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## WHAT'S UP

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## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

June 22 - 24

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – DENALI'S MICROWILDERNESS: INSECTS AND SPIDERS** will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. Denali is well known for its large mammals and big mountain, but a closer look reveals a vast micro-wilderness waiting to be discovered. Denali's insects, spiders, and other arthropods play a critical role in Denali's ecosystems and have only recently been the subject of more in depth research. Join entomologists **JESSICA RYKKEN** from the National Park Service and **DEREK SIKES** from the University of Alaska Fairbanks for a behind the scenes look at their 5-year arthropod study and an exploration of this fascinating world. We'll visit several research sites to learn about the different insects found there and the important roles they play in Denali. As a group, we will help collect some of these species to add to the current study and learn more about what this research has revealed so far. Course will stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining yurt. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$370 course fee (\$333 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, go to <http://akgeo.org/field-courses/>, email [courses@alaskageographic.org](mailto:courses@alaskageographic.org) or call 907-683-6432.

June 23 – 27

**FAIRBANKS – The FOLK SCHOOL'S WEEK in the WOODS** will be held deep in the Tanana Valley State Forest. Week in the Woods (WITW) is an opportunity to leave our everyday routines behind and gather in the remote boreal forest, learning and creating in a multi-generational community. It is a rare chance to live and study with an amazing cast of instructors, including woodworkers, craftspeople, artisans, and naturalists. The week is a dialogue with nature, a unique experience of learning, creating, reflecting, and building community. WITW participants will stay in the forest for five days and four nights, allowing the energy of our everyday, technology-filled lives to be replaced by the more peaceful energy of the woods. Through the process of creating objects from forest treasures, students will explore old and new techniques and hand tools from many cultures. As part of this process participants will go on frequent guided excursions, learning to recognize the unique characteristics of forest types, flora and fauna of the boreal landscape, and the influences of history on forest dynamics. Registration no later than May 1 at <https://thefolkschoolfairbanks.org/week-in-the-woods-2/>.

July 12 - 15

**McCARTHY- MCCARTHY FAMILY MUSIC CAMP** will be held at the Wrangell Mountains Center. Summer camp is not just for kids. At the McCarthy Family Music Camp, all family members get to enjoy learning and playing music with others, accompanied by the

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melodies of some of Alaska's biggest glaciers and most inspiring mountain scenery. During our tune-filled, action-packed folk music camp, families will engage in multiple instructor-led group sessions and classes. Family members will have opportunities to play together, as well as with individualized peer sessions. Craft activities for youth and exploration of the Wrangells environs will round out the fun. Learn more about the camp, instructors, tuition, and how to register at [www.wrangells.org/familymusiccamp](http://www.wrangells.org/familymusiccamp).

### **July 12 - 16**

The **WILDERNESS WATERCOLOR RETREAT** will be held at **CHELATNA LAKE LODGE** for four days of creativity, relaxation, and exploration. Our workshop is led by a lifelong Alaskan and published artist, **ROBIN FARMER**, who is passionate about the outdoors. We'll cover an introduction to watercolor and provide individual guidance for technique development suited for beginners as well as the more advanced watercolorist. We'll focus on techniques to capture the mood of the landscape, study the colors and plants of the area, and take our skills to the backcountry for plein air painting among the mountains. More information and booking at [www.chelatna.com](http://www.chelatna.com), or call (907) 243-7767, or email [info@chelatna.com](mailto:info@chelatna.com).

### **July 15-20**

**McCARTHY - RIVERSONG WRITING WORKSHOP** will be held at the Wrangell Mountains Center and will partner with McCarthy River Tours & Outfitters to host a six-day, five-night adventure in the fabulous Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Together we will explore the ways wilderness can help inspire songs, stories, poems, and essays. Activities include an opening reading/performance and craft sessions in the comfort of the Wrangell Mountains Center's facility in McCarthy, followed by three nights and four days of creative inquiry along the Kennecott, Nizina, Chitina, and Copper Rivers. Space is limited to nine student writers/songwriters. Go to [www.wrangells.org/riversong](http://www.wrangells.org/riversong) to register and learn more.

### **July 20 – 22**

**FAIRBANKS** – The **FOLK SCHOOL'S WEEKEND on the RIVER** is part class, part vacation. Weekend on the River (WOTR) offers a weekend retreat at a Tanana River fish camp and homestead just 30 miles downstream of Fairbanks. Your adventure begins on Friday afternoon when you hike or paddle to camp. Pitch a tent and enjoy home-cooked meals with friends and family around a fire. That night we'll make tin can fishing reels and you can start practicing for the big casting competition the next night. Together we'll learn about river's wealth of fish by cutting, drying, cooking, and making art/craft with them. We'll gather raw natural materials like willow and spruce and transform them into practical items. There will be time set aside each day to explore beyond camp, gathering wild edibles and building materials, tracking animals, and enjoying the setting. At night we'll cook on fires, relax, and enjoy evening programs. **Apply by June 15** at <https://thefolkschoolfairbanks.org/event/weekend-river-2018/>.

### **July 26 - 29**

**McCARTHY - WOMEN and the FRONTIER: MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP** with women's history author **MARIANNE MONSON** will be held at the Wrangell Mountains. In this writing workshop, we will discover some of the women who traversed Alaska's frontiers with artist-in-resident Marianne Monson. Through a variety of writing exercises, discussion, and on location prompts, we will explore the concepts of wilderness and frontiers in our own lives. The workshop will culminate in a community word jam at the Old Hardware Store—a literary

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open mic of original poems, stories, songs, and performance art. Go to [www.wrangells.org/residential-writing-workshop](http://www.wrangells.org/residential-writing-workshop) to register and for more information.

