

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Jack Reakoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] AIDEA meeting March 26, 2020

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End of comments.... For now,

Thanks so much for your personal professionalism,
Jack Reakoff

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To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA meeting March 26, 2020

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Wiseman, Alaska

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: michelle reakoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Public comment

Sherrie,

Here is a copy of my testimony but first I would like to add that AIDEA violated the Alaska Administrative Procedural Act by not giving the public a 30 day notice to change regulations. Also aside from maybe how my testimony came across clarity wise, I heard everyone else's testimony clearly. Yes there was some background noise but nothing that couldn't be tuned out. For the chairmen to stop the public comment period due to background noise and end with saying "I'm not listening to this shit!" is a poor excuse as well as unprofessional. It also violates our rights to be heard publicly. I hope that AIDEA is not using that as an excuse to not put on record all those that called in as I am sure I am only a handful of those who where emailed requesting that my testimony be sent via email. Since I am sure not everyone emailed AIDEA their names.

Here again is what I was saying....

Hello, My name is Michelle Reakoff. I would like to thank the AIDEA board for taking public comment. I am a life long Alaskan resident who lives in Healy and Homer AK. However I was born in Fairbanks and was raised in Wiseman in the Brooks Range. I have family in the region of the proposed project all the way from Wiseman to Kotzebue. I am opposed to providing \$35 Million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses and families who currently need it especially during this health and economic crisis.

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Thank you for listening. Please take this into serious consideration.

Michelle Reakoff

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> I would like to be added to the list of those making public comment.

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PS

I would like the Board to see the written comments I and others are submitting.
I was as annoyed as the Board was with people calling in and not listening and muted their phone.

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From: Rachael Gaedeke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:09 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Caller for public comment

My comments:

My name is Rachael Gaedeke, I am an Alaskan, born in Fairbanks and raised in the Brooks Range, just a few miles from the proposed Ambler road. I am adamantly opposed to providing 35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund for the proposed Ambler road. I'm sure the attorneys that are calling in will address the blatant disregard for our Alaska State constitution among other legal and ethical atrocities. As a lifelong Alaskan, I feel called to say shame on you. Shame on you for taking advantage of Alaskans during what will likely be one of the worst social and economic catastrophes Alaska has ever seen. It concerns me greatly to see the complete lack of awareness that AIDEA has for the negative social impact this road will bring to the people of the Kobuk and Koyukuk valleys.

Studies have shown that when mines are built, the communities closest suffer from increased rates of alcoholism, domestic violence and sexual assault. The villages in proximity to this proposed road and this potential mine(s) do not have the resources to support the influx of miners, truckers and "man camps" that will follow. I greatly fear for the women and children in every village that comes close to the proposed Ambler Road. To continue to dump money into this project, especially in the midst of the public health and economic crisis created by covid19 is despicable. Alaska has hundreds of not thousands of businesses closed to protect our community from the spread of this virus. Alaskans need these funds to provide support to the large scale unemployment crisis we are facing and will be facing for months to come, NOT to support outside mining interests.

Rachael Gaedeke
Anchorage, AK

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> Executive Assistant | Board Administrator

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> Please take my testimony today
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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Pat Gaedeke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Patricia Gaedeke Caller for public comment
Attachments: Ambler Road Testimony 32620.pdf; ATT00001.htm; PastedGraphic-2.tiff; ATT00002.htm

Attached is a copy of the testimony I gave today and I will be giving additional testimony tomorrow.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Jim Magdanz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Request to Testify to AIDEA Board on March 27

Hi Sherry,

This note is in response to your request that people who might wish to testify before the AIDEA Board's special meeting on Friday, March 27, send you an email with their name and contact information.

NAME: Jim Magdanz

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

REPRESENTING: Myself, as a 30-year resident of northwest Alaska.

Thank You!
Jim Magdanz

[REDACTED]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Heidi Schoppenhorst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:37 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Special Board Meeting - Teleconference

Hello Sherrie,
We would like to comment at your teleconference at 1pm regarding resolution G20-11.
Thanks!

