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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Section of Environmental Analysis
Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION'S
PROPOSED NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSION

COMMENT FORM

Your input is an important element in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement phase of this project. To help us incorporate your views and suggestions, please provide your comments below and mail to the address preprinted on the back of this form. Please write legibly. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. Alternatively, you may submit your comments online at STB's Web site (<http://www.stb.dot.gov/>) by clicking on "E-Filing" and selecting "Environmental Comments."

Please include your name and address so that we can add you to our mailing list if you would like to receive subsequent information on the project. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments.

The deadline for receiving comments is: February 2, 2009.

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What comments do you have about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

The Starkeyville area flooded in May + July 2008 (ice jam + big water)
The N/E Tanana bank has breached old sloughs. This area hasn't flooded
in 30-40 years. I am a cooperative weather observer for the Fairbanks
NOAA office. We experienced 36" + 24"-28" crests respectively.
We in our neighborhood are concerned that the proposed
levees for the bridge will further exacerbate flooding in our
area, possibly to the point of abandonment. We would be
wondering who would be involved if property is abandoned
and compensation / quit claim were sought. Thank you.

I have several neighbors who are elderly and/or low income
who would need to know what options are available to them,
as we all currently are homeowners in this area:

Mike Stahlnecker Margaret Schwartz + Mareah Fritz

George + Amy Vitrakis www.co.fairbanks.ak.us

Rob + Val Weathers property database to look

Mary Nutter us up

John + Caroline Taylor

Unoccupied domiciles: Estate Charles H. Green, Jr, Mallory Rowe,
Michael Miles (III?)

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