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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson

We accept your invitation to be a cooperating agency in the environmental review of the Alaska Railroad Corporation petition for operation and construction of a rail line from Eielson Air Force Base to Fort Greely, Alaska. I think it is important for Alaskan Command to participate in the environmental planning process. My point of contact is Colonel Paul Curtis, ALCOM/J4, 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 216, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska 99506-2100. You may contact him by phone at (907) 552-7013 or via email at paul.curtis@elmendorf.af.mil.

If you have not already done so, in addition to those listed on your letter, I recommend you also invite the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Greely and the Director, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Operations Support Group Alaska to participate. As the federal property manager or federal agency this project may affect, they too have an interest in the rail project and their involvement at this early stage will further enhance your environmental planning effort.

Again, thank you for your invitation. We look forward to working with you and the Surface Transportation Board on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely

DOUGLAS M. FRASER
Lieutenant General, USAF
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