

# West Susitna Access Project Update

Skwentna Fly-In

June 2, 2024

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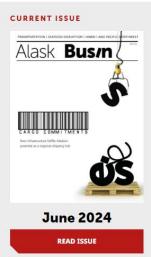
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Josie Wilson, director of communications and external affairs at the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, speaks about the West Susitna Access Project at the Mat-Su Regional Spring Economic Summit at Evangelo's Restaurant in Wasilla.

ALASKA BUSINESS

"Everything Runs Through Us" was the theme of the Mat-Su Regional Spring Economic Summit hosted by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce April 24 and 25. Speakers lauded the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as the best place in Alaska to do business, but said it could be better.





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## **AIDEA Mission**

Our mission is to "promote, develop, and advance the creation of jobs and economic development in Alaska by providing various means of financing and investment."

(AS 44.88.010)



## What does AIDEA do?

- **Investing in Alaskans since 1967**  $\bullet$
- Alaska's Development Finance Authority  $\bullet$
- Financially Self-Sustaining Public  $\bullet$ **Corporation (no GF by statute AS** 44.88.190(b))
- \$468 million in dividends declared to Alaska since 1996
- **Directed over \$3.5 billion into economic** ulletdevelopment in Alaska





# **Economic Study Highlights**





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## **Project Benefits**

Provide safe and efficient road access from the existing highway system in proximity to existing port facilities and population centers in Southcentral Alaska to resources in the Fish Creek NRMU and western Yentna and Skwentna River Basins that increase job growth and economic development opportunities.



## **Access to Critical Minerals**

The road would access areas known to contain significant deposits of hard rock minerals such as gold, silver, & copper.

Table 7. Mineral Exploration Projects, West Susitna Study Area, 2022							
Project	Owner	Land Ownership	Resources	Inferred Resource	Status		
Estelle	Nova Minerals Limited	State of Alaska	Gold, copper, silver	6.6 Moz.	Moderate exploration		
Whistler	GoldMining Inc	State of Alaska	Gold, copper	2.8 Moz.	Significant exploration		
Island Mountain	GoldMining Inc	State of Alaska	Gold, copper	2.0 Moz.	Significant exploration		
Raintree West	GoldMining Inc	State of Alaska	Gold, copper	1.6 Moz.	Significant exploration		
Canyon Creek	Alaska Asia Mining Company	State of Alaska	Coal	165 Mmst.	Moderate exploration		
Source: Nova Minerals Limited, GoldMining Inc, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and UAA ISER.							

## **Potential Timber and Agriculture Opportunities**



Area/Subregion	Forestland Acres	Estimated Direct Economic Value	
Alaska Range Subregion	45,000	\$5,000,000	
Mt. Susitna Subregion	219,000	\$24,400,000	
Susitna Lowlands Subregion	319,000	\$35,500,000	
Fish Creek NRMU	11,946	\$1,300,000	
Total	594,946	\$66,200,000	

Area/Subregion	Agricultural Acres	Estimated Direct Economic Value
Mt. Susitna Subregion	7,000	\$1,600,000
Susitna Lowlands Subregion	38,000	\$8,800,000
Fish Creek NRMU	3,500	\$800,000
Total	48,500	\$11,200,000

