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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

ALATNA VILLAGE COUNCIL, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVEN COHN, in his official capacity
as BLM Alaska State Director, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

AMBLER METALS, LLC, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00253-SLG

DEFENDANTS' FOURTH STATUS REPORT

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Defendants submit the following status report in accordance with the Court's Order Re Motions for Voluntary Remand (ECF No. 142) dated May 17, 2022. This is Defendants' fourth status report, which will expand upon information provided in the prior status reports filed on July 18, 2022 (ECF No. 151), September 16, 2022 (ECF No. 158), and November 15, 2022 (ECF No. 164).

Defendant Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to engage in project management and analysis activities under the National Environmental Policy Act and continues to conduct meetings and consultations with stakeholders and Alaska Native Tribes and Corporations in conjunction with related processes and determinations under Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. BLM continues to anticipate publishing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) within the second quarter of calendar year 2023 and a Final SEIS and Record of Decision within the fourth quarter of calendar year 2023.

Defendants' next recurring status report is due on March 20, 2023. Defendants will continue to "(1) provide prompt notice to Plaintiffs of any applications and authorizations for activities on federal lands related to the Ambler Road and (2) provide no less than 28 days' notice to Plaintiffs in advance of any ground-disturbing activities [except limited brush clearing solely to allow for helicopter landings] occurring pursuant to the 404 permit or other authorizations." See Order Re Motions for Reconsideration 12, ECF No. 150.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of January 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 17, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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