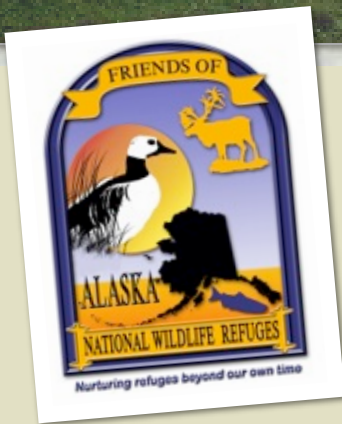


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*Letter from our President - David Raskin*

The Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges has finished its second outstanding year. With a great deal of hard work from our wonderful members and valuable assistance from many dedicated staff of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Friends completed many activities and projects, both in Alaska and in Washington, DC.

Our first annual meeting was held on September 23-24, 2006 at the Alaska Maritime Refuge Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer. It was attended by 31 members and FWS staff from Homer and the Regional Office. We received many excellent presentations, including a summary of the year's major projects and activities (Carla Stanley), the Maritime Refuge (Kent Sundeth, Poppy Benson), state of the Alaska Refuges (Todd Logan, Mike Boylan), Comprehensive Conservation Planning and the Skilak Loop Wildlife Recreation Area Management Plan (Maggie Arend, Rob Campellone), updates on key refuge issues (David Raskin), membership development course and brainstorming membership outreach (Sharon Baur and Patricia Wood), education outreach, fundraising, and grants (Maeve Taylor), and demonstration of our new website that is now online (Jason Sodergren). All of the officers and board members agreed to serve for another year, and we finished with a session on projects and goals for the next year.

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## THE KANUTI WEED WARS OF 2007

We call ourselves Friends, but sometimes you have to take a stand and this is war. There we were in full battle gear, gloves, orange vests, deet, bug head nets—wear ‘em if you want ‘em—road warning signs on the perimeter of the battle field and with green plastic bags at hand we charged the enemy.

We were outnumbered, but determined.

One at a time we took their lives by their roots and bagged them.

The battleground was the Dalton Highway (called the Haul Road for you “sourdoughs”); the general was Ruth Gronquist, BLM (Bureau of Land Management) biologist in Fairbanks, assisted by Jeanne Standley, BLM Anchorage and Tim Craig, wildlife biologist of Fairbanks. The enemy was the malicious *Melilotus alba Medik.*, commonly known among we grunts as the WC, **whitesweet clover**. The grunts on the front

line were Bill Hague, Tessa Hovlund, Luke Alvin, Joe Cannon, Rosa Hohnstein and Jerry McDonnell. General Ruth worked alongside of us as hard



or harder than the rest and gained the respect of the troops. Jeanne also pitched in, as did Tim. Yet, we were still outnumbered.

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds: or as Ruth Gronquist prefers the terminology: “invasive plants.” There we were between mileposts 98 and 175 along the Dalton Highway not far south of the Arctic Ocean, sweating and swatting bugs, and stuffing the WC into bags for three days.

Gronquist states, “Specialists who manage invasive, non-native plant programs in Alaska consider white sweetclover a species of greatest management concern in Alaska. Four other species of greatest concern, **yellow toadflax** (*Linaria vulgaris P. Mill.*), **common tansy** (*Tanacetum vulgare L.*), **oxeye daisy** (*Leucanthemum vulgare Lam.*) and **bird vetch** (*Vicia cracca L.*), were pulled or dug by the BLM participants during the week.”

Jeanne Standley thanks the Friend’s volunteers for our help in reducing the impact of non-native plants on natural ecosystems. Standley says our efforts help preserve habitat for fish, wildlife and native plants. Standley, Gronquist, and Craig

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Photo middle of page by Tessa Hovlund, left to right: Luke Alvin, Tessa Hovlund, Joe Cannon & Jerry McDonnell



are working to develop a strategic plan to more effectively stop the invasive plants from marching up the Dalton, down the rivers and across the land. This plan will include working with other land owners and managers.

This invasion is a continuing problem on the Dalton and elsewhere in Alaska. The WC has also invaded the Stikine, Nenana, and Matanuska Rivers. It establishes itself along early successional river bars in Alaska and in waste places and roadsides. The worry now is that it will go downriver into the Kanuti National Refuge.