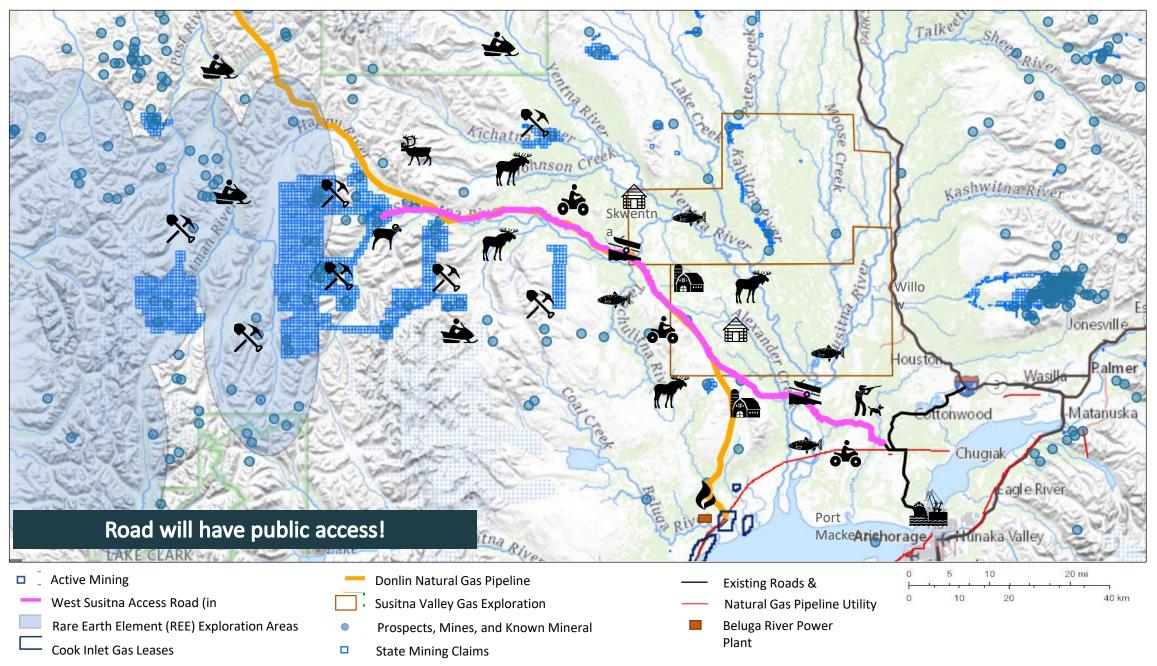


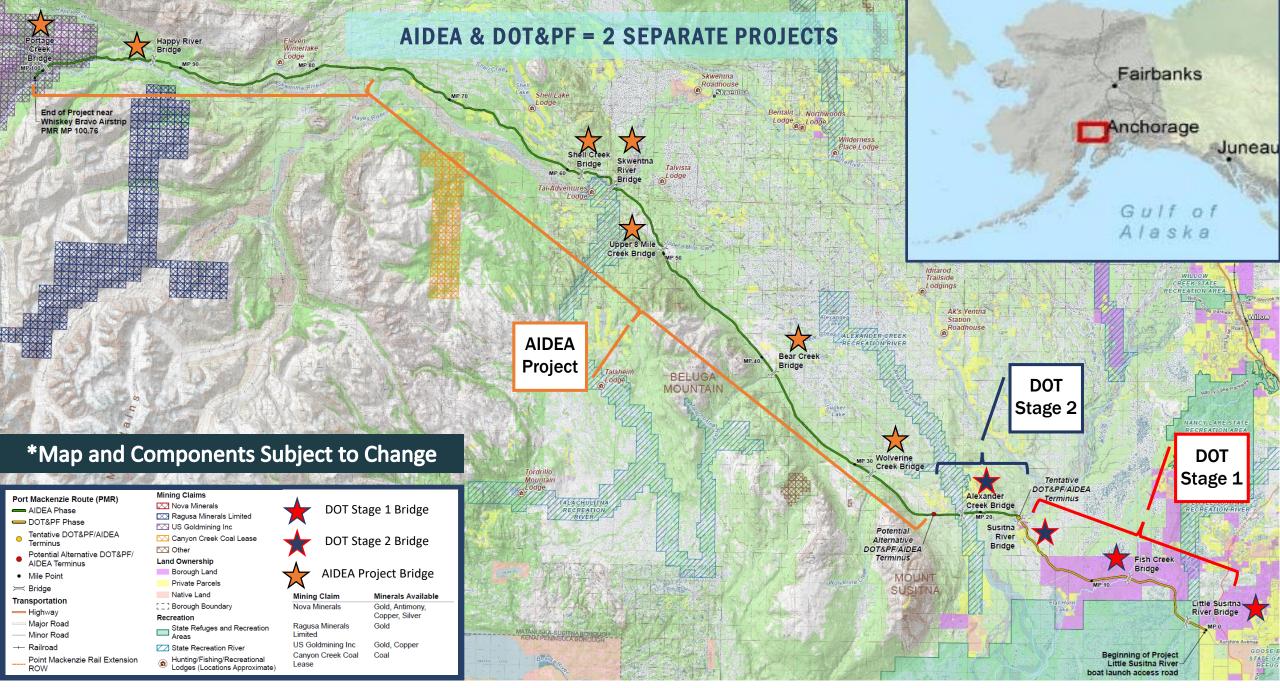
## **Potential Jobs and Wages for Borough Residents**

