

RDC applauds DOI's commitment to lawful, predictable decision-making in Alaska

Anchorage– The Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC) welcomes today's Department of the Interior actions to advance critical projects that will strengthen Alaska's economy, improve public safety, and honor commitments made to Alaskans.

These decisions authorizing the King Cove road exchange; approving right-of-way permits for the Ambler Road; issuing a new Record of Decision for responsible oil and gas development in a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and finalizing land allotments for Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans, represent meaningful progress rooted in lawful, timely decision-making.

"For decades, Alaskans have asked federal agencies simply to follow the law and honor the access and development rights that Congress granted years ago," said Leila Kimbrell, executive director of the Resource Development Council for Alaska. "These actions help re-establish the trust that has been lost between Alaskans and the federal government, and provides a path for the implementation of timely, lawful decisions that matter when it comes to developing Alaska's resources responsibly in a way that benefits our state and nation."

"RDC applauds the work that Alaska's Congressional Delegation has done and the priority that Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum, has placed on these issues," added Kimbrell. "These actions will provide certainty for industry partners which is essential for promoting investment, job creation, and ensuring Alaska continues to provide the energy, minerals, and infrastructure America needs."

RDC is an Alaskan non-profit trade association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism, and fisheries industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native Corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

A recording of the Department of Interior press conference can be viewed [here](#).

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