**White sweetclover** can be managed by mechanical controls such as pulling and cutting, but several treatments

will be necessary each year until the seed bank is exhausted, according to the data in *Invasive Plants in Alaska*, a publication prepared collaboratively by the [Alaska Exotic Plant Information Clearinghouse](#). (*editor note:* for more information on the internet about Alaska Invasives see: <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/cnipm/plants.html>)

The last day, being short handed, we brought in weed whackers and cut a large area and left it lay. Only time will tell if this method is effective. Burning methods used in the Midwest states have proved unsuccessful in Alaska.

What we Friends need to do is participate in this project in larger numbers. We were put up in nice cabins with kitchens,

bunk beds and mattresses. I, for one, was delighted to revisit the Haul Road after an absence of 15 years and pleased to see a large part has been paved and campgrounds in place. Coldfoot has a new, modern visitor's center. The truck stop serves meals and libations. The grayling fishing is superb—dry flies, my friends. It was hard work, but I would do it again. The vistas in this part of Alaska are fantastic. And, if you drive your own car, 50 miles or so north of Coldfoot you top the Atigun Pass and drop onto the North Slope. I can tell you some secrets about that piece of geography, but it may create temptation. Think Gates of the Arctic.

The war isn't over. We are winning some battles, but the WC seems to never rest. It's our job as Friends to continue to engage the enemy. And it's fun to be out there in the "out there".

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Photo top left by Jerry McDonnell:  
Bill Hague, Ruth Gronquist (BLM), Rosa Hohnstein, (seated) Tessa Hovlund, Luke Alvin and Joe Cannon

*“A Sense of Wonder” is a successful fundraiser in Homer*

The play "Sense of Wonder" with Kaiulani Lee, a play about Rachel Carson's life, was held in Homer at *Islands and Ocean Visitor Center* October 6th, 2007, 7:00pm, as a fundraising event and was a complete success. We sold at last count 152 tickets. People were buying tickets and donating above the suggested \$5.00 fee, we also sold some t-shirts and caps one person bought a cap, gave us \$20.00 and said "keep the change".

We really appreciate Marianne suggesting we co-sponsor this incredible event. Kaiulani Lee really wants to come back to Alaska to perform her play in other communities such as Fairbanks and even the more remote areas, perhaps Fort Yukon or Bethel, maybe Dutch Harbor. We are committed to finding the funding for Friends to bring her back to Alaska in the fall of 2008.

Her play and performance from our observations created not only a "Sense of Wonder" but an excitement and concern for our environment, the audience was energized, we received such wonderful comments about the play, about the Refuges and about Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges. We had many people take information about the Friends and many asked for more information about the Refuges not only in Alaska but in the Nation. Our audience aged from 6 years old to over 80. As we took notice of the children, the very youngest sat quietly intent on Kaiulani Lee's every word and movement. One young man around 10 even sat for the question and answer period and did ask a question of Kaiulani.

Was the event a success? Yes! a resounding success. Our advance ticket sales were around 70. The rest walked in. Total 152. The good will and interest priceless.

In preparation for the event our Friends created the poster and posted it around town in approximately 24 locations. We advertised the event- Marianne did the press release. We created the tickets to keep track and control the numbers and had seating for 163. We collected the tickets at the event, sold more tickets at the event, helped set up chairs, donated some props, and spoke prior to the event.

Thank you to Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge for this amazing event and opportunity for our Friends to be a part of it.

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*Letter from our President, continued from page 1*

Our second year has been filled with important activities and even more accomplishments. With support from the FWS and [NWRA](#), Sharon Baur, Maeve Taylor, Patricia Wood, and I attended Region 6 Friends Conference in March in Rapid City South Dakota, where we learned a great deal that has helped us to develop and manage our Friends organization. With funds from our NFWF startup grant and great work by Patricia Wood and others, our membership has increased to 145.

Cooperative grants and funds from the FWS supported very successful planning and projects to remove invasive plant and animal species that threaten many refuges and to conduct rural outreach and science education of Native youth in remote areas. We will continue this work in the coming year.

We have also been actively working on major issues that confront Alaska Refuges and the entire Refuge System. In April, along with three other Friends groups and several national organizations, I was invited to testify on behalf of Alaska Friends before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Concerning Fiscal Year 2008 National Wildlife Refuge System Appropriations. This was the first time in 14 years that the public was invited to address the serious budget issues faced by the National Wildlife Refuge System. The excellent testimony from everyone assisted the Committee, under the able and friendly leadership of Chairman Norm Dicks of Washington, to adopt a budget



recommendation with a major increase to the full \$451.5 million recommended by CARE. We remain hopeful that the Senate will move in that direction when they act.