Project	Operating Jobs	Operating Wages (\$millions)	Total Jobs Impact Range	Total Wage Impact Range (\$millions)
Estelle	200-400	\$24-\$47	380-960	\$38 - \$90
Whistler	500	\$59	950 - 1,200	\$95 -\$115
Island Mountain	360	\$42	680 - 860	\$65 - \$80
Raintree West	230	\$27	450 - 550	\$40 - \$55
Canyon Creek	300	\$35	500 - 1,000	\$50 -\$70

Source: University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute of Social and Economic Research; Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and McKinley Research Group estimates.

## **Recreational Opportunities**





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## **Key Project Facts for Local Residents**

• The road is miles away from lodges.

• Dust will not be an issue for the lodges.

• The road will be paid for by investors (NOT your PFD).

Lodge Name	Distance to Preferred Route (miles)	Distance to Preferred Route (feet)
Tal-Adventures Lodge	1.13	5,966
Skwentna Roadhouse	8.52	44,986
Talaheim Lodge	9.10	48,048
Rainy Pass Lodge	9.63	50,846
AK's Yentna Station Roadhouse	10.83	57,182
Iditarod Trailside Lodgings	11.56	61,037
Northwoods Lodge	12.23	64,574
Wilderness Place Lodge	13.39	70,699
Riversong Lodge	15.69	82,843
Tordrillo Mountain Lodge	18.19	96,026

- Road noise is not an issue due to the design and location.
  - Standard commercial traffic noise can only be faintly heard approximately 1,000 feet from the road (without bushes, trees, or other sound inhibitors). Most lodges are over 5,000 feet (miles away) from the road/project area.

## 2024 Field Season

### • 2024 field season planning underway

- Analyze data gaps in the following areas:
  - $\checkmark$  LiDAR Acquisition and Mapping
  - ✓ Alternatives Conceptual Engineering
  - ✓ Cultural Resources Studies
  - ✓ Wetlands Studies
  - ✓ Fish Studies
  - ✓ Visual Resource Studies
- Estimated 2024 Field Season Investment:
  - ~ \$1.6 million



All field season deliverables to be submitted to AIDEA by EOY 2024

Next Step: Re-engage U.S. Corps of Engineers to begin the permit application process

## Nova at a Glance....In Just 5 years

Gold and Critical Minerals Asset in Alaska with Significant Upside





# JURISDICTIONAlaska, USA

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## DISTRICT SCALE

- 200 square miles
- 20-mile-long mineralized corridor

**MULTIPLE RESOURCES** 

4 Large IRGS deposits

Total global 9.9 Moz Au

## TARGET MINERALS

- Gold, copper & silver
- Antimony & other
- critical minerals

resource

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#### ADVANCED PROJECT

 Feasibility and environmental studies commenced

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Winterized 80-person camp
- Road and power projects underway

### 90,000m DRILLING

- Fully oriented HQ diamond drill core
- Thick, high-grade intercepts
- From surface

