



Ambler Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Road to Ambler is a project proposed by the Alaska Industrial and Development Export Authority (AIDEA). The project would construct a new 211-mile roadway along the southern flanks of the Brooks Range, extending west from the Dalton Highway to the south bank of the Ambler River. The road is designed as an industrial access road to provide surface transportation to the Ambler Mining District. The proposed road would not be designed or open for public access and would be open only to industrial traffic to support expanded exploration, mine development, and mine operations at mineral prospects throughout the District. The proposed project is named the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project.

The AIDEA has submitted a consolidated application with the BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for rights of way, permits, and related authorizations for the proposed project. The proposal would facilitate resource development and economic opportunities for the State of Alaska. Because approximately 26 miles of the proposed road would pass through a conservation system unit, the Gates of the Arctic National Preserve, the entire application process is subject to the provisions of Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

The BLM is developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identifying and analyzing concerns and issues associated with the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's proposal to build a road originating at the Dalton Highway and ending at the Ambler Mining District. The proposed road would cross state lands (61%), Native corporation lands (15%), and federal lands (24%) managed by the BLM and the National Park Service.

The start of the road would be on BLM-managed public lands within the Dalton Highway Utility Corridor. The road would then extend across State-owned lands, Gates of the Arctic National Preserve, lands privately owned by Alaska Native corporations, and isolated BLM-managed parcels. The proposed road would cross roughly 24 miles of BLM-managed public lands in total. BLM Alaska will lead the analysis required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) working cooperatively with other state and Federal agencies.

The Draft EIS and other documents can be found online at eplanning.blm.gov

Comments related to the Ambler Road Draft EIS can be submitted by any of the following methods on or before the due date: **October 29, 2019**

1. Online: Comment on the Document
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=37092>
2. Mail: Ambler Road DEIS Comments, BLM Fairbanks District Office, 222 University Avenue, Fairbanks AK 99709
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