

550 S. Alaska St., Suite 101, PO Box 45, Palmer, AK 99645 Tel: (907) 745-2880 Fax: (907) 746-4164 www.palmerchamber.org info@palmerchamber.org

GMT2 Draft SEIS Comments, Attn: Stephanie Rice 222 West 7th Avenue, #13 Anchorage, AK 99513

RE: Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Greater Mooses Tooth 2 (GMT2) project, published March 22, 2018

Ms. Stephanie Rice:

The Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of Alternative A, consisting of an 8.2-mile gravel road and pipeline connecting GMT2 to GMT1's existing infrastructure. We believe Alternative A is the least environmentally damaging alternative to others as is noted in the draft SEIS. Alternative A has the fewest impacts on subsistence resources and activities. This alternative with roads has benefits in the form of increased access to subsistence resources. It also minimizes air traffic, which is a concern of subsistence hunters.

The ConocoPhillips GMT2 project will:

- Generate significant new revenue which will be allocated between the federal government, the State of Alaska, Native corporations, the North Slope Borough, and North Slope communities.
- Provide significant employment during construction and will generate significant opportunities for Alaska businesses, which in turn will provide employment for Alaskans.
- Help keep a key piece of US infrastructure, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, economically viable with additional oil production. At peak, gross production for GMT2 is estimated to reach up to 30,000 BOPD.
- Have minimal Impacts. Data collected since ConocoPhillips Alaska first started development in the Colville River delta with the Alpine field shows that subsistence lifestyle is thriving, and harvests are equal to or greater than before Alpine, air quality exceeds ambient air quality standards, wildlife populations are healthy, and the environment in general has been protected.

ConocoPhillips has consistently proven that it can operate responsibly, and in an environmentally sustainable manner, with a commitment to protecting the environment, aquatic resources, and wildlife.

The Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce supports the BLM's responsibility to regulate the oil and gas industry in a manner that is fair and proportionate. We respectfully request that the BLM adopt Alternative A as presented in the SEIS.

Sincerely,

Ailis Vann, President

Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce