#### Industrialization of the West Susitna Drainage

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# Susitna River Coalition





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#### **Basic Road Stats**

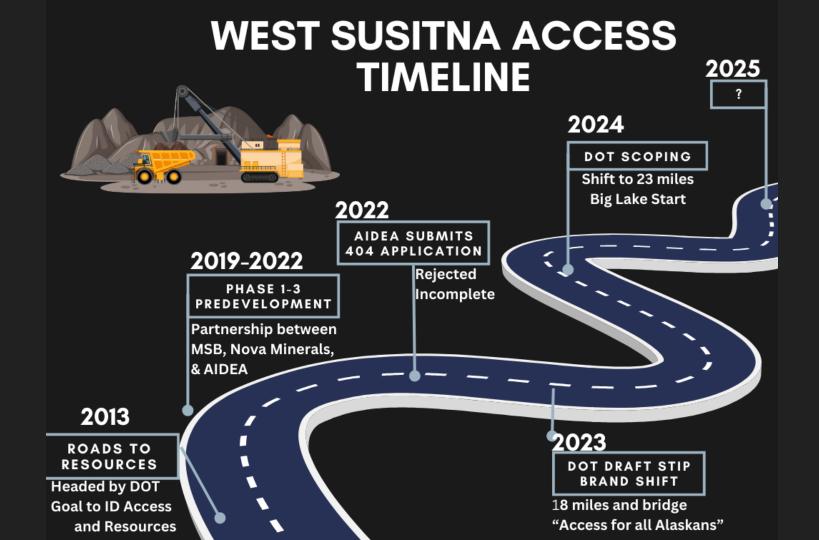
What?: 100+ mile gravel industrial access corridor.

**Who?:** AIDEA , the Mat Su Borough, NOVA Minerals (An Australian gold mining corporation), U.S. Gold Mining (Canadian Gold mining corporation), and AKDOT&PF

Public V Private: Public portion the 23- mile DOT portion- the rest private

**Where?**: Begins in Big Lake and ends at the Estelle Mining District strip near Rainy Pass Lodge

**Price Tag:** AIDEA Current cost est. \$450 million for an industrial corridor in 2017 dollars. DOT is estimating \$75 million for the first 23 miles including a bridge across the Susitna.





# **OUTCOME** focused, versus process focused

End of Trail (Section 29, Township 021N, Range 011W, Seward Meridian)

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#### **Fish Creek Timber Sales**

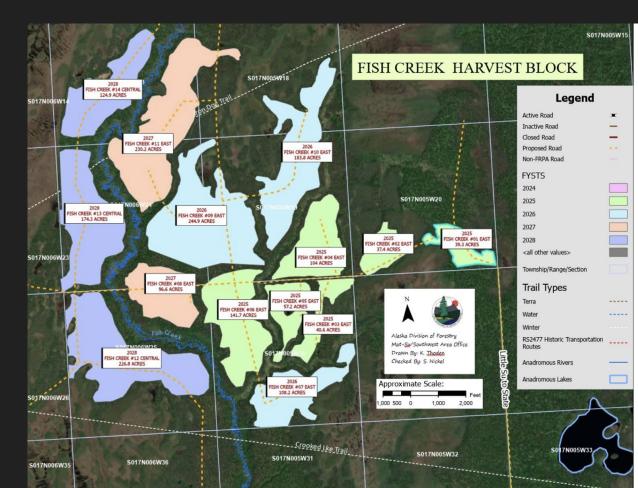
Who: Department of Natural Resources

What: Total 420 acres

When: Harvest over a 5 year period

Where: 13mi W Big Lake, off West Susitna Parkway

**Why:** Allows the bypass of some regs for West Sustina Access



#### **Susitna Basin Oil and Gas Leases**

Who: DNR Division of Oil and Gas

What: 1.5 million acre Oil and Gas Exploration

Where: Huge area round Susitna & Yentna Rivers

When: 10 Year exploration license

**Why:** Partially overlaps with West Susitna, providing access



### **Donlin Natural Gas Pipeline**

Who: Donlin Gold

**What:** 315 mile natural gas pipeline

Where: Beluga to Crooked Creek (Kuskokwim Trib)

