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**From:** Jim Pokrivnak [mailto:jimpokrivnak@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 09, 2016 10:04 PM  
**To:** Rainey, Evan E (DOT)  
**Subject:** The sale of the FOX spring

Do NOT Sell the FOX Spring water source . The state needs money and jobs this site is a GOLD MINE . Turn that source into a money maker and bottle that water and sell it for a profit. For every bottle you sell store a bottle for state emergency's. Water is the new oil and the state needs to protect for all Alaskans use , to preserve and to sell some . Thank You Jim Pokrivnak

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**From:** Eric Schneider [mailto:ericshneider77@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 9:38 PM  
**To:** Rainey, Evan E (DOT)  
**Subject:** Fox Spring

To Whom It May Concern--

As a 10 year user of Fox Spring for my family's drinking water, I am opposed to any sale of the spring out of state or local government control. I was opposed to the physical move of the water dispenser off the road right of way, which allowed a sale to proceed at some point in the future. And regardless of the good intentions of the prospective purchaser, it is not appropriate for something as important--as essential--as drinking water to move to private control.

Contrary to what the State has been saying for years--that the DOT is not the appropriate entity to own and operate this well--the DOT is an excellent owner. DOT has the expertise and experience (decades) successfully operating this public service.

DOT has attributed about \$50,000/year to operating Fox Springs. While you might be able to attribute \$50,000 in costs, I am certain that you will not generate anything near \$50,000 in savings to close it.

Furthermore, when divided by the amount of water pulled from the ground here each year, this is an extremely economical source of water.

I respectfully request that you stop the sale of Fox Springs.

Eric Schneider  
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

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From: Patrice Lee <[patricelee3294@gmail.com](mailto:patricelee3294@gmail.com)>  
Date: 7/12/2016 16:52 (GMT-09:00)  
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Subject: Fox Water Springs/Well pending sale

To all,

It was my understanding that the FNSB Assembly voted to not support the Fox Water Springs/well in an attempt to get the state to take on the responsibility for the well. The public left the meeting thinking the borough would revisit the issue seriously if the state did not step up.

How will the state assure that the "Maximum Value" comes from the sale of the property? We consider Fox Water to be a resource of the people.

Where will the money from the sale end up?

How is the value of the property being combined with the value of the water and the public use of that water to determine a selling price?

The idea that the well will go dry is unsupported by research that I can find. It appears to be someone's opinion. If anyone knows differently, please send me a recent (last year or so) sourced report that shows the decline in the well output.

When did the borough and or the assembly examine the ideas brought forth at the Assembly meeting to retain Fox? Are there minutes for those meetings? The public suggested everything from metered water, to a yearly fee to cover the costs. People supported Fox Spring becoming a historical site. Some suggested it should be part of our emergency preparedness as a water source. There were many ideas brought forth instead of a sale. All we have heard about in response to those suggestions is "sale of the land and water".

Would a public records request show a sincere effort by the borough to convince the Interior Delegation and Assembly members to examine alternatives to keep Fox Well? When did our Interior Delegation take up the issue at the state level? Are there minutes or audio for those meetings?

The most disturbing, but true statement by the potential buyer is the comment about liability. If he buys the land, then he will be liable and we see that as the end of public access to Fox Water.

I think that topics should be revisited if the public has an concerted interest in the topic being revisited. We revisit air quality issues all the time because we need to and it is in the public's interest to do so. In a record setting comment by the public including over 2,300 signatures and a packed assembly chambers, we asked for one thing, the Fox Water Springs to remain a public entity. Thousands of us are angered that a state resource is being put up for sale in opposition to such overwhelming public sentiment.

Keep the Fox Springs/Well as resource of the people. Don't sell the property. Fox Springs water doesn't have to be free, it has to be free of privatization.

Patrice Lee  
Citizen

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**4**

From: Jim Mc [mailto:diegomendoza1@live.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 5:12 PM  
To: Rainey, Evan E (DOT)  
Subject: Fox Spring

Please sell this spring ASAP, it ought to be a private utility not a state run free water source for a priveledged few who live in fox. The state of ak is hemorrhaging money hourly, this is an unnecessary expense.  
Thanks

Jim McClure

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July 26, 2016

Ryan Anderson  
Director  
Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
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Dear Director Anderson,

As you are well aware, the sale of the Fox Spring Well is currently open for public comment. I am writing to you in opposition of the sale.

The well, which is historic in nature, provides many of those in our community with clean water. It is a resource of the people and should be a priority of DOT's to continue the maintenance of the site. Its value is immeasurable and should not be sold.

Over the last year, hundreds of people have attended community meetings, given public testimony, and written numerous letters in opposition to the sale.

Selling the spring is short-sighted, and does not reflect the will of the people. Today the Fox Spring Well is providing plentiful water to thousands of people in the community. Hundreds of residents have relied on the fox watering hole as their sole source of water during prolonged power outages. I believe DOT's position and actions on this issue are untenable.

Maintaining the Fox Spring Well should be revisited. To this date over 2,300 signatures have been collected in support of keeping the spring open for public use. I urge you to listen to the people of our community and prioritize this precious resource.

Best Regards,

Ester Farmers Loop Goldstream 1 & 2 Steese East/Gimmore Steese West University Hills  
rep.david.guttenberg@akleg.gov



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**From:** Bailey, Meadow P (DOT)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 10:01 AM  
**To:** Rainey, Evan E (DOT); Shurr, Martin D (DOT)  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Mary Guthrie  
(907) 479-6034 phone

Her family has used Fox Well for decades. They have a well, but arsenic is present. They have also purchased water, but the quality isn't as good as Fox Well, so they frequently load up vehicles and head to Fox for water. Her family is willing to pay for water and to serve on a task force to come up with solutions. They would like to see a "creative solution" to ownership of the well, but transferring it to a private entity makes them nervous because there is no long-term guarantee that the well would remain open if the owner sold.

I gave her Joni's contact information and let her know that Joni was working on putting together a working group.

**Meadow Bailey, APR**  
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**From:** Chris Polashenski [mailto:chris.polashenski@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 5:22 PM  
**To:** Rainey, Evan E (DOT)  
**Subject:** Fox Spring Comment

Hello,

I couldn't find where the public comments are supposed to go on the website, so I'm emailing my thoughts.

Thanks,  
Chris

The sale of the Fox Spring is a mistake and should be called off. For decades, Alaskans of all walks of life have crossed paths there to get water, remark on the weather, talk politics, and meet people they never would have otherwise seen. This is a public resource and public gathering

place with a broad user base. Its history dates back over a generation. It deserves our tax support and continued upkeep.

A recent Newsminer opinion piece that defends the sale and states that selling the Fox spring 'makes sense' misses badly. The article says the state should not support the spring because its benefits are local. This 'local benefit' argument is pure fallacy. The same argument can be made for any particular section of road, any school improvement, criminal rehabilitation, higher education scholarships, runways, and more. Virtually every state service benefits only a small portion of our population. No state services, in fact, benefit every single member of our community equally at a given time.

Its true, we could privatize the Fox Spring and someone or some non-profit (if we're lucky) could charge each visitor a couple bucks. But by that token, we could also have a toll on the Steese. After all, not everyone in Alaska drives on the Steese, and it is awfully expensive to maintain.

The key test for whether something *can be* a state funded service is whether it has a broad user base and is available to all in need of the service equally. Fox spring meets that standard, just as roads, schools, and runways do. If a service meets this test, it should be provided by pooling our resources in our government if there is a desire from the community for the shared service to exist and if it is a community priority. Thousands of people who get their water from the Fox spring every week are expressing this desire with their feet and their water jugs.

Maintaining a spring may be a poor fit for the DOT. Tough times, however, ensure no other government entity can step forward right now to take it. Yes, this means its DOT's job to hold the spring until another entity has the ability to take it over.

We are told DOT will have to spend \$50k/yr to maintain Fox Spring. That number seems large relative to the services at the spring. Maybe we should talk about ways to try to trim the costs?

Even if we can't trim the costs, is the Fox Spring worth it at \$50k/yr? It sure sounds like a big number to most of us. When we compare it against other ways we as a state choose to spend our money, the Fox Spring is a good value. For example \$50k buys only about 400 feet of the new 20 mile extension on the Elliot highway to Tanana, the village of but 300 or so souls. \$50k is also a bit less than 7 cents per Alaskan, or if the Borough took it over, about 50 cents per resident of FNSB. More people get their water from the spring in a week than drive many major Alaskan highways, let alone the Tanana extension of the Elliot.

With tight budgets, keeping the spring will mean cutting back elsewhere. Here's one suggestion - maybe the scope of the Dalton Realignment will have to be shortened by a couple hundred feet? The DOT must have a hard time thinking this way. The DOT does roads, not springs. A wise DOT administrator, however, would see across the divisions of government. The government provides all sorts of services and should prioritize those of best value. The DOT happens to be the custodian for this particular public resource and timeless community fixture. Selling it off simply because times are a little tight and they want to make sure a particular road project can stay on the books is foolhardy. Maintaining the Fox Spring as a public service, funded by our tax dollars, is the right thing to do.

