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Cost-per-barrel will rise

Prudhoe production enters new phase

Tapping new economic reserves from Prudhoe Bay will become more difficult and expensive with the cost-per-barrel rising substantially.

The Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk fields have now reached a point where their on-going development is a series of individual projects, large to small. Each project is coordinated with others, but each is largely dependent upon its own economics.

Much of the oil yet to be produced on the North Slope is located within the Prudhoe Bay reservoir. Prudhoe will produce about 11 billion barrels, leaving another 11 billion barrels trapped in the reservoir. Advancing technology may allow up to several hundred million barrels of that oil to be economically recovered, equal to discovering a major new oil field like En- dico or Lisburne.

“The Prudhoe Bay field is so large that people often overlook its enormous potential for marginal production,” according to BP Exploration’s Jim Buckee, Vice President, Development Programs.

With Prudhoe’s natural decline approaching, engineers are looking for ways (Continued on page 6)

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RDC Director addresses President Bush

January 31, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

Congratulations on being elected President of the United States. Our thoughts are with you as you take office and begin to shape the opening of the ANWR coastal plain to oil and gas. The so-called 1002 (h) area more closely for

Open letter to:

February 1989

Dear Jerome:

Thank you so much for your kind hosting of the South West Municipal Conference, Jan. 20-22.

I commend you for an excellent regional attempt at pursuing economic development from the local level up.

Pursuing SWIM goals while educating on issues made the conference worthwhile. Bringing the financier to the community was an excellent drive. Getting the weather to cooperate so that all the important people who attended were captured for one more day in Kodiak was quite clever! I am still not sure how you did it.

Of course, you do have John Levy to assist you and he is very experienced in bad weather. Congratulations to the both of you for the very fine time had by all!

I am sure we will be working closely together on issues ranging from essential air service and marine transportation to how to finance resource development in Alaska.

Sincerely,

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
For Alaska, Inc.

Becky L. Gay
Executive Director

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Secretary of the Interior Lujan, Jr.

Next oil production...

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P.S. Thanks to all the people who made my Superbowl Sunday layover so delightful.

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Then the Wilderness Society seeks repeal of Section 705 of ANILCA, which mandates an annual offering of 450 million board feet of timber from the Tongass National Forest. Repeal could cripple Southeast Alaska's timber industry.

Since 1981, ARCO Alaska has invested $20 million for exploration in a flagrant abrogation of trust, devised an agenda to grab management of the restrictive big "W" type. Such action was needed, they say, to correct "serious omissions and weaknesses" in the original ANILCA legislation. There are several components to the Wilderness Society 1984 agenda which should raise anger in the hearts of Alaskans. Let me list a few.

Firstly, Wilderness Designation is sought for the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This location is probably the site of America's last onshore jumbo-sized oil reservoir, the drilling and development of which is crucial for Alaska.

Secondly, the Wilderness Society is intent on designating 150,000 acres surrounding the Quartz Hill molybdenite mine near Ketchikan as Wilderness. This is a transparent move to delay and prevent efforts to develop this property, which contains 10 percent of the world's known molybdenum reserve.

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Producers weigh costs of new projects

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as fringe areas along the periphery of the
when little infrastructure was in place dur-
derway on the North Slope, many of them
aimed at squeezing more oil from the
means new jobs and more state revenues
Prudhoe, but they will add new reserves,
cost, whether from new taxes or costs im-
margins are very narrow and that its confi-
small island about one mile offshore. The
field contains an estimated 58 million bar-
rels of recoverable oil, making it the largest
reservoir to push oil out of the rock toward
production longer, thereby increasing oil re-
production. The project will also generate
an estimated 1,750 jobs in Alaska.

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a JOBS conference?

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Thoughts from
the President
J. Shelly Stastry

QUESTION: Why is the Resource Development Council holding a JOBS conference?

ANSWER: Alaskans want to pursue their choice of job and lifestyle. The council's latest project offers the best solution to economic diversification and new job creation. The council's goal is to find new opportunities in the state and to help residents understand how to capitalize on these opportunities. In addition, the council is working to create awareness of the need for job and economic development and to promote the benefits of a diversified economy.

As Alaskans we must demand economic accountability from our public officials regarding unnecessary regulations which impede the private sector's ability to create economic activity and jobs. Speaking to a group of business and education leaders in An-
corage last month, Lodwrick M. Cook, Chairman of ARCO, said if the extremist element of the environmental movement wants a pristine environment with no traces of human activity, they must accept the economic consequences of that decision. We should all try to do more of what we can do, rather than demand others should be given all of the facts." Cook added, "The environmental movement must learn to tell us how many U.S. jobs, how much of our standard of living, they are asking us to sacrifice.