**August 17 – 19**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE - THE VIBRANCY of AUTUMN COURSE -**

The tundra is on a tight energy budget and the decreasing sunlight of autumn produces many changes. Not only have tundra animals and plants adapted to cold conditions and short growing seasons, they have adapted to one another and are linked by a flow of energy. Join the Murie Science and Learning Center education staff as we **explore the closely woven tundra communities and their relationship to the physical environments**. While looking at the patterns of life that revolve around the changing seasons, we'll keep an eye out for migrating birds and sample a tundra specialty – blueberries! \$333Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$370Non-Member Price). [Register Online](#).

**WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES**

**June 12 (WEBINAR)**

[Drought in a Rainforest...how can that be?](#) will be held from 10 to 11am with **RICK THOMAN** and **AARON JACOBS**, National Weather Service. Southeast Alaska is part of the largest temperate rainforest in the world and is dependent on copious amount of precipitation. Like other ecosystems, significantly below normal precipitation effects the entire hydrologic cycle. The impacts of a rainforest drought range from hydro-electric power generation and community water supply to fish migration. This talk will go through the causes, specific impacts and how difficult it is to predict the onset and relief from drought conditions in a rainforest. [Register here!](#) Available online or in-person in 407 IARC/Akasofu building on the UAF campus.

**June 20 (WEBINAR)**

**VOLCANIC CLOUD MONITORING in the NORTH PACIFIC: THE DAWNING of the GOES-R ERA** will be held at 11am with **MICHAEL J. PAVOLONIS**, (NOAA/NESDIS) NOAA Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison. Volcanic clouds, which are a major aviation hazard, are complex and the background environment in which they reside is often complicated as well. Much of the complexity is due to the multi-composition nature of volcanic clouds, which frequently consist of some combination of volcanic ash, volcanic gases, and hydrometeors. Thus, volcanic cloud remote sensing is very challenging. “Next generation” geostationary meteorological satellites, such as GOES-17, have many more spectral channels, improved spatial resolution, and provide far more frequent images compared to heritage geostationary satellites. The improvement in spatial resolution and the dramatic increase in image frequency results in earlier detection of volcanic emissions and for more robust long-term tracking of volcanic clouds. While no single satellite sensor is ideal for detecting and characterizing all volcanic clouds at all-times, it will be shown that improved spectral, spatial, and temporal attributes of next generation satellites have a significant positive impact on volcanic cloud identification, tracking, and characterization. In an effort to fully utilize next generation geostationary measurements for real-time volcanic cloud applications, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin, has developed the Volcanic Cloud Analysis Toolkit (VOLCAT). VOLCAT utilizes many different satellite sensors generate alerts when volcanic unrest or an eruption is detected. VOLCAT also automatically tracks and characterizes volcanic clouds. Through advanced use of spectral, spatial, and temporal information, the VOLCAT algorithms are capable of

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automatically detecting a broad range of volcanic clouds, including opaque multi-component (ash, ice, and SO<sub>2</sub>) clouds. Several examples are used to illustrate the value of VOLCAT and next generation satellites, with an emphasis on volcanic activity in the North Pacific. To register, go to [Register here](#).

## **GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs**

### **June 12**

Deadline for calls for proposals (CFP) from the **ALASKA SUSTAINABLE SALMON FUND (AKSSF)**. The amount of funding available is not yet known but is expected to be about \$3.4 million. The following partial list of conditions applies to this CFP: Proposals must be submitted through our website ([www.akssf.org](http://www.akssf.org)); all required forms, templates, and reference documents will be available on the website on April 17. Proposals submitted any time before 12 p.m. (noon) Alaska Daylight time on May 29, 2018, will be provided with a courtesy administrative pre-review (please utilize this even if your proposal is not finalized). Notification letters (i.e., funding decision letters) will be sent to applicants by December 20, 2018. Proponents must contribute a 35% nonfederal match. Projects must be completed by November 30, 2021. Projects must directly relate to one or more objectives included in the CFP for the region in which the project takes place (objectives will be available when the call opens). Please refer to the CFP summary document and frequently asked questions section at [www.akssf.org](http://www.akssf.org) for further guidance after the call opens on April 17. AKSSF is offering a **webinar on May 16 from 9 to 11am to help applicants understand the proposal** development and project selection processes (please let me know if you wish to attend but cannot make this date. This workshop is a good opportunity to get your questions answered while learning how to avoid common proposal pitfalls.

### **June 13**

Deadline for the **NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION MATCHING AWARD PROGRAM** provides grants to nonprofit organizations, universities, and Native American tribes to engage in on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on the National Forest System. Funded projects must address one of the following focus areas: The **Outdoor Experiences category** supports projects that improve the quality, condition, and care of outdoor experiences in National Forests. The **Forest Health category** supports citizen-involved projects that maintain or restore ecosystem resiliency in National Forests. The Foundation also encourages projects that cohesively integrate the Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health program areas. All grants require at least a one-to-one cash match through non-federal donations. MAP also requires projects to show a strong commitment to civic engagement and community involvement through the direct involvement of the public. For more information, go to <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map>.

### **July 31**

Deadline for application for the **PEOPLE for BIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM** funded by the Advocacy and Infrastructure Initiatives that offers funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the United States. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Letters of interest for the fall 2018

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grant cycle will be accepted from June 11 to July 23; full applications will be due October 19, 2018. For more information, go to <https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>.