**FOX SPRINGS TASK FORCE**

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September 22, 2016

Governor William Walker

RE: Fox Springs

Dear Governor Walker:

We are a grass-roots committee formed to protect and preserve Fox Springs well site for public use. In spite of hundreds of Alaskan citizens requesting the state to maintain the site, the Department of Transportation plans to sell to a private entity after September 30, 2016. We request your assistance in delaying the sale of the site to a private landowner while our task force works on solutions needed to maintain the Fox Springs.

As you are probably aware, since 1966, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities dedicated for public use, a small parcel of land located near Fox, Alaska with a natural spring. Over the years the spring stopped running, but the Department developed a well on the property. For fifty years now, it has become a local custom of Fairbanksans and others to get their water at Fox. We wish to preserve this local tradition and public use of Fox water for future generations.

The Department of Transportation has made many improvements to the Springs and has provided maintenance as necessary. Now the Department claims that recent budget concerns mean that it can no longer fund the maintenance costs. The Department's solution is to sell the Springs as per statute to an adjacent landowner.

The annual maintenance costs are relatively low, but we do not doubt that Alaska's current budget situation requires a closer look at all expenditures. Maintenance costs, of course, are part of all public assets such as

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roads, easements and public facilities, but the Department seems determined to pass these costs to others. While we do not necessarily agree with the Department's position, we are intent on coming up with a solution to maintain the public use of the Springs.

Approximately 2000 people have signed a petition to preserve the Springs for public use, and we formed our committee in response to citizens' concerns. We have held meetings, formed working groups, conducted research and interviews, looked into financing ideas and have identified several possible solutions. Among the options considered are working with our local senators and representatives to help keep the Springs open, forming a non-profit entity to manage the public easement that may be in place, or creating a new easement if necessary. We are investigating ways to fund the maintenance costs such as membership fees, pay per use, and other ideas. We will work cooperatively with the DOT and a prospective new owner (if a sale does go through) to investigate sharing the responsibilities of the Springs as well as working with our local governments to encourage their assistance and involvement. Finally, we are investigating action to protect the natural resource and historic value of the site.

Unfortunately, we have not had enough time to work out the details of a possible solution. In addition, we are still waiting for expense details from DOT and would like a hydrologic study of the well's viability. We need more time. We understand the sale of the Springs is set to close after the public comment period ends on September 30, 2016. We ask you, and by copy of this letter, we ask our representatives and senators, to grant us more time to explore options and work out details for a reasonable solution to a natural resource issue of importance to many people in Fairbanks and surrounding areas.

Thank you,  
Patrice Lee, acting chairperson

Joni Scharfenberg



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Task Force Facilitator  
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cc: David Guttenberg, Scott Kawasaki, Adam Wool, Steve  
Thompson, Tammie Wilson, and David Talerico, State  
Representatives;

cc: John Coghill, Click Bishop, and Pete Kelly, State  
Senators;

cc: Karl Kassel, John Eberhart and Bryce Ward, Mayors;

cc: Marc Luiken, Commissioner of the Department of  
Transportation and Public Facilities, Ryan Anderson,  
Northern Region Director.

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From: Patrice Lee <[patricelee3294@gmail.com](mailto:patricelee3294@gmail.com)>  
Date: 9/28/16 2:45 PM (GMT-09:00)  
To: "Shurr, Martin D (DOT)" <[martin.shurr@alaska.gov](mailto:martin.shurr@alaska.gov)>  
Subject: Fox Water Springs comment

Hi Kevin,

The Fox Spring Well Task Force is developing solutions to mitigate the financial concerns the well presents to the DOT. The Task Force has researched and developed workable options to present to the DOT for consideration. The DOT has reported the costs of the well to be the deciding factor for the sale of the site, therefore, with the financial concerns addressed in the plans of the Task Force, there is no longer a need for the well to be sold to a private entity. We ask that the DOT halt the sale of the site to work with and consider the proposed solutions the Task Force has developed ."

Thank you,  
Patrice Lee  
Acting Chair-Fox Spring Well Task Force

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**From:** Myke Mitchell [<mailto:mykem@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 5:41 PM  
**To:** Shurr, Martin D (DOT) <[martin.shurr@alaska.gov](mailto:martin.shurr@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fox Spring

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**From:** Chris Polashenski [<mailto:chris.polashenski@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 4:16 PM  
**To:** Shurr, Martin D (DOT) <[martin.shurr@alaska.gov](mailto:martin.shurr@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Comment on DOT sale of Fox Spring

I have worked with the task force exploring options to keep Fox Spring open for several weeks. I've been opposed to this sale throughout but willing to work to try to keep it open in some other way if needed.

