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The Tribe of Hughes Passes Resolution in Support of the Ambler Road

March 26, 2024 (Hughes, Alaska) – The Tribe of Hughes has formally adopted [Resolution No. 24-08](#), expressing its support for the Ambler Road. The community of Hughes is one of the few communities located closest to the proposed Ambler Road.

This resolution acknowledges the high unemployment and expensive cost of living in the area and the potential benefits a limited-access road will enable for communities in Northwest Alaska. By backing the Ambler Road, Hughes Village recognizes the significant opportunities the project will bring, including local job creation and lower cost of supplies.

Thelma Nicholia, Chief of Hughes Village remarked, "Our future generation needs to have opportunities to earn a good living and support our families, as well as, stay in the community and practice subsistence. Supporting the Ambler Road is our way of steering towards a path of economic strength and job creation. Our commitment to our community's future is unwavering. This resolution embodies our dedication to responsible resource development and securing a prosperous future for our younger and coming generations."

The Ambler Road is anticipated to be a significant driver for employment, jobs, and economic development in the region as envisioned by village elders such as Wilmer Beetus. With proactive consultation and discussions surrounding the project, Hughes Village is taking significant steps towards achieving a thriving and sustainable future.

The resolution can be accessed on the Ambler Access Project website [here](#). For a video about why Hughes Village supports the Ambler Road, click [here](#).

About the Tribe of Hughes:

Hughes is a village in interior Alaska, located along the Koyukuk River, about 210 air miles northwest of Fairbanks. Its residents maintain a traditional lifestyle centered around subsistence activities like fishing, hunting, and gathering. The village is known for its strong community spirit and thrives despite its isolated location.

About Ambler Access Project:

The Ambler Access Project (AAP) is a proposed 211-mile, private, industrial-controlled access road to reach the Ambler Mining District in the Northwest Arctic Borough. The district is a large prospective copper-zinc mineral belt with extensive deposits of critical minerals and other elements essential for a green economy and military effectiveness. AAP was modeled after the AIDEA-funded industrial access road project, the DeLong Mountain Transportation System or Red Dog Road, supporting Red Dog Mine.

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