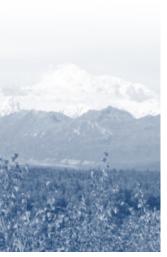
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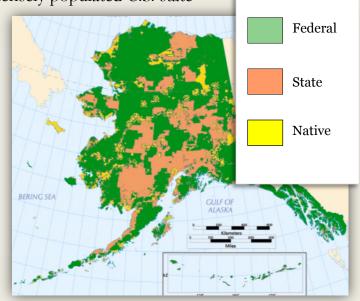
#### Land Base

- 586,412 square miles—more than twice the size of Texas
- Is larger than all but 18 sovereign nations
- Has more coastline than all other U.S. states combined
- Has more than 3 million lakes and half of the word's glaciers
- Has 40% of the nation's freshwater
- Has 63% of the nation's wetlands

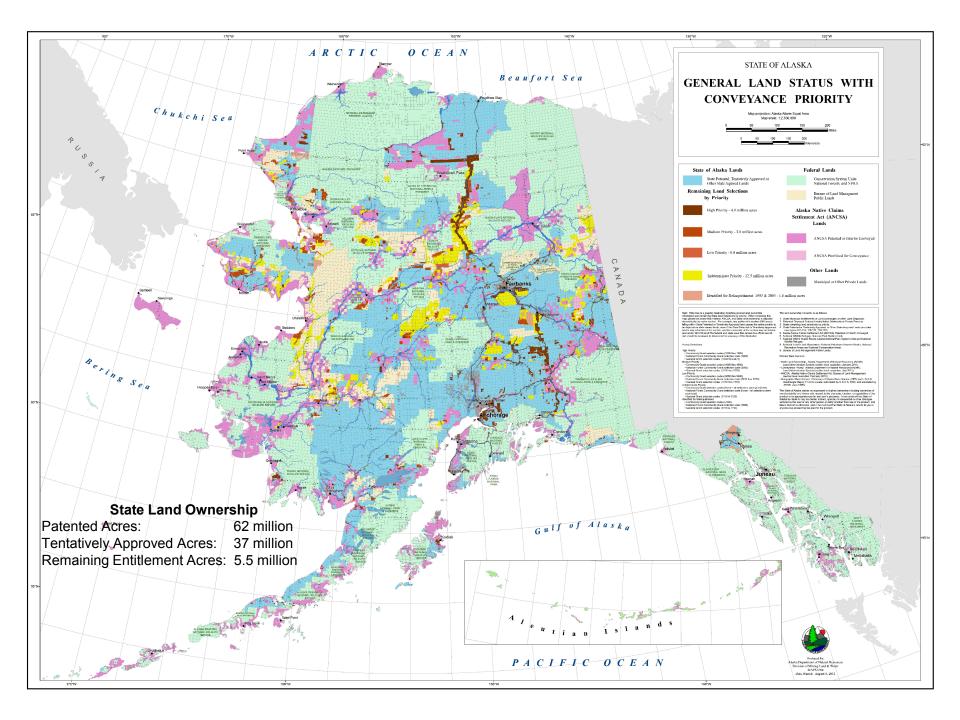
• Is the least densely populated U.S. state

