Alaska Mining Industry Perspective

Future Port & Harbor Needs

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Alaska Mining Industry - Defined by Three Major Periods

- **1. From late 1800s until World War II** mining was the largest industry in Alaska and provided the most jobs.
- 2. From World War II until 1989 effectively no hardrock mining in Alaska!
- **3. From 1989 to Present** continued steady growth of investment.
- 4. Today 5 major mines in the State.



Infrastructure for Alaska Mines

Mine/Project	Power	Road	<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Port</u>
Major mines now in operation				
Usibelli Coal	On grid	On road & RR		
Greens Creek	*Diesel, now on gri	d *7 mi		*Yes, 2 ea
Red Dog	*Diesel	+55 mi	*4000 ft	+Yes
Fort Knox	*26 mi to grid	*4 mi		
Pogo	*55 mi to grid	*55 mi	*3000 ft	
Nixon Fork	*Diesel		*4500 ft	
Major mines now under construction				
Kensington	*Diesel	*~6 mi total		+Yes, 2 ea
Rock Creek	*12 mi to grid	By state (3mi)		
New large projects in permitting or advanced exploration				
Chuitna Coal	*12 mi to grid	*13 mi	*3000 ft	*Yes
Donlin Creek	*Diesel & wind	*23 mi	*5000 ft	*Yes
Pebble	*105 mi to grid?	*~80 mi	U	*Yes
* provided by min	e or project			

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+ payments guaranteed by mine

Conclusion: Alaska's major mines and projects <u>paid for all but 6 items</u> (in **bol** their infrastructure.

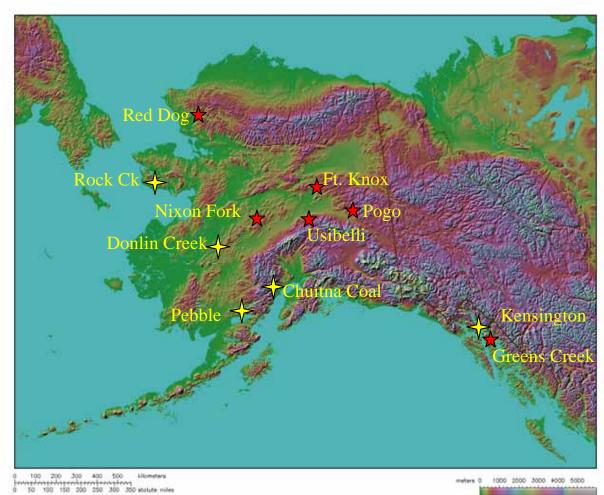


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JOBS THROUGHOUT ALASKA







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