Another major effort has been the continuing fight to stop legislation to exchange land in the Izembek NWR in order to punch a road through the fragile Izembek Wilderness. Representative Young had introduced H.R. 2801, The Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, and Senator Murkowski introduced a similar bill in the Senate. I worked closely with Evan Hirsche and Desiree Sorenson-Groves of the NWRA to produce an 8-page color report entitled *The Road to Nowhere*, which details the reasons why this misguided and wasteful legislation should be rejected. The design and production of the report, which was widely distributed to politicians and decision-makers in Washington, DC, was funded by a generous grant we obtained from the [Alaska Conservation Foundation](#). Following a great deal of media

attention, at the October 31 hearings before the House Committee on Natural Resources, Nicole Whittington-Evans and I presented our coordinated testimony on behalf of the Wilderness Society and the Friends and NWRA, respectively. With outstanding support from Maribeth Oakes (TWS) and Evan and Desiree, the hearings went extremely well, and we are hopeful that the legislation will die a well-deserved death in committee. However, we remain vigilant.

A major highlight of 2007 was our second annual meeting attended by more than 50 members and



FWS personnel. It was held September 15-16 at the Kenai NWR, graciously hosted by Refuge Manager Robin West and his excellent staff, including a Kenai River float rip and hike that preceded the meetings. Our first day consisted of a wonderful and extremely helpful mentoring session conducted by Darlene Moegerle (Friends



of Midway Atoll NWR), Charlie Blair (Manager of Maine Coastal Islands NWR Complex), and Mark Musaus (Chief of Visitor Services). Their expertise and dedication has helped the Friends in many ways, especially in recruiting more volunteers to tackle important jobs and fill vacancies. Due to their efforts, we have a number of terrific new regional representatives: Amelia Ruerup from Fairbanks for Arctic, Kanuti, and Yukon Flats (with Jack Reakoff); Floyd Ulruan from Chivak for Yukon Delta and Togiak (with Gerry Clawson); Joe Cannon from Anchorage for Selawik; Maria Sweppy from Soldotna for Kenai; and Denise Lachowsky from Kodiak for Kodiak.

Our mentors also guided us to develop projects and strategic plans that we hope to implement this year. We are truly grateful for their generous donations of time and effort in helping us to develop and improve our work for our magnificent refuges.

Following the mentoring session, we held a

pizza feed for the public with a presentation by Patricia Wood, Darlene, and Charlie about Alaska Friends and our activities, which attracted considerable interest and some new members. The

business meeting

on the second day included informative presentations by FWS personnel Robin West and

Tracey McDonnell about the state of our Alaska Refuges, and awards were presented by Maeve Taylor and Joanna Fox. Sharon presented a PowerPoint that recapped the highlights of our active and successful year. Mark Hufford from the NWRA traveled from Washington, DC to share valuable information and insights and ways for us to participate most effectively in the national arena. We also received updates on issues, including Nicole Whittington-Evans discussing the proposed controversial land exchange between Yukon Flats NWR and Doyon Native Corporation for oil development near the Refuge. We continue to monitor this process and await release of the Draft Environmental Statement in December.

During the business meeting, a closely-contested election resulted in all of the present Board members agreeing (unopposed) to serve another term, with the exception of our longtime secretary Penny Bauder. She had resigned earlier due to competing demands on her time, and we very much appreciate her excellent service for two years. She was replaced by Michelle Franulovich, who has moved quickly to fill the void. The new Board position of Volunteer Coordinator was filled by longtime volunteer Betty Siegel, and we recently added Jason Sodergren to a newly-created Board position for information. We welcome our three new Board members.

All of these accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedicated work of our many volunteers and the invaluable assistance of US Fish and Wildlife personnel and facilities for meetings, transportation, housing, and their generous support that has enabled us to complete

important projects and attend meetings and trainings to improve our knowledge and skills. It has been a very exciting second year, and we all look forward to more and bigger accomplishments in the years to come.

*David*

## AK MARITIME & FRIENDS CELEBRATE

Friends of AK Refuges pitched in to help AK Maritime, with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the M/V Tiglax (AK Maritime Refuge's research vessel). The celebration was held the weekend of September 21-22 and included an invitation only reception Friday night and an Open House aboard the Tiglax on Saturday. Prior to the celebration, the Friends organized volunteers to help scan approximately 250 photos and slides for the production of 2 slide show presentations, worked with Poppy to secure a tent/ band, recruited our very own Friends photographers Mary and Tom who spent endless hours photographing some dynamite photos of both events, made cds of the events for Maritime to archive and for Friends to keep in our files, made buttons, banners and signs, helped at the welcome table Friday Night and the information booth on Saturday, took Blue Goose photos of kids on Saturday, and helped with the observation booth/scopes etc. for the kids.