### **July 13**

Deadline for applications for the **NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT (NAWCA) GRANTS** to increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, birdwatching, family farming, and cattle ranching. Wetlands protected by NAWCA provide valuable benefits such as flood control, reducing coastal erosion, improving water and air quality, and recharging ground water. The NAWCA program provides matching grants to wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. For more information at application directions, go to <https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/how-to-apply-for-a-nawca-grant.php>.

### **July 31**

Deadline for applications for the **USFWS RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS** to secure information about endangered, threatened or candidate species, to aid in the recovery of these species, to avert listing of species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and to help conserve the ecosystems upon which these species depend. This Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States, and is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species approved recovery plan, in the implementation schedule of a species approved recovery plan, actions recommended in a completed 5-year status review of the species or in a spotlight species action plan, or projects documenting species response to climate change. For example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. For more information, go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299570>.

### **August 7**

Deadline for applications for **[The SOLUTION SEARCH CONTEST: CLIMATE CHANGE NEEDS BEHAVIOR CHANGE](#)**, a contest that seeks carbon footprint reduction strategies. This contest is designed to reward successful strategies for helping consumers reduce their carbon footprint through behavior change. The contest is open to all organizations worldwide who have a proven solution in working with people to adopt climate-friendly behaviors. The focus is on sustainable solutions that could be replicated by other communities and can continue. Two grand prizes of \$25,000 will be awarded, in addition to a prize of \$5,000 given to the best entry received by June 1. Finalists will also receive support to attend a capacity building workshop and the awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Visit the Solution Search [contest page](#) to submit an entry by August 7 or email [info@solutionsearch.org](mailto:info@solutionsearch.org) with any questions.

### **\*\*August 15**

Deadline for application for the **KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM (KMTA) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA GRANTS** for review at the September Board meeting. KMTA awards grants to community projects that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-



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Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources. Visit <https://www.kmtacorridor.org/grants/> for more information and to apply for a grant.

### **August 31**

Deadline for grants from **PATAGONIA CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAM** for **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST GROUPS** that have provocative direct-action agendas working on multi-pronged campaigns to protect the environment in the United States. The focus is on activist groups that are dedicated to protecting local habitats throughout the country. The company is most interested in supporting organizations that work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. For more information, go to <http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html>.

## **DEADLINES**

### **\*\*June 15 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**

**RED DOG MINE** – Deadline for comments on Corps of Engineers permit to **EXPAND the RED DOG MINE’S TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY and WASTE DUMP FACILITY** to contain mill material and waste rock from the Red Dog Mine’s Aqqaluk and Qanaiyaq deposits. Work being proposed includes the following three steps, Waste dump facility and access road: Placement of contaminated waste rock from Aqqaluk and Qanaiyaq deposits into 31.7 acres, including uplands and wetlands; Tailings storage pond: The placement of 68,085 cubic yards (CY) of clean fill into 12 acres of uplands, and the placement of 20,104 CY of clean gravel into 12.5 acres of wetlands to raise the level of the Red Dog Mine Tailings Pond. This will include raising all sides of the tailings pond, including the main and back dams from 986 feet to 1,006 feet above mean sea level in phases between 2018 and 2024. The main haul road will also be relocated to accommodate the back-dam raise. For more information or to submit comments, contact Janet Post at (907) 753-2831, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or email [janet.l.post@usace.army.mil](mailto:janet.l.post@usace.army.mil).

### **\*\*June 15**

**FAIRBANKS** – Comments are due on the proposal to the **STEESE EXPRESSWAY/JOHANSEN EXPRESSWAY INTERSECTION**. The project team is currently developing the environmental document and is soliciting comments on the Project Purpose and Need Statement which is found at the project website at <http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/steese-johansen/>. The project purpose & need statement has been refined in response to public and agency input received through the scoping period associated with the October 12, 2017 open house. This statement will be used to generate and evaluate proposed project alternatives and is directly linked to the problems identified during the previous scoping period. For more information or to submit comments, contact Lauren Little, Project Manager, at (907) 451-5371 or email [lauren.little@alaska.gov](mailto:lauren.little@alaska.gov) or Laura Sample, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 451-5416 or email [laura.sample@alaska.gov](mailto:laura.sample@alaska.gov).

### **June 18**

**TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST** – Deadline for comments on the **PRINCE OF WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS PROJECT (POWLLAP) DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)** represents a better approach for

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project planning on the Tongass National Forest. The Draft EIS includes 3 appendices that provides additional information on the project and activity implementation: 1) Appendix A – Activity Cards; 2) Appendix B – Implementation Plan; and 3) Appendix C – Present and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions Table. The purpose of the POW LLA Project is to improve forest ecosystem health on Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts, help support community resiliency, and provide economic development through an integrated approach to meet multiple resource objectives .The DEIS and associated activity cards and implementation plan are available for review at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla> . For more information or to submit comments, contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232 or email [dbrigham@fs.fed.us](mailto:dbrigham@fs.fed.us).

### **June 19**

Deadline for comments for public scoping to assist in the **PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) for the COASTAL PLAIN OIL and GAS LEASING PROGRAM** as required under the provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Tax Act) requiring the BLM, to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain area within the **ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**. The first lease sale will be held after completion of an environmental analysis and will offer not fewer than 400,000 acres area-wide of high-potential lands for bid. The purpose of the public scoping process is to assist BLM in identifying relevant issues that will influence the scope of the EIS and guide its development, including the formation of alternatives to the proposed action within the parameters outlined in the Tax Act. Public scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Arctic Village, Fairbanks, Kaktovik, and Utqiagvik at times and locations to be announced. The BLM may hold additional public scoping meetings in other communities if there is strong community interest. Comments can be submitted to [blm\\_ak\\_coastalplain\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov). For more information, go to [www.blm.gov/alaska/coastal-plain-eis](http://www.blm.gov/alaska/coastal-plain-eis). Documents pertaining to the EIS may be examined at the [Coastal Plain Leasing EIS ePlanning Page](#).