Scott & Heidi Schoppenhorst
Boreal Lodging
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Wiseman, AK 99709
[REDACTED]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Scott Schoppenhorst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:42 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Sherrie (g20-11 public comment

I wish to comment in opposition to the allocation of state funds for the ambler road.
This is not the time, nor the respectful thing to do during this crisis.
Scott Schoppenhorst
[REDACTED]

The Arctic

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Dirk Nickisch and Danielle Tirrell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Additional funding for Ambler Road

To Whom It May Concern,

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Peter Christian [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] "public comment" Ambler Road Project

I opposed the Ambler Road Project going forward because:

1. the State of Alaska cannot afford the maintenance of this road. It can barely avoid insolvency as it is.
2. the trade off between mining interests and wilderness values cannot be reconciled.
3. it is likely that such a road will be mismanaged (like the Dalton Hwy.) in in such a manner as to allow public access and damage the environment.
4. BLM and other entities have been forced by political pressure to recommend alternatives that they wouldn't ordinarily recommend.
5. Gates of the Arctic NP is an iconic wilderness park and this road along its southern flank and through its Preserve is not compatible with conservation mandates.
6. "public comment" such as this process, has not been held according to established procedures. It is a sneaky attempt (during a national and global pandemic) to ramrod proposals through the process when the large majority of Native people, local residents and regular Alaskans oppose it. This should be illegal.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Dirk Nickisch and Danielle Tirrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: FW: [External Outside Email] Additional funding for Ambler Road

Hi Sherrie,

Thank you for responding to my email. Unfortunately we are both flying today and are unable to change our schedule to accommodate public testimony. We would appreciate our email be accepted as written public comment.

Thank you

Dirk Nickisch and Danielle Tirrell

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From: Mike Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testify today

Mike Wood
I would like to testify today to the AIDEA board.
Thank you, mike
[REDACTED]

Text or call if easier

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Nicole Schmitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Hello Ms. Siverson,

Thank you for managing the call yesterday. My name is recorded correctly, Nicole Schmitt, and my affiliation is Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

I would also like to add my name to today's public testimony.

Many thanks, and hoping you are well.

Kindly,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director



Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Kendra Zamzow [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] transfer of funds from Revolving to Arctic Infrastructure

Dear AIDEA board:

Alaska has done a great job in responding to the global coronavirus pandemic: mayors and the governor, health officials, businesses, and people all doing what they can to protect the health of society.

The health of our economy is necessarily -- temporarily -- taking a hit. The people I know are the small business owners in Palmer, running on very thin margins, trying to figure out how to keep their employees -- who are also running on thin margins -- and continue to pay bills. A neighbor of mine who runs 2 businesses in Anchorage says he is going to need to lay off 40 workers.

The Alaska Economic Stabilization Team has, as you know, suggested that AIDEA could be a mechanisms to distribute funds to help small and medium businesses. They did not, as far as I can tell, encourage AIDEA to move money from different accounts in order to boost a long-term expensive infrastructure project.

I have read your resolution.

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Our small- and medium-sized businesses need assistance immediately. It sounds like you folks might not be the best route for distributing emergency funds. You also need to cancel or vote down the resolution to transfer funds, and keep the \$35 million available for real economic development provided by our small businesses, as needed and as directed by the legislature.

Regards,

Kendra Zamzow, PhD
Chickaloon, AK 99674
[REDACTED]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Rep. Andy Josephson - [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AMDIAP, and G20-11 (Comment)

Dear Messrs. Boutin and Pruhs:

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I am forwarding this email to the Speaker of the House so that he is apprised of these new developments.

Sincerely,

Andy Josephson
State House

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From: Amanda Bent [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

NO PET PROJECTS!

Funds meant for small business should NOT be used for Ambler Road interests. This is not where I want my tax dollars to go.

I want it to go to all the closed restaurants, fitness clubs, yoga studios, and all the business that will actually close.

Amanda Bent
Realtor
Alaskan Realty
Ester, AK
[REDACTED]

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I'm not big on giving oral testimony, if that's okay.

Thank you for confirming you received my comments.

Kendra Zamzow, PhD
Chickaloon, Alaska
[REDACTED]

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 10:26 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

AIDEA absolutely should not be using an emergency meeting to act on a long-term decision that in no way qualifies as an emergency and has nothing to do with the coronavirus crisis that is creating enormous problems for businesses and workers across the state.

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Ceal Smith

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Ceal Smith, MSci  
Research & Policy Analyst  
Alaska Institute for Climate & Energy  
Eagle River/ Homer, AK  
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Unfortunately I am unable to call in to the meeting and give testimony due to conflicting events. Please consider this my public testimony.

Bremner Nickisch



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**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] RE: [ External Outside Email ] AMDIAP, and G20-11 (Comment)

Yes, please. When does the hearing begin?

