

FACT SHEET: 1002 AREA DEVELOPMENT

AIDEA PROJECT FACT SHEET



Overview

Development in the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain is guided by federal and state law, technical data, environmental safeguards and local input. AIDEA's role is to carry out this direction responsibly, promote economic development, create jobs and advance opportunities for the benefit of Alaskans.

Key Facts

- **Legal direction:** AIDEA's actions are guided by laws reflecting direction from elected officials, including the United States Congress and the Alaska Legislature, as well as the Alaska Constitution's requirement that state resources be developed for the maximum benefit of all Alaskans.
- **Economic return:** Responsible development of oil and gas resources in the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain can generate revenue for AIDEA, which is then shared with the State of Alaska, along with royalties, production taxes and corporate income taxes.
- **Long-term public benefit:** These revenues can provide a long-term financial return that supports state services and benefits Alaskans for decades.
- **Data-driven decisions:** AIDEA relies on data and technical information to guide its decisions, including information provided in the [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge \(ANWR\) Coastal Plain Resources report](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS AND WILDLIFE MONITORING

Development in the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain would be conducted responsibly and in compliance with applicable environmental requirements. Oil and gas operations have coexisted with caribou, polar bears and other wildlife for decades on the North Slope, and any activity in the 1002 Area would be subject to appropriate mitigation measures.

- AIDEA has completed extensive wildlife monitoring on its 1002 Area leases.
- Monitoring efforts include aerial FLIR surveys and planned LIDAR studies designed to identify potential maternal polar bear denning habitat.
- The 2025/2026 ERC survey, conducted using U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved protocols, found no polar bear dens, hotspots or other areas of concern within the surveyed lease area.
- These studies help inform project planning and avoidance measures while protecting sensitive wildlife resources.

Local Perspective

AIDEA recognizes the importance of local perspectives. Kaktovik, the only community and Tribe within the boundaries of the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain, supports development for the benefit of its residents and Tribal members.

Funding Clarification

No public funds are being used to advance development of the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain. AIDEA's assets and funds are, by law, not public funds; they represent earnings from AIDEA investments and projects over several decades.

Why Alaska Standards Matter

If energy resources are not developed responsibly in Alaska under some of the strictest environmental standards in the world, global demand will still be met by production elsewhere — often in countries using methods, standards and energy sources that can contribute to pollution affecting the Alaskan Arctic.

In other words, failing to produce energy resources under rigorous standards in Alaska simply shifts production elsewhere, and the nation, Alaskans and the Arctic pay the price.

Related sources: [‘Important Message’: Soot from India Can Make Its Way to the Arctic — and Does — The Wire Science](#); [Soot from Asia travels express on a highway to the high Arctic | Nature](#)

BOTTOM LINE

AIDEA's work in the 1002 Area of the Alaska Coastal Plain is grounded in legal direction, technical analysis, environmental safeguards and local input. The goal is responsible development that benefits Alaskans while protecting sensitive wildlife resources and meeting applicable regulatory requirements.