### **\*\*June 21**

**KETCHIKAN** – Scoping comments are due on the Notice of Intent to Begin Engineering & Environmental Studies for the **KETCHIKAN NORTH TONGASS HIGHWAY RESURFACE: AIRPORT FERRY TERMINAL to WARD CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT** in order to reduce maintenance costs and improve ride comfort and improve safety. Construction is projected as early 2019. For more information or to submit comments, contact Chris Schelb, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-465-4447 or email [chris.schelb@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.schelb@alaska.gov).

### **\*\*June 25**

Deadline for comments on the proposal to issue an **AIR QUALITY CONTROL OPERATING PERMIT REVISION** to **TECK ALASKA, INC.** for the **RED DOG MINE** that is engaged in zinc and lead mining activities from an open pit mine. Ore containing lead and zinc is milled to produce lead and zinc powder. Potential emissions for the stationary source are 3,244.4 tpy NO<sub>x</sub>, 270.4 tpy CO, 223tpy PM, 222.9 tpy PM-10/PM-2.5, 271.1 tpy SO<sub>2</sub>, and 192.1 tpy VOC. Copies of ADEC's draft operating permit, statement of basis, and administrative record are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices/>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kathie Mulkey at (907)269-6877 or email [kathie.mulkey@alaska.gov](mailto:kathie.mulkey@alaska.gov).

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### **June 29**

Deadline (extended) for **SCOPING COMMENT to the U.S. ARMY CORPS of ENGINEERS** for the proposed **PEBBLE MINE** to gather comments from the public about concerns before producing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Pebble Deposit lies within a 417-square-mile claim block held by subsidiaries of the applicant and by a subsidiary of the applicant's parent company, Northern Dynasty. Neither the applicant nor Northern Dynasty currently owns surface rights associated with these mineral claims. All lands within the claim block are owned by the State of Alaska. Rights to develop on State of Alaska land may be acquired when necessary locations for mine development have been determined and permits awarded. The Transportation Corridor crosses both state land and land patented under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The proposed project would have a mine life of approximately 20 years. During that time, there would be: a total of 1.2 billion tons of material mined over the life of the project; mining rate up to 90 million tons per year; milling rate up to 58 million tons per year; annual copper-gold concentrate production of 600,000 tons; and annual molybdenum concentrate production of 15,000 tons. The project would have an operating schedule of two 12-hour shifts per day for 365 days per year and employ approximately 2,000 personnel for construction and 850 for operations. A more detailed project description from the applicant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be found [here](#). To see the documents associated with the project, go to <https://www.pebbleprojecteis.com/documents/scoping>. The permit application is available on the project website at [www.pebbleprojecteis.com](http://www.pebbleprojecteis.com). Submit comments directly into the project website at [www.pebbleprojecteis.com](http://www.pebbleprojecteis.com).

### **July 23**

Deadline for comments on the proposal to **AMEND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGULATIONS for HUNTING and TRAPPING on NATIONAL PRESERVES in ALASKA** to establish better consistency with the state. The proposed rule would remove regulatory provisions issued in 2015 that prohibit certain hunting practices that are otherwise permitted by Alaska. Since the 2015 final rule was implemented, the Department of the Interior has issued two Secretarial Orders regarding how the Department should manage recreational hunting and trapping in the lands and waters it administers, and directing greater collaboration with state, tribe, and territorial partners in doing so. The proposed regulations would only apply to hunting on Alaska national preserves. National parks in Alaska would not be affected by the proposed changes. To view the proposed rule and for information on how to submit comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for "RIN 1024-AE38". To see the "Open document" site, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=NPS-2018-0005-0001>. Once the public comment period ends for the proposed rule the National Park Service will review the comments and that input will inform the final rule which will be published in the Federal Register. The final rule would be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

## **EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD**

### **\*\*June 11**

**CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 102. Agenda items will include a presentation by the Eagle River Nature Center. The Chugach State Park Advisory Board consists of at least fifteen members appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Members are selected to ensure representation of a variety of public interests. Contact Kurt Hensel, Superintendent for more information at 345-5014.



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**June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**ANCHORAGE BIRD WALKS** will be held every Monday in June & July from 7 to 9pm at the Potter Marsh Boardwalk. What's so special about Anchorage's coast for birds? To find out, join Audubon Alaska's Arctic Marine Ecologist, **MAX GOLDMAN**, for the evening bird walks at Potter Marsh. Walks will be held at a leisurely pace on easily accessible paths. Bird watchers of all skill levels and ages are welcome. For more information, go to <http://ak.audubon.org/birds/anchorage-bird-walks>.

**June 13**

**BIRDING BASICS II** will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at REI Anchorage, 1200 W. Northern Lights Blvd. Do you have some basics down, but want to become a better birder? During this all-ages program, you will learn how to identify birds in non-breeding plumage, learn about bird anatomy, and learn how to use apps and field guides to identify birds while in the field. [RSVP](#).

**\*\*June 13**

**BEAR AWARE for FAMILIES** will be discussed at 7pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. Summer in Alaska is full of fun, kid-friendly outdoor activities. It's also the time of year we share the trails, woods, and creeks with bears. Does your family know how to behave in bear country? Come find out all about bears and ways to be safe in bear country. Learn about bear spray and practice using it. Get more comfortable about your family's summer outdoor adventures. It is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.blm.gov/ccsc](http://www.blm.gov/ccsc) or call 267-1241.