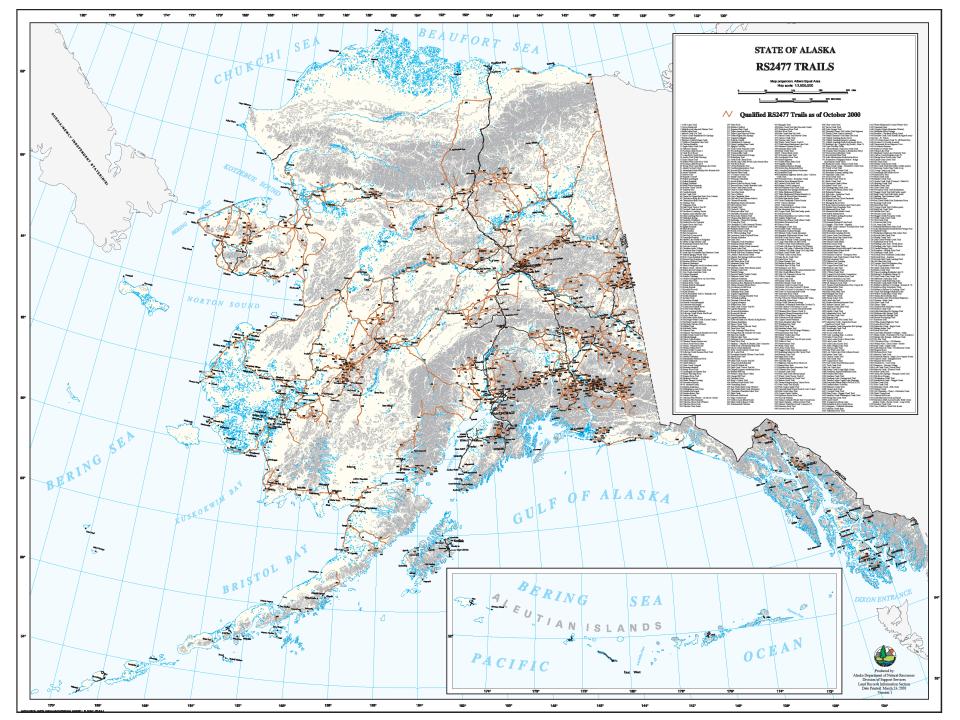
### Land Ownership

- Federal Land (60%): more than 200 million acres
- State Land (27%): Approx. 100 million acres of uplands, 60 million acres of tidelands, shore lands, and submerged lands, and 40,000 miles of coastline
- Native Corporation Land (12%): 44 million acres

