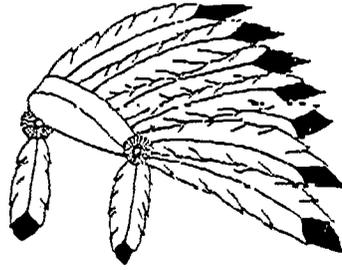


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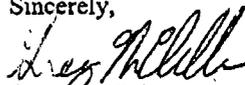
Dear Mr. Westlake:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers three refuge units from our facilities in Galena. The three refuge units encompass the Koyukuk NWR at 4.5 million acres in size, the Nowitna NWR at 2.1 million acres in size and the Northern Unit of the Innoko NWR at 750,000 acres in size. Currently, we employ 12 permanent staff who live in Galena year around. We have the following facilities located on the Galena Air Force base site that would potentially be directly impacted if the base were to completely shut down:

1. We have three housing units on the base, buildings #109 and #111 which are single family houses and buildings #108 which is a duplex. All three buildings are single story buildings. For these three units we rely on the base for electricity and water/sewer service. Currently, one permanent staff lives in one of the residences and the other two buildings are primarily used to house seasonal summer staff and occasional visitors throughout the year.
2. We lease a 'wareyard' area from the State that contains a storage building and our bulk unleaded fuel tank. We rely on the base for electrical power for both the building and to run the fuel pump on the tank. The building is not heated and just provides cold storage for small items.
3. We lease building #1842 from the U.S. Air Force. There is no fee to the lease. We rely on the base for electrical service to the building. The building does not have water/sewer service and it is not heated. We utilize the building for cold storage for some of our equipment (e.g. boats, snow machines and fire cache supplies).
4. We lease a lot on the airport site. Over the last two years we spent over \$150,000 in constructing a temporary airplane storage building and paving the lot. From October - May we are primarily based out of our hangar via wheeled planes or planes on skis. We rely on the base for electricity at the site. During the October to May period, we rely on the base for maintaining the ski strip and runway to use along with all other aircraft in Galena.

In addition to these direct impacts, as with every other community around, we will face potential secondary hardships of reduced opportunities and likely increased prices in Galena if the base closes down.

Sincerely,


Greg McClellan
Acting Refuge Manager