**June 14**

**FEAST FOR THE BEASTS 2018** will be held starting at 6pm at The Bridge. Silent auction and festivities begin at 6:30, with dinner served at 7:30. The live auction will be held at 8:15pm. The program features **KARYN RODE**, PhD of the USGS Alaska Science Center. Dr. Rode is a research wildlife biologist who has traveled the world working with primates, elephants, bears and more. As our guest for the evening, you will also enjoy special animal encounters and enrichment by our zookeepers and education staff. The event will include live and silent auctions, live music and the surroundings of natural beauty on our zoo lawn. Event proceeds will go to the Alaska Zoo's General Fund, the money we use to care for zoo animals and continue operations. Tickets are \$125 each. Advance ticket purchase online is required. Seating is limited, and sales will close when the event sells out, so don't delay! Note: The zoo will close early to the public at 3pm on this day for feast for the beasts preparation. If you would like to donate to the live or silent auction, please call or email our Development Director at (907) 341-6435 or [development@alaskazoo.org](mailto:development@alaskazoo.org).

**\*\*June 18**

**FAMILY NIGHT: KIDS BIRD WALK** will be held from 6 to 8pm at Potter Marsh. Join Anchorage Audubon Society in this birding adventure is designed specifically for kids! Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. for this basic introduction to the world of birding and naturalist skills. We will have photo-based bird guides, a scavenger hunt with prizes, an ice cream truck, and binoculars available to borrow. For more information, contact [msgoldman@audubon.org](mailto:msgoldman@audubon.org) or call 276-7034.

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**\*\*June 21**

The **GOVERNOR'S CLIMATE ACTION FOR ALASKA LEADERSHIP TEAM** will host a listening session from 2 to 4pm in the large conference room of The Boardroom, 601 W 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Floor 2. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and give a short (3to 5 minute) public testimony on their thoughts or concerns related to climate change in Alaska, and/or the work of the climate team. Sign-up for public testimony will close at 3:30pm.

**\*\*June 21**

The **ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN** will hold a **GARDEN PARTY to CELEBRATE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY** from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Please join us for a garden art sale, music by Eric Bleicher and Friends, local beer, wine, and appetizers by South Restaurant +Coffeehouse. \$75 in advance; \$90 at the door \$500 Perennial level (includes two tickets and a gift basket featuring a live perennial from the collection at the Garden) Buy tickets at [PURCHASE TICKETS](#). Guests must be 21 or over. Attire: casual garden party. Participating artists in the art sale include: Ayse Gilbert, Barbara Yawit, Carol Crump Bryner, Connie Englebrecht, Debbie Bloom, Elise Rose, Isolde Gibson, Jean Shadrach, Joyce Coolidge, Keren Lowell, Laura Walter, Pat Walsh, Paul Stang, Sue Green, Susan Lindsay, Susan Joy Share, Tamara Johannes.

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**\*\*June 8 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

**FAIRBANKS** - The **FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS)** will hold a work session from 1 to 3pm in the FMATS Conference Room, 800Cushman Street. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the future Administrative, Personnel, and Fiscal policies for Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning. This meeting is open to the public. To participate via telephone please call (907)459-6769. For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FMATS Executive Director, at (907) 459-6786 or email [jackson.fox@fmats.us](mailto:jackson.fox@fmats.us) or go to [web@fmats.us](http://web@fmats.us).

**\*\*June 8**

**FAIRBANKS** – The **NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL DONOR APPRECIATION PICNIC** at 5:30pm in their backyard at 830 College Road. This is an opportunity to catch up with our members and supporters, meet new people, and share updates on our programs and ways to get involved. This is one of only a few times throughout the year when we can gather in person and share a meal, and we're looking forward to seeing you. As in the past, we'll provide a main dish (we'll have a taco bar with vegetarian and non-vegetarian and gluten free options) and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a friend or family member who's interested in learning more. If you're available to volunteer to set up before the picnic, clean up after, bring a dish, and/or bring a lawn game, [please let us know here](#), or contact Anna at [officemanager@northern.org](mailto:officemanager@northern.org) or call 452-5091.

**June 8**

**RUSSIAN RIVER** - Join Defenders of Wildlife for a **STEWARDSHIP FIELD-DAY with the CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE** to help prepare the Russian River for its busiest time of the year by **PUTTING UP SEASONAL FENCING and INFORMATIONAL SIGNS** that will keep humans and bears safe, and protect salmon habitat from 10am to 4pm. All ages and abilities welcome! Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, pizza, and camping opportunities

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at the Russian River Campground. Registration required! For more information and to register contact Courtney Breest at [cbreest@defenders.org](mailto:cbreest@defenders.org).

### **June 14**

**KETCHIKAN** – Public meeting will be held from 5 to 6pm in the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Fireside Room to include community input into the development of a **LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE CABIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** to be responsive to developing trends and challenges, while ensuring the Forest continues to provide for a high-quality cabin experience through an array of opportunities. This effort was inspired by increasing maintenance costs, decreasing budgets and significant changes in usage trends. Public input is vital to this process, to ensure future projects and management align with the experience cabin users are looking for. Those unable to attend may join the Tongass National Forest Cabin Users Group on Facebook to submit comments or send an email to [paulrobbins@fs.fed.us](mailto:paulrobbins@fs.fed.us). For more information, contact Bradley Schumaker at the Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District, 907-228-4149 or email [bradleyschumaker@fs.fed.us](mailto:bradleyschumaker@fs.fed.us).

