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Comments: I wish to express my concern and objection to any potential commercial developement that would involve building a road anywhere up the Martin River valley / basin. I am a lifelong professional outdoor guide that operates in the Martin River valley. I have made my living all of my adult life exclusively from wilderness guiding in Alaska, and have guided all over the state of Alaska since the early 1980's. Therefore, I can attest to the remarkable uniqueness of the Martin River environment / ecosystem. That is why, after all these years and places that I operated in, in Alaska, I now operate along Martin River. I can operate anywhere in the vast State of Alaska, but there is nowhere else,even in the Great Land, like the Martin River.

Allowing developement that could and probably would damage one of THE most important ecosystems , and wetlands, migratory bird habitats, and one of the Richest salmon runs in North America would be unbelievably shortsighted and catastrophic. This is no area to be risking damaging.

Besides ruining my small business, and the businesses of several other guides on the Martin, look at the potential damage to one of the most important commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries in Alaska, that would be posed by a road up the Martin River Valley!!! Please mine your coal somewhere not SO ecologically significant. thank you so much!!

I would also wish to express my objection for the US forest service or state of Alaska to allow access to public lands to facilitate drilling of, or transportation of, crude oil drilled on private land in the Katalla / Bering area. While the driling / land rig might operate on private land, vital public land / resources would have to be involved in transporting any large amount of crude oil from the area. This would also negatively affect by business and the businesses of other guides who may not even be aware of this potential developement. The Katalla area and the Bering river area is a very sensitive environment that could not stand much disturbance.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to be heard.