I pointed out that much business activity today requires an Environmental Impact Statement. He asked, "Should we also require that we look into the costs and benefits of this activity which may help, or hinder future development opportunities? There will be many more discussions about multiple-use land issues and the human factor in intelligent resource allocations.

We will hear from industry, labor and government leaders as well as the founders of pro-development national activist groups. Detailed presentations focusing on employment trends in the Prudhoe Bay area will feature. Key roadblocks to job growth will be identified and discussed. The conference will conclude with emphasis on overcoming obstacles to new job creation. Participants will leave with a good understanding of the issues which may help or hinder future development opportunities.

We all know that similar water standards have recently shut down many of the state's placer mining operations, eliminating jobs in rural Alaska. Alaska's economic health is largely dependent on a strong and consistently growing PRIVATE sector. Unlike the public sector, jobs in the private sector are usually required to pay their own way. Come to the RDC-JOBS conference on Friday and Saturday, Feb-
uary 24-25 at the Alaska State Museum and Con-
ference Center. I encourage you to attend this important conference.

JOBS Multiple Use and Resource Opportunities is an invest-
ment in the career of your choice.
RDC's 9th Annual Conference on Alaska's Resources

February 24-25, 1989
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

Friday, February 24, 1989

7:00 Registration and "Eye-Opener" refreshments
8:30 Opening Remarks, Shelby Staatsn, President, Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.
8:40 Welcome, Mayor Tom Fink, Municipality of Anchorage

Alaska Jobs Depend on Strong Industries

Moderator, Mano Frey, Executive President, Alaska AFL-CIO, RDC Executive Committee member, Anchorage.
8:45 JOBS! American Productivity at Stake, Arnie Weinmeister, Director, Western Conference of Teamsters and Vice President, Executive Board, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Seattle, WA.
9:20 JOBS! The Coming Gold Rush, John Zigarlick, Chief Executive Officer, Echo Bay Mines, Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta
10:00 JOBS! The State's Perspective, Governor Steve Cowper
10:30 JOBS! Oil and Gas, Ben Odom, Senior Vice President, Operations, ARCO Alaska, Inc., Anchorage
11:00 JOBS! Fisheries, Clem Tillion, Chairman, International Northern Fisheries Commission, Halibut Cove, AK
11:30 Break for the All-Alaska Expo
12:30 Luncheon Keynote:
Resource Production in a Public Land State
Bill Horn, Attorney, Birch, Horton, Bittner, Cherot and Anderson, and former Under-Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Access Means Jobs

Moderator, Bill Horn, former Under-Secretary of the Interior
2:10 Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the RS2477 Issue, a special panel examination featuring:
Public Sector Perspective: Mike Penfold, Regional Director, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Walter Stiegitz, Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Tom Hawkins, Assistant Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Luncheon Keynote: Preserving Multiple Use Opportunities, Access and Jobs on Our Federal Lands
Chuck Cushman, Executive Director, National Inholders Association and Multiple Use Land Alliance, Sonoma, California

3:15 Break for the All-Alaska Expo
3:45 Jobs and the Opportunity Cost of Wilderness, Grant Gerber, Chairman, Wilderness Impact Research Foundation, Elko, Nevada
4:00 Multiple Use and the Consumer, Barbara Keating-Edh, President, Consumer Alert, Modesto, CA
4:30 Leading America to a Sensible Policy of Multiple Use, Ron Arnold, Executive Director, Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, Bellevue, WA
5:00 Break for the All-Alaska Expo

Saturday, February 25, 1989

The Human Factor in Resource Allocations

Coffee service and refreshments

8:00 Prompt! Call to order with "early-bird" business card drawing (must be present to win)
9:00 Moderator, Bill Schneider, Executive Director, Associated General Contractors, Anchorage
9:05 JOBS! The Tongass National Forest, Don Finney, Executive Director, Alaska Loggers Association, Ketchikan
9:30 JOBS! The Timber Outlook on State Lands, Robert Dick, Alaska State Forester, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Juneau
10:00 JOBS! The Visitor Industry, Dana Brockway, Executive Director, Alaska Visitors Association, Anchorage
10:30 Job Creation through Privatization, Dr. Phillip Fixler, Jr., Director, Local Government Center, Santa Monica, CA
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Lunch Break

Taking the ANWR Message Outside: Keeping People in the Equation, Merrill Sikorski, National Director, Environmental Task Force, American Freedom Coalition, Soldotna

Wilderness Expansion, a new highly-acclaimed national film

Grand Raffle Drawing (Tickets now on sale, call 276-0700)

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