

Northway Activity Report

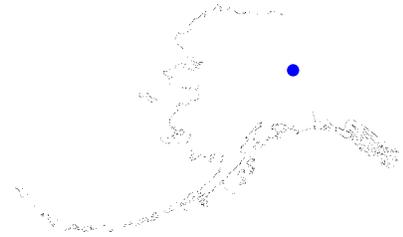
Community Overview

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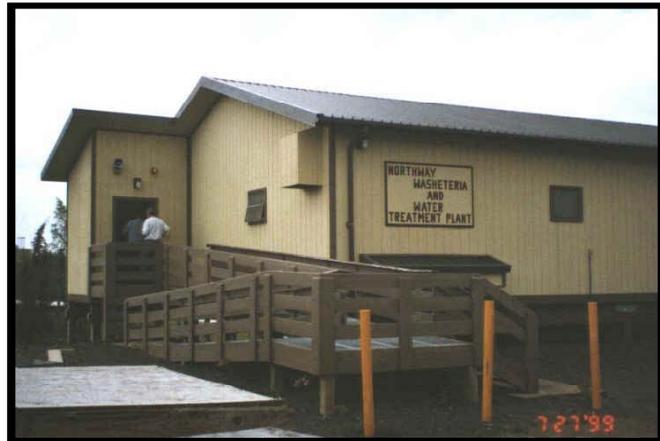
2000 Census Population: 274 (Northway, Northway Village, Northway Junction)

Region: Interior

Local Governments: Village Council



There is a central watering point for the residents to haul their own water. The Northway Village Council operates the washeteria. Over half of households are not plumbed. Due to high groundwater and deep permafrost, individual water wells and septic systems often freeze. A flush/haul system is currently under construction for 100 area homes. The Northway Village Council operates the local washeteria. The landfill is not permitted.



General Information

There hasn't been any RUBA activity in Northway again this quarter. The new Tribal Administrator is continuing her efforts to organize the office and straighten out the bookkeeping system. The Tribe has an alternate driver for the water haul system to relieve the single operator / manager.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — The Tribal Council has not made an effort to correct the problems outlined in the last audit; they have not paid the auditing company and have made no steps in getting another audit for FY01.

Accounting Systems — The village has used QuickBooks before but it is unknown if they are still using the program for their accounting.

Tax Problems — Unknown at this time.

Personnel System — It is unknown whether or not the new Tribal Administrator has followed any personnel policies. A new Tribal Council member attended and participated in the Personnel Utility Management workshop held in September 2001. They do not have an Organizational Chart.

Organizational Management — The Tribal members know they own and operate the utility system. They meet as required but do not follow the guidelines established in their constitution and by-laws. They have established policies and guidelines for the operation of the utility system.

Operation of Utility — The Utility continues to operate due to the excellent operator who is Operator in Training (OIT) certified. There is now a driver for the water haul system. They do not have an Inventory Control List or a Critical Spare Parts List. The preventative maintenance plan was completed but before it was approved they requested it be split into two plans, one for water and one for sewer. The TCC RMW's are currently in the process of developing those two plans. They did not complete a Consumer Confidence Report this year.

Category	Inadequate	Meets Minimum Requirements	Exceeds Minimum Requirements
Finances	X		
Accounting Systems	X		
Payroll Taxes	X		
Personnel System	X		
Organizational Management	X		
Operation of Utility	X		

Anticipated Activity

No activity is planned until they comply with their RUBA Agreement. The Tribal Administrator did **not** attend the Introduction to Utility Management course in February. RUBA staff has taken a few phone calls from concerned community members about hiring practices within the village.