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**From:** Sherrie M. Siverson [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] AIDEA Meeting Testimony 1p 3/27/20  
**Attachments:** PastedGraphic-2.tiff

My name is Patricia Gaedeke and I would like to be put on today's testimony list.

Thank you.

Patricia Gaedeke, Owner  
Iniakuk Lake Wilderness Lodge, LLC  
[REDACTED]



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## **Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Callen Christensen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Put me on the list for testimony

Put me on the call list to testify, thanks.

Callen Christensen

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Rachael Gaedeke <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Testimony today

Please put me on the list to testify today. I'm hoping Mr. Pruhs gives a shit today.

Sincerely,

Rachael Gaedeke  
Anchorage, AK



## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Richard Steiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Request to testify today

Ms. Iverson,

I would appreciate being listed to present oral testimony, by phone, at your hearing today re: proposed AIDEA funding for the Ambler Road project. Please add me to the public testimony list, and confirm asap. I used to live and work in Northwest Alaska, and have relevant perspective to add. Please also let me know when to expect my presentation.

Much appreciated, and standing by....

Rick Steiner, Professor  
Oasis Earth  
Anchorage, Alaska  
[REDACTED]

## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Ceal Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Re: [ External Outside Email ] Ambler Road

Thank you Sherrie,

My sister and niece are sick with SARS-CoV2 in Oregon. Both are high risk and we are very worried. Thus, I'm unable to make public comment today but please do include my email in the record. This makes it all the more disturbing that AIDA would use this terrible disease as an excuse to push Ambler Road funding through when we are unable to meet the most basic medical needs. It's unconscionable.

Ceal

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Ceal Smith, MSci
Research & Policy Analyst
Alaska Institute for Climate & Energy
Eagle River/Homer, AK
[REDACTED]

On Mar 27, 2020, at 10:49 AM, Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Ceal. I will be sure that your comments are shared with all board members and included in the record.

Do you wish to make public comments at today's board meeting? If so, I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Sherrie

From: Ceal Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

AIDEA absolutely should not be using an emergency meeting to act on a long-term decision that in no way qualifies as an emergency and has nothing to do with the coronavirus crisis that is creating enormous problems for businesses and workers across the state.

I'm opposed to allocating \$35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses and families who currently need it.

It's unacceptable that the state is supporting multinational corporations instead of the local businesses who are truly struggling during this crisis. Communities in the region are opposed to the proposed road.

The global health crisis should not be seen as an opportunity to disregard public process or communities' needs for private industry profits.

State and federal review processes for major infrastructure projects should be halted during this unprecedented time in our history, when people are rightfully concerned about their families' health and other uncertainties caused by the pandemic. This is not the time to move forward with unwanted projects in near secrecy.

Sincerely,

Ceal Smith

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Ceal Smith, MSci  
Research & Policy Analyst  
Alaska Institute for Climate & Energy  
Eagle River/Homer, AK  
[REDACTED]

## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Erin McKittrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] The Ambler Road project has nothing to do with coronavirus, and should not be funded through a disingenuous "emergency" process

Alaska, along with the rest of the world, is facing an unprecedented crisis. The global pandemic requires all of us to adjust our lives, and puts many businesses in a precarious position. What it *doesn't* require is for us to ignore our public process to ram through funding for a project that can in no way be claimed to be related to the pandemic.

The Ambler road does not exist. No business is currently dependent on it, and none of the state's suffering workers are suffering because of the lack of it. The Ambler road project should be debated as part of the regular capital budget process, when the emergency has faded enough for us to focus on such long-term questions.

In the meantime, if AIDEA wants to do anything to help in our actual emergency, it should use that \$35 million dollars to help Alaskan workers and businesses who are suffering. There are plenty of existing business and industries -- not potential future ones requiring brand new infrastructure -- that desperately need that money. Their numbers will only grow as Alaska faces a drastically altered fishing and tourist season in a couple months. That is the economic development AIDEA should be focused on.

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Erin McKittrick

Freelance science/outdoors writer. I have written for Hakai Magazine, Alaska Magazine, Earth Island Journal, and more. Author of Mud Flats and Fish Camps, A Long Trek Home, Small Feet, Big Land, and My Coyote Nose and Ptarmigan Toes.

