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## *Community News and Opportunities for Action,*

*reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.*

**WEEK of September 2, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

| Day, Date                  | Time                              | Event Description, Contact information  | Where?   |
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| <b>Sunday Sept. 2</b>      |                                   | <b>Last day to register to vote and be able to vote in the Oct. 2 municipal election</b><br><a href="http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/voterregistration.php">http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/voterregistration.php</a>   |  |
| <b>Monday Sept. 3</b>      | 12 noon - parade;<br>1-4pm picnic | <b>“34<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Parade Picnic...</b> Parade Begins: Noon at Noel Wien Library. Picnic: 1pm-4pm Pioneer Park. Cotton Candy! Snow Cones! Door Prizes! Rides and Games! Free food for those who walk in the Parade! (\$5 for others) Transportation back to your car!” Presented by The <a href="#">Fairbanks Central Labor Council</a> .   | Noel Wien Library, Cowles St, to Pioneer Park, 2300 Airport Way  |
| <b>Tuesday Sept. 4</b>     | 6:45 pm                           | <b>Fairbanks Peace Choir fall season rehearsals</b> start. All welcome; No audition. We begin at 6:45 and sing till 8:30 pm. Come early to register. Flynn Ludington, director; Paul Krejci, pianist. For more information call 457-8606.   | <a href="#">Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks</a><br>4448 Pikes Landing Rd   |
| <b>Wednesday Sept. 5</b>   |                                   | <b>Comment deadline extended on proposed rescinding of national preserve hunting regulations</b> The National Park Service cited "interest from the general public and national and local groups" in its decision to extend the comment deadline on Secretary Zinke's proposed changes to hunting regulations put in place in 2015. <b>The new deadline is September 5.</b><br>The 2015 regulations prohibited bear baiting, hunting wolves and coyotes during the denning season, killing bears in their dens, and hunting caribou during a river crossing in national preserve lands. Rescinding these regulations would allow these practices to occur on 17 million acres of preserve lands in Alaska.<br>Submit comments online <a href="#">here</a> or...   | ...by mail:<br>National Park Service<br>Regional Director<br>Alaska Regional Office<br>240 West 5th Ave.<br>Anchorage, AK<br>99501<br><br>NAEC |
|                            | 5pm                               | <b>Regenerative Economy* mtg.</b> (A working group of FCAC) Please join us for next steps! For more information contact <a href="mailto:jessicagirard11@gmail.com">jessicagirard11@gmail.com</a> .  | Native Movement<br>1327 Hayes Ave  |
|                            | 5:30 pm                           | <b>Fairbanks Open Radio, KWRK-LP, mtg.</b> “We host general meetings and workshops Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 at <a href="#">our studio office</a> .  | <i>3535 College Rd, ste 203, above Fuji eats</i>   |
| <b>Wed-Thurs Sept. 5-6</b> |                                   | <b>Local Food Leader &amp;Community Food Systems Workshops</b> -Sept. 5-6 ... improve Alaska community food systems; support our Alaska farmers, rural communities, & make healthy local food available to everyone! Seating limited. Please help us reach out to rural communities, people of color, young people, veterans, women, and others who are too often left out of food system work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Local Food Leader Training</b> (Sept. 5, 8 am-12:30 pm): This half-day workshop ... is for anyone interested in partnering and developing our community food systems in Alaska. Participants will leave this program with awareness, understanding, and confidence to work with various organizations, individuals, and institutions to develop their local community food systems. Training is in 2 parts: the half-day in-person workshop plus four (4) online modules. Max 40 participants.</li><li>• <b>Community Food Systems Training</b> (Sept. 5, 1:30-5:30 p.m., and Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.): This workshop is geared for those</li></ul> | Fbks - distance delivery at Food Bank via Zoom<br><br>Sitka - Outreach Ctr; or live in Palmer  |