# **ROBUST ECONOMICS**\$654m NPV, 53% IRR

LONG TERM PROJECT

Decades of production

> 20 known prospects

<1yr payback

## Supporting Alaska

Positioned to Succeed

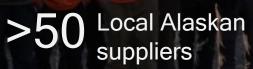




WORKFORCE 95% local >50 Alaskans



SUPPORT



COMMUNITY SUPPORT >\$1m <sup>Local initiatives</sup> & sponsorships



INVESTMENT \$50m In 5 years

### PARTNERSHIPS

- Community
- Alaskan Native Corps
- Government
- Industry



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June 2024

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Tis Smith NARE Sompany's Chief Executive Officer and Soundified person as such term is defined under Item 1300 of Regulation S-K in the United States and Canadian National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") is a professional geoscientist and member of the Professional Geoscientists Ontario, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and Northwest Territories Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists . He has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained herein regarding the Company's Whistler Project.

### Proposed Access Road

Direct Route from Whistler to Port

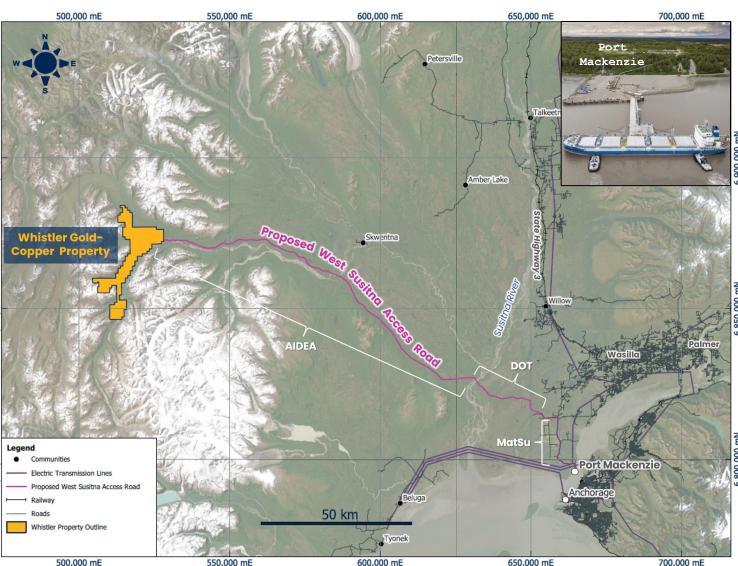
#### Alaska State Initiative

- State US\$8.5M budget for West Susitna Access Road study, being conducted by AIDEA
- Dept of Transport (DOT) plan to build first 15 miles & Susitna River bridge.
  - Proposed 2025 construction start\*
- DOT & AIDEA have published several studies which demonstrate economic benefits to Alaska\*
- Ongoing engineering design, environmental studies and stakeholder consultation