[REDACTED]  
Ground Truth Trekking ([REDACTED])



## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Richard Steiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Re: [ External Outside Email ] Request to testify today

Great Sherrie, and apologies for misspelling your last name! And FYI, I have another 2 pm meeting, so am hoping you can get to me early in the public comments.....thanks Ms. Siverson :))

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name.

Thank you. Sherrie Siverson

**From:** Richard Steiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Request to testify today

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Much appreciated, and standing by....

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Oasis Earth



Anchorage, Alaska

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[REDACTED]

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Rick Steiner  
Oasis Earth

[REDACTED]

## **Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Christin Swearingen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Comment

Hello,  
I would like to testify at the meeting on Ambler road at 1:00 today. Could you please add me to the list?  
Thanks.  
Christin

## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Arctic Treks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Friday 1 p.m. agenda

My name is Jim Campbell. I will be calling in to testify today at 1 pm.

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Arctic Circle Photo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] against Ambler Rd funding meant for emergency relief

Greetings,

I wanted to provide feedback and say that it is despicable that AIDEA is attempting to exploit an emergency and bypass the budgetary process by pushing through Ambler Road funding with the emergency coronavirus bill. That is so unethical and obvious to all.

Thank you.

Ken Tape

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks AK 99709

## **Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Jerryne Cole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Testimony Ambler Rd

I want to testify. Jerryne Cole  
Sent from my iPhone



## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Joanna Wassillie [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:54 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Ambler Rd.

Hello Sherrie,

I am a resident of the Seward Peninsula. I am very much opposed to the Ambler Road project, and will be attempting to call in the voice my opinion. I am tired of our land, people, health and way of life being comprised for the sake of making money for a select few. It is not ethical.

Sincerely,

Joanna Wassillie

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] List for testifying today

Hi Sherrie,

Please place me on the list to testify today.

My name is Joan Franz and I live in Fairbanks.

Thank you

Joan

Sent from my iPhone

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Name on list

I am requesting that my name be placed on the list to testify at 1:00 pm today re: Funding Resolution for Ambler project.

Patricia Cue  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Homer, AK 99603

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Tony D'Aoust [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Ambler road testimony

Hi Sherrie,

I would like time to comment at the publim meeting 1:00 pm Friday.

My name is Tony D'Aoust.

My phone # is [REDACTED]

My address is [REDACTED]  
Fairbanks

Thank you,

Tony D'Aoust

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Luc Mehl <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

Hello Sherrie-

I would like to make the following testimony during today's public meeting.

Thank you.

Hello, my name is Luc Mehl, I live in Anchorage.

I work as an environmental data scientist but this comment is on my own behalf.

There are many issues with the proposed road to Ambler including lack of public or local support, unresolved issues regarding the public/private road classification, and inappropriate use of funds without a clear benefit to Alaskans.

I am most qualified to evaluate the environmental assessment, which I deem inadequate. The east-west proposed alternatives (A and B) cut through a single ecologic zone which will have significant impact on all species within that zone and those species crossing through that zone (e.g., caribou and fish migration). These environmental impacts are not sufficiently discussed in the proposals. Alternative C would help distribute the impact over multiple ecologic zones, but at twice the length and expense of the other proposals, C is not viable.

Thank you for your time,  
Luc Mehl

## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Solaris Gillispie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] AIDEA Special meeting - number not working

Hi Sherrie,

I'm attempting to call into the meeting today but the number doesn't seem to be working. Is there a new conference line?

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**Solaris Gillispie**  
(She/Her/Hers or They/Them/Theirs)  
Clean Water & Mining Manager



Northern Alaska Environmental Center

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks Alaska 99701-1535

[REDACTED]  
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## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Princess Lucaj [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Fwd: Princess Lucaj - Testimony

Hello,

I'm emailing to sign in to testify today.

My name is Princess Lucaj.

Mahsi' choo! Thank you,  
Princess

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*We recognize that we work throughout the unceded territories of the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska; that our homes are located on the traditional territories of the lower Tanana Dene Athabascan Peoples. We acknowledge the ancestral & present land stewardship and place-based knowledge of the peoples of these territories.*

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**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Richard Steiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Re: [ External Outside Email ] Request to testify today

Sherrie,

Trying to call in the meeting, but call cannot be completed at this time...do you have an alternate? The number we are calling is [REDACTED]

Rick Steiner

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM Richard Steiner <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Great Sherrie, and apologies for misspelling your last name! And FYI, I have another 2 pm meeting, so am hoping you can get to me early in the public comments.....thanks Ms. Siverson :))

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name.

