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Dear Gold Seeker,

You are receiving information regarding gold mining in the Nome area. You may have contacted our offices because you saw the reality program on the Discovery Channel "Bering Sea Gold" and now want to "seek your fortune".

Prior to making a trip to Nome, you will need to research and know:

- the cost of your travel (there are no roads to Nome)
- the cost to get your equipment to Nome (again no roads to Nome)
- where and what it will cost you to "live" in Nome
- there are no campgrounds in the immediate vicinity of the recreation areas
- if you are prepared to find very little gold compared to what you'll spend to find it

Two sources of local information for Nome are the *Nome Nugget* (www.nomenugget.net) and the Nome's Convention and Visitors Bureau (www.visitnomealaska.com).

There are only two (2) areas in Nome, where you are able to recreational gold mine with a suction dredge, the West Beach Public Recreational Mining Area and the East Beach Public Recreational Mining Area. Commercial operations are **not** allowed in the recreation areas.

You are **not** allowed to camp, travel across or otherwise use private land without permission. Most of the land surrounding Nome is either privately owned or owned by the City of Nome. Private land is primarily owned by the Nome Gold Alaska Corporation and various ANCSA Corporations.

Please contact the appropriate land owner (listed below) to negotiate an agreement to use their land.

- City of Nome at www.nomealask.org
- Nome Gold Alaska Corporation at www.nome-gold.com
- Sitnasuak Native Corporation at www.snc.org
- Bering Straits Native Corporation at www.beringstraits.com
- Kawerak Inc. / King Island Native Corporation at www.kawerak.org

The Nome Gold Alaska Corporation and the Bering Straits Native Corporation own both surface and subsurface rights to their land. You are **not** allowed to mine the beach or the uplands of this privately owned land.

If you have never used suction dredging equipment in Alaska, you will need to educate yourself and receive training to properly and safely operate the equipment. Two untrained miners have died off shore of Nome while mining.

Please read the additional information being sent to you regarding the permitting process included with this cover letter.

Thank you!