### **June 16**

**PALMER – FUN on the FLATS** will be held from 11am to 3pm at Reflection Lake, Mile 30, Glenn Highway, Knik River Access Exit. Watch the lake get stocked with fish. Help pull invasive plant species. Food truck on-site. Identify birds on the refuge. Nature walks, talks, booths and art. Live bird presentation. Bear spray demonstrations. Macroinvertebrates & water quality testing. Learn to cast a fly rod. Get outdoors and explore the refuge with family! For more information, contact Sierra Rose Doherty at (907) 861-2104 or email [sierra.doherty@alaska.gov](mailto:sierra.doherty@alaska.gov).

### **June 19**

**UNALASKA** – Public meeting will be held from 10am to 1pm at the Unalaska Public Library, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District to answer permitting questions **REGARDING REQUIREMENTS for PLACING FILL and/or STRUCTURES in WATERS of the UNITED STATES and PROVIDE ASSISTANCE with PREPARING APPLICATIONS**. For more information, contact Jen Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Kenai Field Office, at 907-753-2730.

### **June 30**

**SOLDOTNA - KENAI PENINSULA STREAM WATCH** is hosting its second volunteer training session at the Donald E. Gilman River Center from 10am to 4pm. Individuals who attend will receive invaluable training on bear safety, river ecology, ethical angling, effective messaging, and what it means to be a Stream Watch Ambassador. To RSVP or to learn more, call (907) 260-5449 x 1205 or email [StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org](mailto:StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org) or, follow our Facebook Page Stream Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/Stream-Watch-331381080247578/?ref=bookmarks>.

## **ITEMS of INTEREST**

**\*\*GREEN STAR of INTERIOR ALASKA HAS KICKED OFF a RAFFLE!** Win two round-trip tickets on the Alaska Railroad between Fairbanks and Anchorage OR 1 night at the Wedgewood Resort and two tickets to The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. Tickets are

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only \$25 and there are only 150 available. All proceeds benefit Green Star's community recycling and outreach efforts. Visit <http://iagreeestar.org/raffle/> for more information. Tickets are available at Green Star's office, 1205 1st Avenue, from staff and board members, or by calling 452-4152. **Drawing will be held August 24.**

**KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST has kicked off a RAFFLE!** Win a trip for two people to the Wilderness Beach Lodge on Kodiak Island to enjoy five days and six nights of fishing, kayaking, wildlife viewing, and more! It's an all-inclusive stay plus 50,000 Alaska Air miles to help get you there. Tickets are only \$100 and there are only 250 available. All proceeds benefit KHLT's conservation efforts. Visit [kachemaklandtrust.org](http://kachemaklandtrust.org) for more information. Tickets are available at Homer Saw & Cycle, The Homer Bookstore, or the KHLT office at 315 Klondike Ave. For those not in Homer, please call 907-235-5263.

To see the **RESULTS of the METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2040 INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVES SURVEY**, go to [http://www.mtp2040.com/assets/20180403\\_metroquest\\_report\\_2\\_final.pdf](http://www.mtp2040.com/assets/20180403_metroquest_report_2_final.pdf).

To see DNR's **RESPONSES to COMMENTS** submitted concerning the **PROPOSED CHANGES to ALASKA'S MINING REGULATIONS**, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=112451>.

## **VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

\*\*The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting **APPLICATIONS for the PUBLIC SEATS** on the **NEW COOK INLETSALMON FISHERIES ADVISORY TASK FORCE**. Please submit your application online at <http://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/apply-for-a-board-appointment/>. You may attach your resume to the online application or email your resume to: [boards@alaska.gov](mailto:boards@alaska.gov).

**KENAI PENINSULA STREAM WATCH**, a nationally recognized volunteer program, is searching for individuals to **JOIN THE TEAM of MORE THAN 70 TRAINED VOLUNTEERS** to share the stewardship spirit. Meet river enthusiasts from across the state, get invaluable training and knowledge of our rivers, enjoy a **FREE CAMPSITE** on days you volunteer, network with agency personnel, protect our rivers, and make a difference! To learn more, call (907) 260-5449 x 1205, email [StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org](mailto:StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org), or follow our Facebook Page Stream Watch.

Volunteers are needed for the **NMFS'S 2018 COOK INLET BELUGAS COUNT STATION** at **POINT MACKENZIE and ELSEWHERE in ANCHORAGE and the KENAI**. If you, your family members, neighbors or friends are interested in learning more please contact outreach coordinator Courtney Breest at 907.276.9420 or [cbreest@defenders.org](mailto:cbreest@defenders.org). Last year there were over 1200 people participating in the survey. It is a lot of fun and the training provided really helps to spot these iconic whales! Data collected helps us recover these whales. For more information, go to <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/node/56933>. The 2018 Cook Inlet Belugas Count! **Event will be held on Saturday, September 15** from 10am to 5p.m.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

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## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**\*\*ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER** for the **ASSOCIATION of VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS** to oversees and coordinates all environmental functions of the Cultural & Environmental Sciences department in consultation with the Division Director. The Manager works in close collaboration with the AVCP Environmental Planner, AVCP Archaeologist, AVCP Natural Resources and AVCP Realty Specialists to meet the goals and objectives of both departments. Additionally, the Manager will cultivate and maintain close working relationships with other environmental professionals throughout Alaska and elsewhere in collaboration for the benefit of Native communities within the AVCP service area.