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|                         |                              | <p>already working in community food systems and seeking additional facilitation or technical skills to support their work. Participation in the Local Food Leader workshop is preferred but not required. Participants will leave this program with new skills and confidence to work with various communities to develop place-based food systems, with resources to both engage and complete projects related to systemic food system change including facilitation, strategic planning, community food systems assessment, design thinking and evaluation. Training is in 2 parts: the two-day in-person workshop plus four (4) online modules. Max 25 participants.</p> <p><b>contact of the workshops is Melissa Clampitt, <a href="mailto:mrcclampitt@alaska.edu">mrcclampitt@alaska.edu</a>.</b><br/> <i>from Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District via <a href="mailto:rlboswell@alaska.edu">rlboswell@alaska.edu</a></i></p>   |  |
| <b>Thursday Sept. 6</b> | <b>Deadline for comments</b> | <p>Comments on the <b>Donlin mine Draft Reclamation Plan, available online here</b>, will be accepted until Sept 6- submit to <a href="mailto:faith.martineau@alaska.gov...">faith.martineau@alaska.gov...</a></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>:: Deadline to comment on Secretary Zinke's proposed changes to hunting regulations on National Preserve lands in Alaska.</b> For more details, see <a href="#">last week's enews here.</a><br/> <b>NAEC</b></p>   | <i>See more under "Spotlights" below.</i>  |
|                         | 5-6:30pm                     | <b>Alaska Peace Center mtg:</b> All Welcome! Help plan events advancing Peace, Justice, and Sustainability. For info: <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or 479-0981   | 3535 College Rd ste 203, above Fuji  |
|                         | 6-9pm                        | <b>Art and Sign Making Party</b> for Sept 8 March for Climate, Jobs, & Justice ( <a href="#">Link to facebook event</a> )  | Interior Dems Office Shopper's Forum Mall.   |
| <b>Saturday Sept. 8</b> | 5-7:30 pm                    | <p>Northern Alaska Environmental Center <b>Wild &amp; Scenic Film Festival...</b> featuring inspiring, enlightening, and fun films from around the world. We've chosen eleven films that speak to issues and values of our communities, and we look forward to sharing them with you! <a href="#">Check out our film program here.</a><br/>           Tickets are available <a href="#">online here</a>, and at the door, for \$20 and \$10 for students. Proceeds will benefit the Northern Center [NAEC].</p>  | Schaible Auditorium, UAF Campus.   |
|                         | 10am                         | <p><b>Fairbanks March for Climate, Jobs, &amp; Justice.</b> Fbks Climate Action Coalition event: “[Today], thousands of rallies will be held in cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that works for all of us. Fairbanks residents will demand that our city lead Alaska in a rapid transition to a clean energy economy through local initiatives like the Solar in your Community. We will march from the Noel Wien Library to the Fairbanks North Star Borough building, and will hear from community leaders who are leading the fight for climate justice.”</p> <p><b>WAYS YOU CAN HELP:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talk about the event</b> with your friends, family, church, workplace and community organization! Try to <b>confirm with at least 10-15 people</b> that they will come! (There are high and low resolution flyers attached to the bottom of the email that are great for sharing)</li> <li>• Come and get creative at the <b>Art and Sign Making Party!</b> on Thursday</li> <li>• We will need day-of help with tabling and other logistics!</li> </ul> | Noel Wien Library. 1215 Cowles St.<br><p>-----</p> <p>RSVP on <a href="#">Action Network</a>: or on <a href="#">Facebook</a></p>   |
|                         | 11am<br>1pm<br>5-7pm         | <p><b>Global Rise Solidarity Event</b>, hosted by the Green Party of Alaska “to promote accelerating the pace towards 100% renewables”</p> <p><b>SunRISE brunch</b> at Sam’s Sourdough Cafe @11; (1)</p> <p><b>Meet at the UAF coal-fired power plant</b> (2)</p> <p>and <b>march</b> at 1pm from there <b>up to Constitution Park.</b> (3)</p> <p><b>Candidate climate forum</b> in the Wood Center multi-level lounge. (4)</p> <p><i>Please see the enclosed video of what is possible when members of the communities come together.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/peoplesclimate/videos/228078241195629/?link_id=1&amp;can_id=76f6d5be1f9d062051ac315cf4f2f1ba&amp;source=email-this-is-it-10-days-to-go-3&amp;email_referrer=email_408004_subject_512732&amp;email_subject=this-is-it-10-days-to-go">https://www.facebook.com/peoplesclimate/videos/228078241195629/?link_id=1&amp;can_id=76f6d5be1f9d062051ac315cf4f2f1ba&amp;source=email-this-is-it-10-days-to-go-3&amp;email_referrer=email_408004_subject_512732&amp;email_subject=this-is-it-10-days-to-go</a> Robert J.Shields 907 799 7045(c)</p>  | 1) 3702 Cameron St, off University Ave near College Rd, Fbks<br><i>See the map at <a href="#">alaskanavigator.org</a></i><br>(2) east Alumni Dr<br>(3) <a href="#">403 Salcha St.</a><br>(4) <a href="#">S Chandalar, &amp; Yukon Dr.</a><br><br><a href="https://riseforclimate.org/#map">https://riseforclimate.org/#map</a> |

