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### **Kobuk Tribal Council Passes Resolution of Support for the Ambler Road**

March 21, 2025 (Kobuk, Alaska) - The Kobuk Tribal Council has officially passed Resolution 25-09, declaring their support for the Ambler Access Project, also known as the Ambler Road. [{See attached resolution}](#).

The resolution highlights the Kobuk Tribes' recognition of the critical role that responsible resource development plays for residents not only in the region but statewide. By supporting Ambler Road, the tribal council acknowledges the future the project could create for local jobs, community stability, and a strong economic future while safeguarding a traditional subsistence lifestyle.

"We have been studying this project since it was announced. The conversations about subsistence, the cost of living, and jobs for our youth are important to us as we look to the future of the region as Red Dog winds down and our people need work to remain in our villages," said Henry Horner Sr., President Kobuk Tribal Council.

"It's good to have the village of Kobuk join our support of the Ambler Project. We need jobs to keep our youth in our villages, lower food and fuel costs for our elders, and a future for all of us," Larry Westlake, Co-Chair of the Ambler Access Project Subsistence Advisory Committee.

The Ambler Road is expected to be a major catalyst for employment and economic growth in the region. With active participation in the consultations on the project, the Kobuk Tribal Council views this project as a vital step towards a flourishing and prosperous future. The resolution can be accessed on the Ambler Access Project website [here](#).

#### **About the Kobuk Tribe:**

Kobuk is located along the Kobuk River in northwest Alaska, within the traditional homelands of the Iñupiaq people. The village was founded in 1899 as a supply point for mining activities in the Cosmos Hills. The Inupiaq name for Kobuk is "Laugvik."

#### **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, in support of Red Dog Mine.

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