At this point I feel that the DOT has deliberately misled the public on this topic and is utterly unresponsive to comments. This comment is to record that in the public domain (where these comments will someday be published) and once again request DOT continue to maintain the well.

1. The task force has repeatedly attempted to get the true annual cost reduction that would be achieved by selling the spring out of DOT - and the true annual cost that a private entity would need to take on to maintain it. Various DOT employees have been very helpful in providing insight over the phone and we thank them for this. Still, DOT has repeatedly provided written cost estimates which mix costs DOT will not be able to relinquish such as maintenance of the stream and pullout in the right of way. At this point it is clear that actual savings to DOT are well below \$50,000/yr and actually would be better estimated at between \$18k/yr and \$23k/yr - NOT \$50,000 as DOT is repeatedly on record stating. We know this correction is uncomfortable for someone at DOT, but DOT needs to correct this on the record and stop obfuscating the potential savings number as the task force seeks clear information. The taxpayer deserves to know the truth. Additionally, the document which contains estimated costs currently on the state website remains the inaccurate by including costs which DOT will not shed by selling the well site, indicating continued misinformation.

2. The file of hundreds of public comments posted on the DOT site shows at least 97% of the public comment received was in favor of keeping the well in public hands (with half of the other 3% posting ambiguous comments). Counting the individuals who signed the petition but did not write a statement would increase this to at least 99%. This is ridiculously overwhelming support - far more clear than virtually any other topic DOT has ever gotten public comment on. If DOT sells this it is utterly ignoring public comment and calling the relevance of the entire public comment system into question.

3. While it is accurate to state that the well's level has been declining it is not accurate to state that the well is 'going dry', as DOT has clearly stated. Multiple well drillers have confirmed to the task force that it is not typically possible to predict the future stability of a water level in a well. Additionally, we've been told informally that water levels have risen in recent months thanks to the rain.

4. DOT has not been willing to discuss keeping the well if the Task Force can raise the funds for its maintenance or provide for a mechanism to collect money from users. Since the prime motivation DOT has stated is budget cuts, the steady and seemingly unstoppable march toward selling doesn't make sense to us if a group is offering to help raise funds. Calling on behalf of the task force to ask if DOT will consider not selling if the task force raised funds, I have had very nice conversations with various low level folks at DOT who have explained that orders are to sell and that the decision is from above them in the DOT chain of command. I have not had calls returned from those higher levels where apparently the decision resides.

The government is supposed to work for the people and I am very much frustrated that this does not seem to be the case here. At very least I will record my frustration.

Chris

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**From:** Joni Scharfenberg [mailto:jonisc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2016 4:40 PM  
**To:** Rainey, Evan E (DOT)  
**Subject:** Fox Springs Comments

Please accept the comments attached. (I couldn't figure out how to send them via your sidewalk )

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Joni Scharfenberg FSWCD coordinator, 907-978-1727

(contents of attached Word document):

Fox springs comment for DOT website

From Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District

The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District has been facilitating a Fox Springs Well Site task force during the last month. In working with this group and hearing from other Interior Residents, FSWCD would request that DOT delay the sale and/or reconsider the sale of this site to a private entity.

There are several different possible solutions that have been raised:

1. The task force has maintained that they understand there is no budget available from DOT or perhaps another state entity to finance the maintenance of the well. However, the task force is willing to find appropriate funding and has been investigating several options I.E membership, pay for use, cooperative, donations, etc. . Since DOT has stated that their reason for selling is because of budget restrictions, this could be a solution.
2. The task force still does not have an accurate accounting of the separation of well site maintenance costs and annual DOT costs of road maintenance at the area.
3. Other public entities that were asked (by statute) if they were interested in retaining the well site under their jurisdiction were unable to make a justifiable decision because they thought there would be financial obligations attached to the acceptance.
4. While a public easement has been proposed, the legalities of this have not been established at this time.
5. Liability costs are not a problem if the property is retained by the state, but could be quite expensive if maintained by another entity.
6. The prospects of this site becoming a park or being designated as a historic site are very viable options.