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| Sat. Sept. 8 & Sun. 9/9 |  | An <b>Alaska Net Hack Challenge</b> ... aims to identify potential opportunities for using the tons of old [fish-] nets piled up in landfills and storage lots across the state and develop new items from the materials. “The Alaska Net Hack Challenge is based on the <u>Circular Ocean</u> program in the U.K. and Iceland that “aims to inspire enterprises & entrepreneurs to realize the hidden opportunities in discarded fishing nets.” <i>per an article in Alaska Journal of Commerce.</i>  | Organized by the Alaska Ocean Cluster Initiative, or AOCl... email <a href="mailto:info@alaskaoceancluster.com">info@alaskaoceancluster.com</a> |
|                         |  | <b><u>After This Week</u></b>  |   |
| Monday, Sept. 10        | 6:30pm<br>Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 10, 2018 | <b>Fairbanks City Council Meeting</b> (twice per month on Monday evenings*) as required by <u>City Code</u> . “ <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/audio-stream/">http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/audio-stream/</a> ” This page contains a link to live City Council mtgs and other City Board and Commission mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app ( <a href="http://bit.ly/163ZvLg">http://bit.ly/163ZvLg</a> ) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ( <a href="http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live">http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live</a> )!” | Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street<br>-----<br>*calendar at <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/">http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/</a>    |
| Tuesday Sept 11         | 5:30 -7pm  | <b>City Diversity Council Mtg</b> The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. The FDC was formed to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community.   | Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St   |
|                         | 6-7pm  | <b>Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg:</b> “Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.’s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.”  | 507 Gaffney Rd  |
| Wednesday Sept 12.      | 11am-4pm   | <b>Farmers Market - next to last for the season!</b>   | 2600 College Rd. Fairbanks  |
| Thursday Sept. 13       | 6 pm   | <b>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg</b>   |   |
| Saturday Sept 15        | 9am-4pm  | <b>Farmers Market - Last for the season!</b>   | 2600 College Rd. Fairbanks  |
| Sunday Sept 16          |  | <b>:: September 16: AK Virtual Run for Courage.</b> Join the Alaska Virtual Courage to Run 5K, the nation’s first nonpartisan run and walk that celebrates the rising wave of women getting civically active and running for office. It also elevates the mindset, endurance and heartfelt vision needed to be healthy and lead effectively in civic life today. Whether running a 5K, a campaign, a cause, for elected office or our government, it takes courage ... and we have the Courage to Run. NAEC  |   |
| Sunday, Sept. 30        | 10:30 am   | “When the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in 1968, he was leading a movement called “The Poor People’s Campaign” that sought to unite oppressed Americans of all racial backgrounds. The Rev. Dr. William Barber, with the support of thousands of clergy and houses of worship across the country, is renewing Dr. King’s call for a “moral revival,” challenging the “evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted morality.” Rev. Leslie will share the <b>recent history of the Poor People’s Campaign and how UUFF and the wider Fbks community can bring the movement home.</b> ”  | Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pike’s Landing Rd <a href="http://www.uuff.org">www.uuff.org</a>                                 |

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|  |  | <p><b>2018 Election Timeline:</b></p> <p><i>Tuesday October 2nd - Municipal Election Day</i></p> <p><i>Sunday October 7th - Deadline to register to vote/update voter registration</i></p> <p><i>Monday October 22nd - 2018 General Absentee and Early Voting Begins</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday November 6th - General Election Day</i></p>   |   |
|  |  | <p><b>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</b></p> <p><i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i></p> <p><b>Rep Don Young</b> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <a href="http://donyoung.house.gov">donyoung.house.gov</a>;</p> <p><b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <a href="http://murkowski.senate.gov">murkowski.senate.gov</a>- <b>Sen Dan Sullivan</b> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <a href="http://sullivan.senate.gov">sullivan.senate.gov</a></p> | <p><a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a></p> <p>Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</p> |

### Good News category:

**First Nations Celebrate Win Against Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion.** The court decision cited the Trudeau government's failure to consult with Canada's First Nations, specifically the government's insufficient treatment of oral traditional evidence, lack of sufficient time given in the consultation process for affected groups to inform themselves well enough to participate, and failure to consult about the environmental assessment. *Yes! Magazine, via NAEC*

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“[A] a **federal court struck down** [North Carolina's] congressional district map as an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander—for the second time. [S]aid League of Women Voters' ... Janet Hoy, 'Now is the time to end partisan gerrymandering once and for all.'

A LWV North Carolina study cites five main **principles** lawmakers can use when crafting legislation to reform redistricting.”

### Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

#### Peace

from [info@winwithoutwar.org](mailto:info@winwithoutwar.org): “Right now, the **U.S. Air Force is building the largest base in its history in Agadez, Niger**. It will cost \$100 million just to build, and then a whopping \$30 million to operate each and every year. [1] There is little transparency and no accountability for building this drone base in Niger. For the Pentagon, that's par for the course. This base was originally billed as a \$50 million construction project to be finished in 2016. Instead, it's coming in three years over schedule and racking up a cost of over **five times** the hefty sum the Pentagon originally planned on... But this base is just the tip of the iceberg. What's even more terrifying than an exorbitantly expensive drone base, is the secret U.S. drone war happening throughout Africa. Drone strikes in Somalia have doubled since 2016 [2]. The Pentagon claims to be working in partnership with Nigeriens, but — shocking no one — polls show that Nigeriens actually want us gone. [3]

[1] The Intercept, “[The U.S. is Building a Drone Base In Niger That Will Cost More Than \\$280 million by 2024](#)”

[2] The New York Times, “[A Shadowy War's Newest Front: A Drone Base Rising From Saharan Dust](#)”

[3] The Intercept, “[U.S. Military Surveys Found Local Distrust in Niger. Then the Air Force Built a \\$100 Million Drone Base](#)”

#### Justice

“In Theaters this Sept: Dolores. New **documentary covers iconic labor leader and feminist pioneer**, Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the first farmworker labor union alongside Cesar Chavez... Worker rights, labor and racial justice... For screening info, go to [<doloresTheMovie.com>](http://doloresTheMovie.com)”

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from ACLU\*: “The courageous people who are bringing focused attention to America's system of mass incarceration through the **Nationwide Prison Strike** deserve our admiration. The time to listen is now. **Brutal treatment, deteriorating prison conditions, and incredibly long sentences** have led to widespread hopelessness among the incarcerated population. That's why – right now – there's a Nationwide Prison Strike going on coast to coast. [Get the full rundown of what this strike is all about and learn how we can all show our solidarity – it means so much to the incarcerated people leading the charge.](#) Among all the strikers' demands, they're emphasizing the #Right2Vote. Currently, only Maine and Vermont give all incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people their voting rights. **People in jail, prison, or on parole should have a voice in our democratic society.** In fact, their voices are key to resolving the countless failures of our criminal justice system.”

#### Sustainability

**from NAEC:** “:: **Sept 20: EXTENDED. Willow Prospect Scoping comments due.** The Bureau of Land Management is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement scoping period on the recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska . **Go here for information on how to comment.**

“:: **Feds advance second big Alaska oil project in a week, recommend ConocoPhillips project.** The Trump Admin on Thursday released a key permitting document for a big ConocoPhillips oil field in Alaska, the second such move in a week's time for a major North Slope oil project. The Bureau of Land Management, in unveiling its environmental review for the Greater Moose's Tooth 2 project, recommended the oil company's plan over other alternatives, including no development. The report is 657 pages long, not including maps and other supplements. *ADN*

“:: **UAF Caribou Study Call for Citizen Scientists.** Calling all hunters, commercial operators, researchers on the North Slope, and members of the public- you have an opportunity to participate in an important research project! Now you can record data when you see caribou to help us identify important factors that affect the caribou you care about! [Info here.](#)”

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*from WorldBEYONDWar: "Be a World Citizen!"* The world citizenship movement, which now numbers over 1,000,000 world citizens, was sparked by Garry Davis after WWII. Humiliated by his role as a bomber pilot in the war, Davis declared himself a world citizen, founded the World Service Authority (WSA), and refused to conform to the idea that any person must maintain national citizenship when nationhood is inextricably linked to violence, suspicion, hatred, and war. The World Passport, issued by WSA, is a neutral, apolitical document of identity and potential travel document, that has been issued for over 60 years and accepted by over 185 countries on a case-by-case basis.

**"Aug 26, the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation awarded its 2018 Peace Prize to David Swanson,** director of World BEYOND War. Michael Knox, Chair of the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation, remarked: "We have a culture of war in the U.S. Americans who oppose a war are often labeled traitors, unpatriotic, un-American, and antimilitary. As you know, to work for peace you must be brave and make great personal sacrifices. . . . " Previous Peace Prize recipients over the past ten years are the honorable Ann Wright, Veterans for Peace, Kathy Kelly, CODEPINK, Chelsea Manning, Medea Benjamin, Noam Chomsky, Dennis Kucinich, and Cindy Sheehan. "I am very pleased to announce that our 2018 Peace Prize is awarded to the honorable David Swanson – For his inspiring antiwar leadership, writings, strategies, and organizations which help to create a culture of peace..."

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*from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks::* "The Social Justice Committee is **collecting basic household items to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members** with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Please limit your donations to **bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities**. Contact Alison Carter at [alisoncarter2@yahoo.com](mailto:alisoncarter2@yahoo.com) for more information."