**Qualifications:** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Must have strong written, verbal and analytical skills. Proven record of working knowledge of the EPA GAP program requirements and implementation; as well as, NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act), ESA (Endangered Species Act), and other pertinent environmental and social justice regulations. **EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE:** Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management or closely related technical field. Demonstrated skills in producing EA's and/or EISs; research, analysis and technical consultation skills. Personal work experience in YK-Delta communities and with Tribal environmental staff is essential. Yup'ik language skills preferred. Location: **Bethel**. For more information and application directions, contact Steven R. Street, Director/Archaeologist, Dept. of Cultural and Environmental Sciences, at 907-543-7371, 907-543-5732 fax or email [SStreet@avcp.org](mailto:SStreet@avcp.org).

**\*\*RESEARCH SCIENTIST** for the **FLATHEAD LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION (FLBS)** who has completed a master's degree to provide technical expertise and coordination for the establishment of baseline/reference condition, environmental impact, and risk assessment for legacy, current and proposed hard rock mining projects in the British Columbia headwaters of AK/BC international watersheds (Taku, Stikine and Unuk Rivers). For complete job description and application information, go to [UM Jobs website](#). Apply by July 5.

**\*\*LEAD ORGANIZER** for **ACLU** in **Anchorage** to identify key civil liberties and civil rights issues, aligned with the ACLU of Alaska's priorities, through active inquiry of community needs, interests, and visions; work collaboratively with grassroots leaders, allies, and ACLU of Alaska staff to execute large and effective community actions (community forums, rallies, trainings, engagement with elected officials, etc.); and organize ACLU of Alaska outreach and educational activities at public events and forums, including training others in the community to conduct similar types of events, and manage follow-up with attendees to assist and encourage them to act. To see the full job description, go to [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/677331392/?refId=424d9740-a41a-4b46-9baa-6edd6c34ed56&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs\\_jymbii\\_digest-null-48-null-null-az7sg%7Eji3cbxxy%7Ehp-null-jobs%7Eview&lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Aemail\\_jobs\\_jymbii\\_digest%3BaiBBmYHyQLWFN1%2BD1w8gMA%3D%3D](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/677331392/?refId=424d9740-a41a-4b46-9baa-6edd6c34ed56&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-48-null-null-az7sg%7Eji3cbxxy%7Ehp-null-jobs%7Eview&lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Aemail_jobs_jymbii_digest%3BaiBBmYHyQLWFN1%2BD1w8gMA%3D%3D).



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**\*\*RTOC COORDINATOR** for the **REGION 10 TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** to oversee all aspects of the planning, development, organization, and execution of the RTOC meetings, coordination with EPA staff, outreach to Tribes, and communication regarding the mission and work of the RTOC to Tribes within EPA Region 10. **Duties and responsibilities include:** Communications; RTOC Member Assistance; Overseeing the Coordination of Travel Logistics; RTOC Meeting Planning/Coordination; Grant Reporting; Strategic Planning and Evaluating Effectiveness of Operations; Contracting; and Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit. **Qualifications:** Experience in non-profit organizational operations and management of contracted staff. Experience in event implementation, meeting planning and communications. Excellent organizational and scheduling skills. Excellent writing and communication skills. Experience working with Tribes. Cultural awareness and respect. Experience with website management. **Salary:** Salary depend upon experience but generally between \$40,000-60,000. **To Apply:** Please email cover letter, resume, and 3 references to [policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net](mailto:policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net). Please "RTOC Coordinator Application" in the subject line of the email. For more information, contact Rick Eichstaedt at [policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net](mailto:policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net).

**ALASKA PROGRAM MANAGER** for the **NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** in **Anchorage** to develop and implement strategic campaigns to protect and enhance Alaska's national parks while building a diverse, effective, and enduring network of national park advocates in Alaska. Alaska regional priorities include the protection of bear and wolf populations within Alaska national parks and preserves, the protection of park resources from mining development impacts in Bristol Bay and northwest Alaska, and the adequate funding of national parks. Partners in these campaigns may include rural residents, remote gateway communities and local governments, tourism businesses and representatives, wildlife advocates, Alaska Native stakeholders, and current and former military personnel. The Program Manager will work closely with the other members of the small Alaska team. To see the full job description, go to

[https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=53f6f507-a5aa-40d9-9198-8802e8d57d1a&ccId=19000101\\_000001&type=MP&lang=en\\_US](https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=53f6f507-a5aa-40d9-9198-8802e8d57d1a&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US)

**ENERGY SPECIALIST I (PROJECT-BASED) (2 POSITIONS)** located in **Anchorage** (Job #18-2562). This is a level 18 position with a monthly salary of \$4,935. Deadline for applying is 5pm. For full job description, go to

[https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=53f6f507-a5aa-40d9-9198-8802e8d57d1a&ccId=19000101\\_000001&type=MP&lang=en\\_US](https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=53f6f507-a5aa-40d9-9198-8802e8d57d1a&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US)

[https://wfa.kronostm.com/index.jsp?locale=en\\_US&applicationName=AlaskaHousingFinanceCorporationKTMDReqExt&SEQ=jobDetails&POSTING\\_ID=83390308269](https://wfa.kronostm.com/index.jsp?locale=en_US&applicationName=AlaskaHousingFinanceCorporationKTMDReqExt&SEQ=jobDetails&POSTING_ID=83390308269).