7. DOT has the experience and the equipment to maintain the springs and a contractual agreement could be established with a management group.
8. Article 8( natural resources) , section 13( water rights) of the state constitution

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**From:** Patrice Lee [mailto:patricelee3294@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Shurr, Martin D (DOT) <martin.shurr@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Fox Water Springs comment

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Thank you,  
Patrice Lee  
Acting Chair-Fox Spring Well Task Force

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**Online comments from <https://mysidewalk.com/sidewalks/19316/fairbanks-ak>**

[Lance Roberts](#)

This property should be put out to a public auction/RFP process where the main consideration will be the maintaining of the public water facility. The best proposal of those who will maintain the facility should be the one who gets to buy the Springs.

July 8



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[Alaska Department of Transportation Public Facilities](#)

Lance, thank you for your comment. The process for transferring/selling DOT property like this is codified in the Alaska Administrative Code. Currently, 17 AAC 10.100-105 gives priority to the adjoining property owner (clearly defined as the owner of the parcel that the DOT land originated from) before we can offer the property to the public through competitive sealed bids.

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July 8



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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

What about approaching the Fox Lions Club to take it on as a service project?

July 10



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[Alaska Department of Transportation Public Facilities](#)

We appreciate your comment, Tammy. This currently is not an option for the sale/disposal of property under the Alaska Administrative Code. However, considering ideas like these will help us determine if there is an appropriate alternative to disposal.

July 19



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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

The owner of that adjoining land is not the owner that resided there when DOT was given that land. What to the rules say about that? Do you know if that person desires to keep the "spring" running for free? The Fox Spring has ALWAYS been free to the public. Thousands of folks use that spring each week. Thousands of folks have been getting their water there for free. The water has always been free. How would a person contact the adjoining land owner? It would be nice to have a phone number. **Collapse**

July 19



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17 AAC 10.105(a) defines the “adjoining property owner” as the owner of “the land from which an acquisition of land” was made. The current owner of the property which is the remainder of the larger parcel from which the DOT acquisition was made is the only “adjoining property owner” referenced in the administrative code. The proposed buyer has indicated that the spring will remain open if possible. **Collapse**

July 21



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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

What does "if possible mean? It's been possible to keep it open for more years than I've been alive, and I'm no spring chicken! I am curious if the adjoining property owner is the one who has

such trouble with the glacier (below the spring) nearly every winter. Would that be a conflict of interests? **Collapse**

July 21



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Hi Tammy, DOT cannot speak for the potential buyer regarding what they consider to be possible. We realize private ownership of the property could result in a use that conflicts with the current public use/interest, which is why our initial efforts were aimed at transferring the property to another public agency. **Collapse**

August 1



[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

Thanks for your kind answers. My heart is sorrowful at the disappearance of yet another long standing Alaskan tradition.

August 1



[Alaska Department of Transportation Public Facilities](#)

We wanted to share an update on Fox Spring. Originally, public comments about the proposed sale were scheduled to end on August 10. Last month, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District expressed interest in the spring and requested more time so the group can explore water flow and management options. Public comments will now be accepted through September 30.

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner story about the extension of the public comment period can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/2aWwavT>. **Collapse**

August 15

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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

This is very interesting to me! Will there be a meeting including the public at any time? I live outside the delivery area for the NewsMiner and am afraid I will miss the notice.

August 26



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[Alaska Department of Transportation Public Facilities](#)

Tammy, Joni Scharfenberger with Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District is coordinating a meeting of interested stakeholders. You can contact her at (907) 978-1727 or email [jonisc@gmail.com](mailto:jonisc@gmail.com).

August 30

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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

Thanks for the info!

August 30



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[Alaska Department of Transportation Public Facilities](#)

Tammy, the News-Miner ran a story today about the coalition that FSWCD is coordinating: [http://www.newsminer.com/news/local\\_news/new-coalition-forming-to-possibly-oversee-fox-well/article\\_d4f6b68c-6e81-11e6-bc4e-5f7504ef9621.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/new-coalition-forming-to-possibly-oversee-fox-well/article_d4f6b68c-6e81-11e6-bc4e-5f7504ef9621.html)

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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

You are so awesome! Thanks for the newsminer link.

August 30



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[Nana Paldi](#)

More time is needed by the Task Force associated with Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District and community citizens who are meeting together to investigate solutions to keep the water site at Fox in the public domain and secure for generations to come with the best possible arrangement for maintenance in the event the fresh water stays fresh and abundant as it seems to be as of this date, September 9, 2016. This public, fresh water source is a beautiful gem on our planet. Let's keep it free and clear of political, social and environmental corruption. Task Force member and lifelong water recipient, Nana Paldi **Collapse**

September 9

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[Tammy Fiess-Hillyer](#)

I agree Nana, that makes a lot of sense. It seems like a little more time to accomplish what you proposed has the possibility to please all involved!

September 10