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**"Voting irregularities in House District 15 are concerning"**  
**"US ends funding of UN agency that helps Palestinian refugees"**  
**"Trump cancels pay raise for federal workers"**

Read the articles in recent Fbks Daily News-Miners.

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*from Friends Committee on National Legislation "2018 Election"*  
You don't have to wait until election day, November 6, to make a difference during the midterms. **Lobby your candidates on peace and justice.**

**"On Tuesday, residents from around the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta spoke out against the proposed Donlin Gold Mine at a public hearing in Bethel.**

- The Draft Reclamation Plan requires **water treatment in perpetuity**, since as proposed, the mine would not meet the EPA's clean water standards. Despite the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' assurances that, **if Donlin is unable to meet these financial requirements, the state would foot the bill forever**, many have questions that have not been answered at any point in the process. Though DNR personnel expressed confidence that no catastrophic failure would occur because "everybody's doing everything they can to prevent it from happening" (Tim Pilon, DEC Water Permit Writer), most people who follow the development and impacts of mega-mines do not share that confidence. Even if all goes according to the company's and state's plans, the mine would still have disastrous impacts on the rich Kuskokwim watershed. The Yukon Kuskokwim River Alliance, a grassroots group formed to oppose the mine, posted the still-growing list of tribal resolutions against Donlin [on their website](#). **Comments on the Draft Reclamation Plan, available online here, will be accepted until September 6**, submitted to [faith.martineau@alaska.gov...](mailto:faith.martineau@alaska.gov)" from NAEC

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*from credoaction: "Tell the DNC: Stop taking fossil fuel contributions (again).* In June, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) voted unanimously to stop taking fossil fuel contributions. In a secretive move less than two months later, DNC Chairman Tom Perez led a successful resolution to start taking them again.<sup>1</sup> [Sign the Petition.](#)"

## Spotlights

*from United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB): "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ignores comments, final scoping report lacks integrity.* As you may have heard, [on Aug. 31], the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a final report on the scoping process for Pebble's permit application. The scoping process, held this spring, is the first step in reviewing Pebble's application, and the report is meant to outline the issues that will be considered and addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Thousands of people, including many of you, provided the USACE with specific concerns about what the mine would do to Bristol Bay's clean water, land and way of life.

"But the scoping report is a disappointment and a sham. The document leaves out the grave issues raised by thousands of concerned Alaskans and Americans, as well as experts. You can find UTBB's full response to the scoping report [here](#), and you can read the scoping report for yourself [here](#).

"The draft EIS is being written now, and the USACE has said it will be ready this winter -- much faster than any other major project, including the proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

"UTBB is working to identify the gaps in the report, and pushing our elected leaders to call for a halt to this process until a thorough and fair review can be undertaken. You can add your voice to this request by [signing this letter!](#)"

*from A GRAND ALLIANCE to save our public Postal Service, quoting Washington Post, 8/7/18: "Trump's Privatization Plan Would Destroy the Postal Service* ...[W]oven into the fabric of American society since 1775, ...Today, the U.S. Postal

Service is the most popular government agency in the country, with a favorability rating of nearly 90 percent... [In Aug.], a task force created following an April executive order from Trump, was scheduled to deliver its recommendations for an overhaul of the Postal Service... expected to endorse the privatization proposal buried in the White House's plan to reorganize the federal government... Nearly all the agency's losses over the past decade are attributable to a 2006 law requiring it to pre-fund retiree health benefits for 75 years, an onerous mandate that doesn't apply to any other agency. As the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General explained in 2015, the pre-funding requirement essentially amounts to a credit card company saying, "You will charge a million dollars on your credit card during your life; please include the million dollars in your next payment." Rather than solving the problem, privatization would create a host of new ones... rural communities would suffer most. Unlike private companies that won't deliver to certain remote areas because it's not profitable to do so, the Postal Service is obligated to serve all Americans regardless of where they live..." Alaska Rep. Don Young is among those who have signed a resolution (with 14 'whereas'es) "That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and not subject to privatization."

Read the Post article for ideas about how the Postal Service might be revitalized.

#### ***Songs Played with this broadcast:***

- *Union Maid*, by Woody Guthrie, sung by New Harmony Sisterhood Band
- *We Do the Work*, by Jon Fromer
- *Black Lung* by Hazel Dickens
- *1913 Massacre*, by Woody Guthrie
- *For America*, by Jackson Browne
- *There But For Fortune*, by Phil Ochs

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*This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when, and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.*

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*- individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world!"

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#### ***A couple of examples of what advocacy costs: Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events***

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