When: Currently in litigation

Why: Power a proposed gold mine



#### **Little West Susitna Wind Power Project**

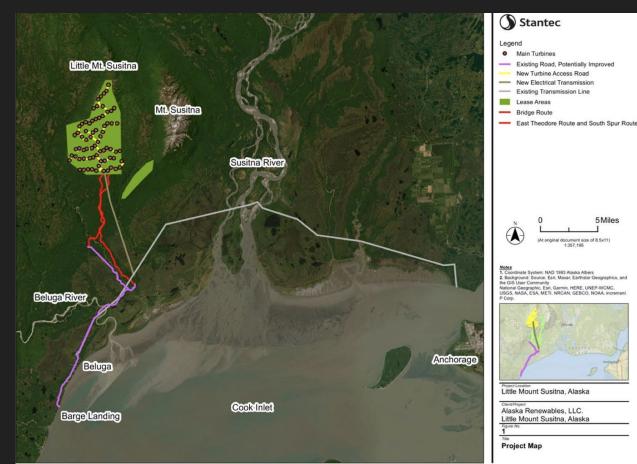
Who: Alaska Renewables

What: 28-64 wind turbines 11mi transmission lines 230-280 MW 33-35mi new roads

Where: Little Mt. Susitna

**When:** Construction begins 2025-2026, operational 2026-2027

Why: Power for railbelt & mines



# **Coal Mining and Carbon Sequestration**

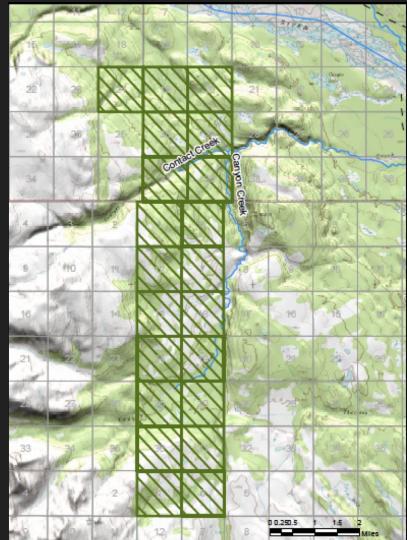
Who: Flatlands Energy

**What:** 400 MW coal-fired power plant utilizing CCS

**Where:** 18 miles W of Skwentna, Canyon Creek

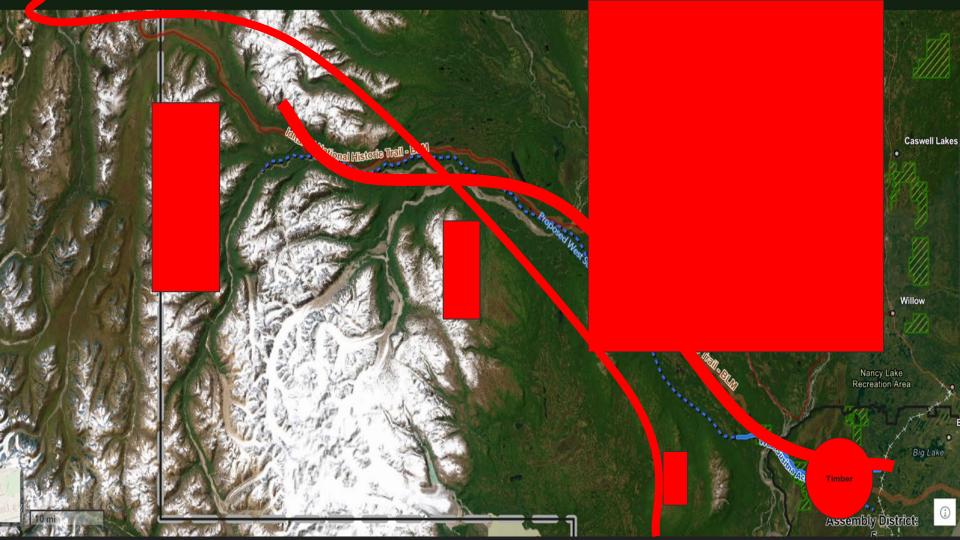
When: Potentially 6-7 Years

Why: West Susitna needed for access



## **Gold and Hardrock Mining**





What is the Future of the Susitna that YOU would like to see?

