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### **Resource development and business organizations issue joint statement on Ambler Access Road Final Record of Decision**

**ANCHORAGE-** June 28, 2024- We are disappointed by the Biden administration’s nearly unprecedented “no action” alternative on the Ambler Access Process and flat refusal to grant access for the Ambler Access Road – access that was promised in the Alaska National Interest Land Claims Act (ANILCA). Denial of access for this region is a threat to Alaska’s development that was strategically negotiated more than 40 years ago. Despite a joint letter requesting that BLM reconsider the “no action” alternative, the above-mentioned coalition received no response. Today’s final decision violates federal law and the clear mandate of ANILCA.

This decision also threatens significant future economic opportunity for Alaskans and undermines Alaska’s right to access vital minerals essential for reliable energy and national security, while also disregarding our national and environmental integrity.

This decision is especially unfortunate given Alaska's resource development community adheres to the highest environmental and safety standards.

While the aforementioned organizations are disappointed with today’s final announcement, we remain committed to responsible resource development in Alaska and will continue advocating for this project and others with potential to improve our economy and provide jobs for Alaskans.

#### **About the Alaska Chamber**

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing more than 700 businesses, manufacturers, and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ more than 55,000 hard-working Alaskans. The Chamber advocates for a positive investment climate that provides certainty and stability for Alaska.

**About Alaska Metal Mines**

Alaska Metal Mines is a professional association formed in 1992 to represent Alaska's large metal mines and advanced projects. We work to inspire Alaskans to support a growing mining industry that produces essential minerals while prioritizing safe operations, community partnerships, and environmental protection.

**About the Alaska Miners Association**

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. AMA's more than 1,400 members come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Alaska's miners are individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

**About the Alaska Support Industry Alliance**

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance is a 45-year-old professional trade association representing 500 Alaska companies with 35,000 employees who provide support to the oil, gas and mining industries in Alaska. About the Associated General Contractors of Alaska The mission of Associated General Contractors of Alaska is to advocate, educate, and promote the construction industry in Alaska.

**About the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice advocating for community by supporting business prosperity to our more than 600 members in the Interior of Alaska.

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**About the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.**

RDC is a statewide professional trade association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's fishing, forestry, mining, oil and gas, and tourism industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, government entities, 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.

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