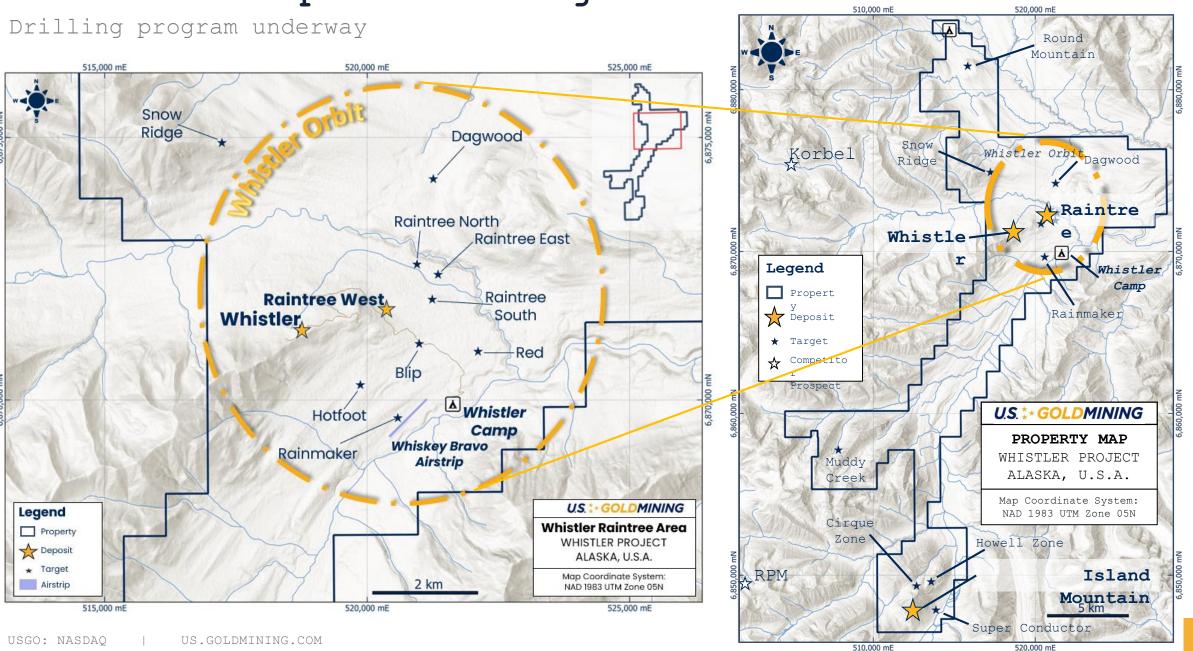
#### Proposed Road Design

- Connects Whistler with Port Mackenzie
  - Port is ready built and under-utilized
- Follows the proposed Donlin gas pipeline route
- U.S. GoldMining has partnered with other resource developers to conduct stakeholder engagement USGO: NASDAQ





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### Whistler Project Mineral Resource Estimate

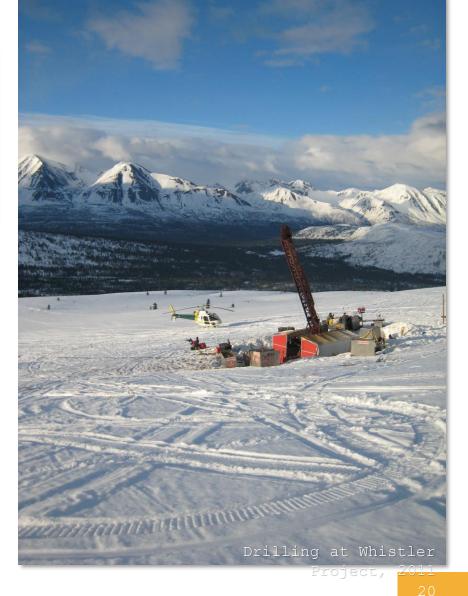
Large Gold Inventory with Significant Copper Component

	Millio		Gra	ade*		Contained Metal*			
Classificat ion	n Tonnes (Mt)	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Copper %	AuEq g/t	Gold Moz	Silver Moz	Copper Mlbs	AuEq Moz
Indicated	118.2	0.51	2.19	0.16	0.79	1.94	8.33	422.0	2.99
Inferred	317.0	0.46	1.58	0.10	0.63	4.67	16.06	711.0	6.45

\*At \$10.50/tonne cutoff (except Raintree Underground at \$25/t) See Appendix for details on mineral resource estimate.

- Resource modelled from 70,000 metres of diamond core drilling
- Three Deposits: Whistler, Raintree and Island Mountain
- Gold Resources of 1.9 Moz Indicated and 4.7 Moz Inferred
- Copper Resources of 422 Mlbs Indicated and 711 Mlbs Inferred
- Exploration upside at multiple targets
- Effective Date: September 22, 2022





### Whistler Deposit

Sparsely Drilled, Robust High-Grade Core



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