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## **Alaska Railroad provides residents with an update on the Nenana Rail Realignment Project**

*Community Meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 30*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) invites residents of Nenana to hear a presentation during the Community Meeting / Dinner on Tuesday, January 30, at the Nenana Tribal Hall. During the presentation, Alaska Railroad representatives will provide an update on the Nenana Rail Realignment Project, including:

- Project design
- Project funding
- Status of property acquisition for right-of-way
- Estimated construction time frame

Following the update presentation, the rail realignment project manager will answer questions about the project. Community discussion is encouraged.

The Alaska Railroad initiated the Nenana Rail Realignment project in 2003, kicking off with public and agency scoping (fact-finding) meetings, and a noise and vibration study. An environmental assessment (EA) began later that same year. The EA was approved in December 2004. Since then, the Alaska Railroad has been pursuing survey and geotechnical work to assist in project design and right-of-way determination. Land acquisition for new right-of-way began in 2006 and is expected to continue in 2007.

The January 30 presentation will offer a status report on current and future project activities. The Railroad is sponsoring refreshments from Roughwoods Restaurant as a contribution to the potluck dinner.

For more information, call Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler at 265-2671 or External Affairs Manager Tim Thompson, 265-2695.

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