



To: Dillingham
From: TRC
Re: March monthly report
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On March 4, President Trump delivered his Joint Address to Congress. During the address, he mentioned the Alaska LNG project. Also in March, Congress passed and the President signed into law a Continuing Resolution (CR) that funds the government at last year's levels for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

In March, TRC met with Dillingham's state lobbyist, Dianne Blumer, while she was in DC. TRC looks forward to establishing a monthly or bi-weekly call with Dillingham to discuss the latest updates and advocacy ideas.

Throughout the month, the Congressional delegation made announcements that may be of interest, including:

- [Congressman Nick Begich Takes Swift Action and Secures Reversal of Planned Lease Cancellation for the Alaska Volcano Observatory | Representative Nick Begich Alaska at Large](#) - In coordination with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the General Services Administration (GSA), Congressman Nick Begich (AK-R) took action and worked to secure a **reversal** of the planned [lease termination](#) for the Alaska Volcano Observatory in Anchorage, Alaska.
- [Delegation Hails AIDEA's Coastal Plain Court Victory | Representative Nick Begich Alaska at Large](#) - U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, and Representative Nick Begich, (all R-Alaska) today issued the following statements after the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska **ruled** that the Biden administration illegally canceled seven leases in the non-wilderness Coastal Plain of ANWR in 2023. The leases were bid on, won, and held by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), which filed the successful court challenge.
- [Delegation Commends Secretary Burgum's Announcements on NPR-A, Coastal Plain, and PLOs | Representative Nick Begich Alaska at Large](#) - U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and U.S. Representative Nick Begich (all R-Alaska) today commended Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum for announcing three initial decisions that will restore access to federal lands, facilitate long-overdue land conveyances, and boost responsible resource production in Alaska.

- [Murkowski: Trump Brings Serious Focus to Mineral Security](#) – Sen. Murkowski references the over 60% of Alaska that is federal lands and that deposits of nearly all critical minerals are found in Alaska.
- [Murkowski, Colleagues Reintroduce Volcano Warning and Monitoring Legislation](#) - U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) today reintroduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize a domestic program focused on detecting and warning about volcanic threats. Their bill – cosponsored by Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) – will enable the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to continue to improve its volcano monitoring and early warning capabilities around the country. “With 141 active volcanoes in our state, volcanic threats are real for Alaskans,” **said Senator Murkowski**. “The Alaska Volcano Observatory is actively monitoring increased activity at Mount Spurr, just west of Anchorage, reminding us how vital continuous and reliable detection, warning, and response systems are across the Pacific Ring of Fire. I’m hopeful we can move this noncontroversial legislation quickly through Congress and to the President’s desk.”
- [Sullivan and Peters Introduce Resolution to Preserve Independent USPS](#) - U.S. Senators Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced a bipartisan resolution to support the independence and critical public service mission of the United States Postal Service, emphasizing the essential role the Postal Service has played in connecting and serving Americans, especially in rural communities. Sens. Sullivan and Peters were joined in introducing the resolution by U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.). “In a state as vast as ours, with many remote communities only accessible by air or water, the USPS serves as an essential government agency that keeps postal services affordable for Alaskans,” **Senator Sullivan said**. “The Bypass Mail program—a lifeline for Rural Alaska that I have fought for since becoming a senator—allows the USPS to fulfill its universal service obligation to deliver goods and services to even the most remote parts of our state. I will forcefully oppose any action that threatens that program. I am glad to work with my colleagues from other rural states on this resolution to oppose the privatization of the Postal Service and ensure that this critical agency remains focused on its statutory requirement to reliably deliver mail to every household, no matter how remote.”