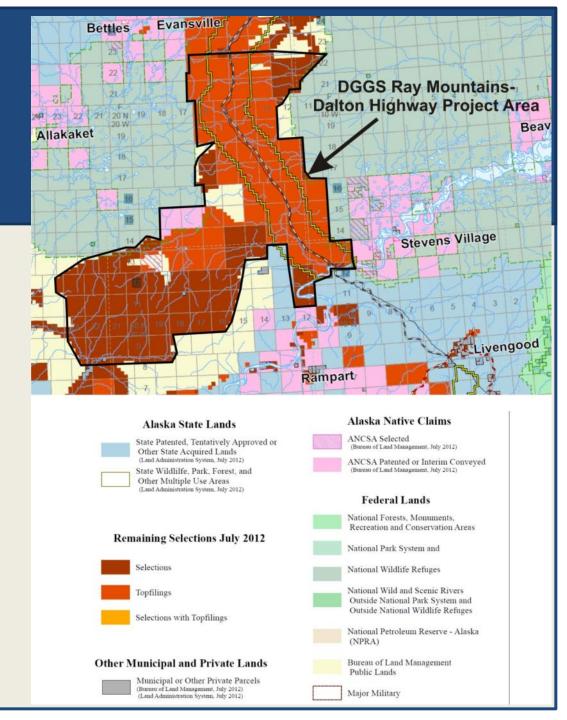


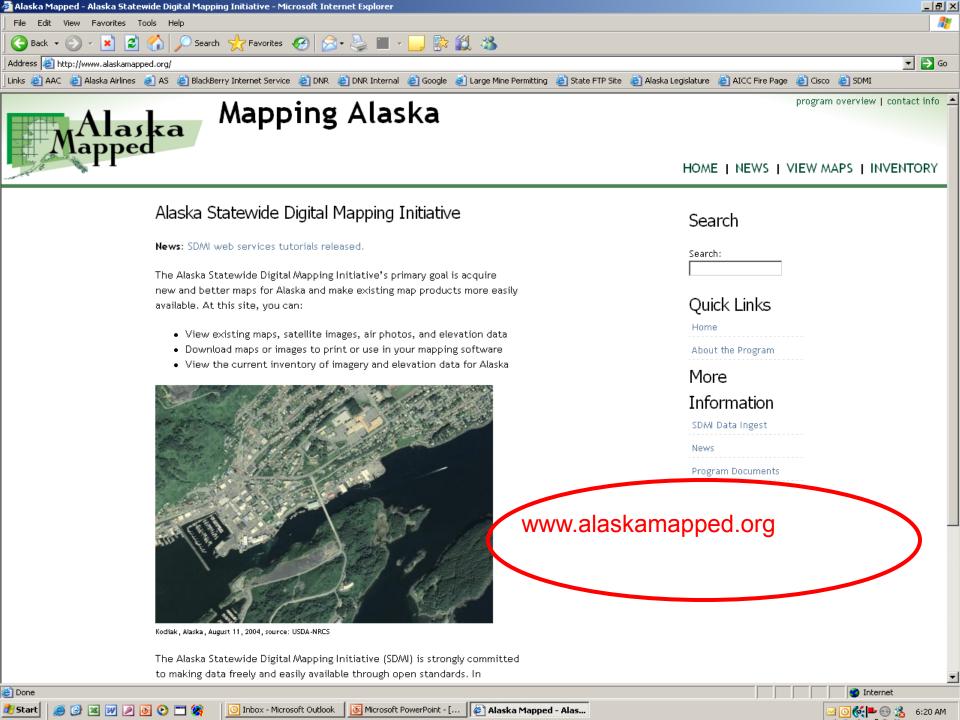


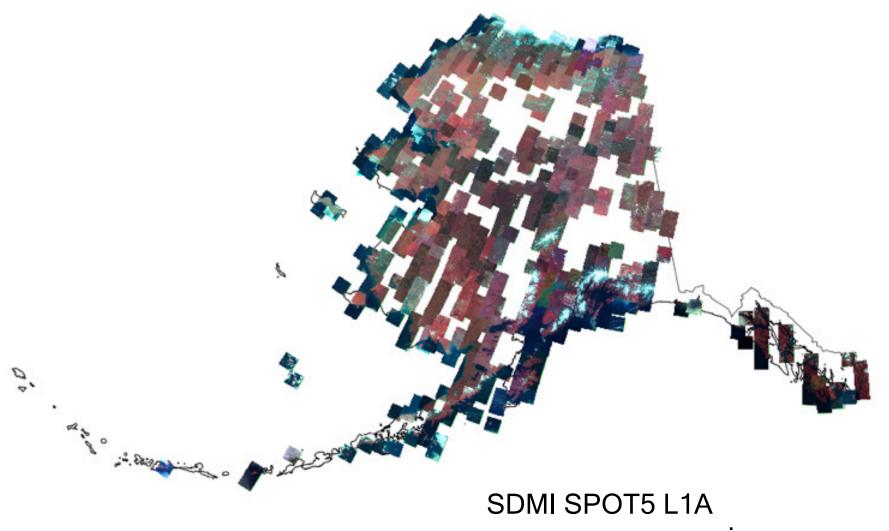




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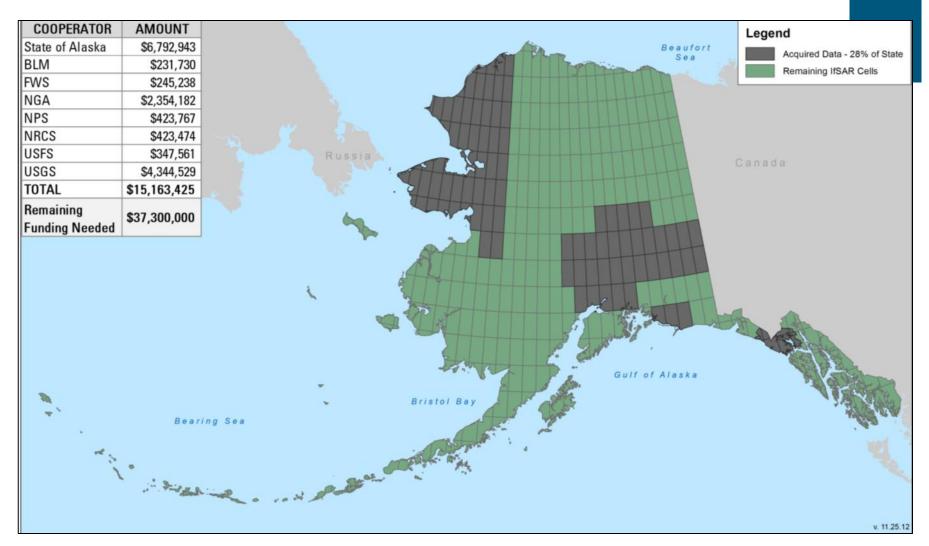