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the **COOK INLET AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION** based in **Kenai**. Responsibilities: The Executive Director works to achieve the mission of CIAA, which is to protect and rehabilitate self-perpetuating salmon stocks and habitats and maximize the value of the common property salmon resource by applying sound science and technology. This position serves as the chief administrative officer responsible for conducting the business of CIAA and implementing CIAA's policies, activities, and decisions. **Qualifications:** Minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or at least five years of pertinent experience. Pertinent experience involves administrative, budgetary, and supervisory responsibilities; knowledge of budgets and fiscal requirements; oral communication ability; writing skills; and experience with nonprofit boards. Professional experience related to the

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aquaculture field is desirable. **Compensation:** Salary range \$97,000 to \$120,000 per year DOE. The benefit package includes health insurance (employee portion is a 5% co-pay), Health Savings Account with employer contribution, employee 401(k) retirement plan, vacation and medical leave. Applicants may direct questions to Brent Johnson President CIAA at (907) 398-0918 or [ragweb@gci.net](mailto:ragweb@gci.net). Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references by regular mail or email to: Brent Johnson, President, [ragweb@gci.net](mailto:ragweb@gci.net) and Lisa Ka'aihue, Special Projects Manager, [Lisak@ciaanet.org](mailto:Lisak@ciaanet.org). Visit [www.ciaanet.org/employment.html](http://www.ciaanet.org/employment.html) for more details.

**RETAIL OPERATIONS MANAGER** for the **ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC** to be a part of driving the retail business forward through thought leadership in a fast paced, innovative environment. The Regional Operations Manager is a full-time position, responsible for coordinating the operations and retail strategy for thirty different Alaska Geographic retail stores. He/she ensures the efficient running of their branches, achievement of sales goals, maintains staffing levels and stays within staffing and retail product purchasing budgets. The Regional Operations Manager reports to the Director of Retail Operations. Compensation \$18-\$22 per hour depending on experience. Please send a cover letter and resume to [akramer@alaskageographic.org](mailto:akramer@alaskageographic.org).

**A CONSULTANT COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR** for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE** to help raise public awareness of wildlife issues in Alaska. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in and basic knowledge of Alaska's wildlife issues, and be comfortable working in a collaborative, flexible, and remote position. **Responsibilities:** Writing and distributing editorials, press releases, handouts, etc., within 48 hours of board notification about AWA issues; increase the capacity of the communications team; Writing articles for our website and print newsletter, and updates for our FaceBook page; Oversee brand management. Building a communications plan with key demographics. **Qualifications:** Professional writing experience required; Flexibility; Familiarity with social media platforms; and Strong interest in mission of AWA and wildlife issues in Alaska. **Description of Position:** Part-time, no benefits, remote. Candidate is hired as an independent contractor and must have access to the technological requirements of a remote position (reliable internet, etc.); Initial term of six months, with possibility of extension upon review; Work directly with members of the Board of Directors; Hourly compensation DOE. Persons interested in the position should contact Ed Schmitt, AWA Executive Director, at [schmitt.edward@gmail.com](mailto:schmitt.edward@gmail.com) with a resume or summary of their interest and qualifications. Position to remain open until filled.

**SALES AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION** for the **GIRDWOOD OFFICE ALASKA WILDLAND ADVENTURES** to handle a variety of office functions, such as: answering phones, corresponding with travelers via email, office filing and data entry, taking reservations, assisting with guest documentation and more. Applicants should have strong verbal and written communication skills and be able to multi-task in a high-paced environment. Attention to detail is extremely important. Experience in Microsoft Office applications and Google documents are key. This position is for year-round full-time work (40 hours a week), Monday – Friday, 8am to 5 pm. Starting pay scale is \$11 - \$15 an hour, based on experience. Medical insurance and paid vacation time will be offered upon satisfactory completion of a 30 day trial period. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Emerald Burrill, Sales Manager at [emerald@alaska-wildland.com](mailto:emerald@alaska-wildland.com) or Fax: 907-783- 2130.

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**MAT-SU ORGANIZER** for **The ALASKA CENTER** to build power for salmon conservation in Alaska by educating and engaging thousands of individuals to take action and volunteer on an array of campaigns and issues. This position will also support The Alaska Center's work to elect decision makers who will stand up for clean air and water, promote solutions to climate change, and support a strong democracy. The ideal candidate should have 2+ years of experience living or working in the Mat-Su. **Skills and Qualifications:** • 0 - 2 years of experience with grassroots organizing, electoral campaigns, civic engagement or integrated voter engagement programs; • 2+ years of experience living or working in the Mat-Su; • Passion for The Alaska Center's mission and three major policy platforms - healthy fisheries, climate solutions and a strong democracy; • Ability to meaningfully engage Alaskans from diverse backgrounds; • Demonstrated volunteer recruitment, training and supervision skills. This is a full-time position that must be based in the Mat-Su. Salary is dependent on experience with a generous and competitive benefits package. All Alaska Center staff have access to professional development opportunities, including training and support. The Alaska Center provides a supportive work environment with excellent benefits and incentives. To apply, email your resume and cover letter to [jobs@akcenter.org](mailto:jobs@akcenter.org). Position open until filled. To see the full job description, go to <https://akcenter.org/wp-2017/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Mat-Su-Organizer-JD.pdf>.

**VICE PRESIDENT, PEOPLE and CULTURE** position for **DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE** is the senior leader responsible for stewarding the policies and practices that turn this belief into reality. As a senior manager, this individual guides our Human Resources procedures and team, is responsible for recruiting the best staff possible, and ensures that we have the tools, training and practices in place to retain them. As an active member of the senior management team, this individual serves as a strategic partner and transformational leader, working daily and directly with the President & CEO and COO. For the full job description details <https://defenders.org/jobs/vice-president-people-and-culture>.

To **RECEIVE What's Up**, or to **ADD** meetings, events, publications, deadlines, websites, or **CHANGE EMAIL ADDRESS** or **UNSUBSCRIBE**, contact Peg Tileston at [pegt@gci.net](mailto:pegt@gci.net).