Thank you. Sherrie Siverson

**From:** Richard Steiner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Request to testify today

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Rick Steiner

Oasis Earth

Anchorage, Alaska

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## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Michael Still [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Special Board Meeting Testimony

Hello,

My name is Mike Still, I'm an Alaskan resident living in Anchorage. I was unable to call in due to technical difficulties. I am opposed to providing \$35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be used to assist Alaskan businesses and families who are struggling due to the Coronavirus. Many small businesses near me are already shut down and laying off employees. I teach elementary school in Anchorage and have communicated with over 50 families since the pandemic began, MANY of them have lost their job and are struggling right now. Please put Alaskans first!

Regards,  
Mike Still  
Teacher, Travel Blogger, Photographer  
[LiveTravelTeach.com](http://LiveTravelTeach.com)

## **Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Deven Barnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Friday Public Ccomment

Deven Barnett

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** VIVIAN MORK [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Call in for meeting

Please add my name. I just learned about this.

Vivian Mork

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**Planet Alaska LLC**  
**Vivian Mork & Aakatchag Schaeffer**  
[REDACTED]  
**Juneau, AK 99801**

**Visit us online at:** [REDACTED]

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** VIVIAN MORK <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] AIDEA Meeting Friday March 27th - add my name Vivian Mork

I have only just learned of the meeting today. Please add my name to the list for public comments.

Thank you  
Vivian Mork  
[REDACTED]

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**Planet Alaska LLC**  
**Vivian Mork & Aakatchag Schaeffer**  
[REDACTED]  
**Juneau, AK 99801**

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**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Kristen Mrozowski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Public Testimony

Hello,

I would like to be added to the sign in sheet to give public testimony today!

Thank you,

Kristen Mrozowski

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Homer, AK 99603



## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Erica Carroll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] RE: Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

I emailed this to you at 11:44 am and you did not call my name...  
I am on the phone and will ask to speak/testify during G20-11.

Erica



**Erica Carroll**  
*Alaska Field Representative | National Parks Conservation Association*  
[REDACTED]  
*Your parks. Your turn.*

**From:** Erica Carroll  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Sherrie,

I plan to call in and testify today at the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Thank you,  
Erica Carroll



**Erica Carroll**  
*Alaska Field Representative | National Parks Conservation Association*  
[REDACTED]  
*Your parks. Your turn.*

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Kathy O [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Public comment for Ambler Road

Sherrie,

I would like to provide comment at today's meeting.

Kathleen O'Reilly-Doyle

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Lee Hart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] public testimony

I've been trying to get through on the conference call line referenced on the agenda. All circuits are busy so here is a summary of my comments.

- 1) My names is Lee Hart, I'm an Alaska resident living in Juneau.
- 2) My comments have nothing to do with the details of the Ambler Road project itself.
- 3) I'm told AIDEA is the agency to turn to for "access to capital." I work in the outdoor recreation industry which accounts for 1 in 10 jobs in Alaska. Most of our companies are small businesses well under 500 employees and many are family run, independent businesses who are in desperate need for access to capital right now as businesses are closed due to public health mandates and the tourism industry has the rug pulled out from under it.
- 4) I can't imagine any coronavirus impacts to a road that isn't even approved or built yet that exceed the need of Alaska's many small businesses, including my own, to access capital to stay afloat as we weather the impacts of the coronavirus crisis.
- 5) If we're going to invest \$35 million into something, invest it into our people who need it now. Let's have a more measured conversation about how best to invest \$35 million for the greatest good. Anything less, is not just tone deaf but literally deaf and blind to the realities of what is going on at this very moment across our state.

I hope my comments are accepted for the record.  
Thank you.  
Lee

Lee Hart  
Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance  
Juneau Alaska  
[REDACTED]

*Practicing maximum enthusiasm every day*

**Sherrie M. Siverson**

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**From:** Jon Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Testimony for AIDEA meeting today

I would like to make a comment on the proposal to transfer \$35 million into a fund to further the Ambler Road project.

Jon Miller  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[REDACTED]

## Sherrie M. Siverson

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**From:** Loren Karro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** Sherrie M. Siverson  
**Subject:** [ External Outside Email ] Testimony on Ambler Road funding

My emails keep coming back. I would like to testify and am on the phone. Loren Karro thank you  
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