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# Subsistence Alaska Village Fights Mining Road

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**ALLAKAKET** - After another year of abysmal king salmon runs, with rain-swollen rivers making it near-impossible to catch chum or silvers and with decades of declining moose and caribou populations, the residents of Allakaket are bristling at the prospect of a 200-mile industrial road running through their hunting and fishing grounds.

The Fairbanks News-Miner reports the village is opposing a multi-million mining road that would have 15 major river crossings, including over the Alatna River, where Allakaket residents fish. The propose road would span from the Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District in Northwest Alaska.

The road is being championed by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and the Ambler Mining District by Canada-based NovaCopper, which is eyeing what it estimates to be hundreds of millions of tons of copper, zinc and lead in the area.

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