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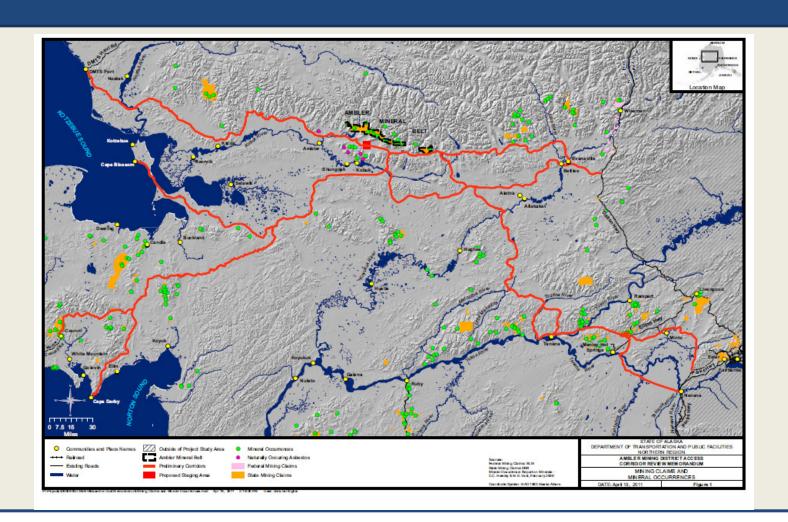
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### ROADS TO RESOURCES: AMBLER MINING DISTRICT ACCESS



# ROADS TO RESOURCES: OTHER PROJECTS

Road to Umiat

• Road to Tanana

# ROADS TO RESOURCES: OTHER PROJECTS

- West Susitna Valley Access (gas, timber, and coal)
- Niblack Mine Access- Prince of Wales (Au, Ag, Cu, Zn, Pb)
- Bokan Mtn. Mine Access- Prince of Wales (REE)
- Totchaket Road- Nenana (agriculture/ timber/ potential gas & minerals)
- Granduc Mine- Hyder Salmon Road (Cu)
- Katlian Quarry Baranof Island
- Marshall Quarry Yukon River

# STATEWIDE PERMITTING REFORM

#### Objective:

Improve the State of Alaska's permitting processes in order to advance the public interest by ensuring projects are permitted in a timely, predictable and efficient manner while safeguarding the environment.



DNR has been working with a team from DNR, DEC, ADF&G, and LAW to develop and advance strategies that aim to:

- I. Improve agencies' internal permitting structure to create a more efficient, timely, and certain process
- II. Enhance coordination within different state departments and with different entities and stakeholders throughout the state
- III. Seek input from the public about the permitting process including input from municipalities, industry and non-governmental organizations
- IV. Improve coordination between the state and the federal government—federal permitting issues have a strong influence on state projects
- V. Anticipate and plan for permitting the next phases of resource development, e.g. the Shale Oil Task Force

### PERMITTING REFORM

### - SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE -

- In FY12, the Legislature provided approximately \$2.7 million in operating funds for the Division of Mining, Land & Water to create efficiency, timeliness and certainty in the permitting process
- We are utilizing capital funding from FY12
   (\$2.5M for the Unified Permit Project and
   Document Management) to focus on business
   management software and services
- In FY13, the Legislature approved the continuation of FY12 operating funds as part of the ongoing base for permitting and an additional \$950.0 to cover increased personnel costs and fill vacant positions focused on permitting
  - FY13 capital budget included \$3.3M to continue work on the Unified Permit Project, including the continuation of IT strategies and Business Process Management

- We have filled 36 new/vacant positions
- We reclassified and updated over 50 position descriptions
- The backlog has been reduced by 34%
- We have conducted public meetings statewide for input on state permitting processes
- We are evaluating internal processes to identify and fix inefficiencies



### PERMITTING REFORM

- SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE -

#### Statutory Changes - HB361

- The Division of Mining, Land and Water has identified over 30 statutory changes that would help reduce applicant costs, create efficiencies, reduce redundancies, and reduce opportunities for legal challenges
- During the 2012 Legislative session, the Governor introduced HB 361, which included the highest priority changes related to <u>leasing</u> and <u>disposal programs</u> that would help reduce the permitting burden on the applicant and free more time for staff to work on processing applications
- The Legislature passed HB 361 and it has been signed by the Governor

















**Thank You!**