4:05:40 PM AKDT
To: Undisclosed recipients::
Subject: **FYI: Open Houses for AK Railroad Extension to Port MacKenzie**

Dear Friends,

A series of open houses will stretch from Wasilla to Willow as the **Mat-Su Borough invites the public** to review and discuss routes for a 30- to 45-mile extension of the Alaska Railroad to Port MacKenzie. If you did not read the article in the Frontiersman, here is the link to the story: http://frontiersman.com/articles/2007/09/18/local_news/doc46ef85df43590341651013.txt There is also a website to get up-to-date information on the project. Project website: www.portmacrail.com

Here are the details on the open houses:

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If you have any questions about the project, please contact:

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or

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Best Regards,

Charlie Huggins