It was a real team effort!

From left to right on photo from page 6: Ginny Harris, Patricia Wood and Betty Siegel at Annual Meeting '07

## 2007 Summer Science/Culture Camps at Selawik, Kanuti & Innoko

This past summer, Friends participated in Educational Outreach for the first time. We attended three science/culture camps throughout the state: Kiana Camp near the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, Henshaw Creek/Kanuti camp at Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge and Innoko camp at the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge. Don't miss Jerry McDonnell's story about the Innoko Camp on the next page of this newsletter, page 9. The Kiana and Kanuti camps are described below:

The 2.15 million acre Selawik NWR is situated on the Arctic Circle to the east of Kotzebue Sound. The Selawik and Kobuk River deltas provide invaluable habitat for hundreds of thousands of migratory bird species. A wide variety of wildlife species rest, breed, and feed in the vast wetlands complex. The Selawik Refuge has been hunting and fishing grounds of the Inupiak Eskimo people for thousands of years. Subsistence traditions remain.

Kiana is a small village located along the Kobuk River, on the northern boundary of the Selawik Refuge. Kiana Cultural camp is a 3 week event sponsored by the Kiana Tribal Education Department through a grant. Seven Friends volunteers participated in the camp: 3 the first week and 2 each the last 2 weeks. Our volunteers were: Betty Siegel, Mary Frische, Maeve Taylor, Ingrid Harrald, Wendy Loya, Jason Sodergren and Joe Cannon. Volunteers were flown to Kotzebue, met with staff from

Selawik NWR, housed, fed and given information about the camp. They were then flown to the village of Kiana and spent the night before boating to camp the following day.

All three weeks were different as more elders participated and more cultural activities were made possible. Students numbered 17-19 each week with some attending all three weeks Monday through Friday. Ages varied from 8-13 with some older teens as "counselors" and helpers.

The camp was located a few miles from Kiana on the Kobuk river. The students enjoyed swimming, kayaking, fishing, hiking, beading and shooting as well as activities taught by the volunteers. These included studying animal tracks, testing water quality, learning about weather and photography. Volunteers also helped with cooking, dishwashing, supervision of children and assisting the camp director (21 year old college student) and the elders in their projects and activities.

The Henshaw/Kanuti science camp taught stream ecology, fish life cycles, anatomy and why the weir was there. Carla traveled 20 miles upriver from Alakaket to Henshaw Creek where the science camp was held.

Five students from Alakaket, Alatna, Hughes, Bettles and one student from Williamsburg, Virginia attended the one week camp. Mike Spindler and Kristin Reakoff from Kanuti NWR spent one day helping instruct at the camp. The key terms *Responsibility and Respect* were used to teach how we all should treat our habitat, environment and "home". And *Sustainability* as what the refuge wanted for the wildlife, habitat and people who depend on the refuge.

The weather was a beautiful Arctic summer; billowy cumulous clouds, crystal-clear sky, and temperatures in the 80's. The camp has been promised funding for the future and will most likely occur for years to come. *submitted by Sharon Baur: [sharon.baur@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.baur@yahoo.com)*

## Round Mountain Science Camp Scores High: Innoko National Wildlife Refuge

When asked if they wanted to have any downtime or go full bore all day and into the night they choose full bore. At the end of the week they said they wanted two weeks next year instead of one week. If we could harness the collective vigor and power of the mid teenage crowd—14 to 16 years of age—we wouldn't ever have an energy crisis.

And we are talking science. Not hard thumping music or balls that bounce or get kicked, or thrown, but science!

Here we were, five “Friends” volunteers joining for the first time the annual Innoko National Wildlife Refuge Science Camp held July 22 to 28, 2007 a few miles downriver from McGrath above the Kuskokwim River. Above, I say, as the skiffs dropped us off on shore and a mile or less up a wide trail suitable for a four wheeler (we used ham's shank in rubber boots) that is paved with windfall, cut branches, some planked walk and enough muck to build a village of mud huts sits a dry cabin on Round Mountain with full kitchen, table and chairs and wood heating stove. The supplies came up via four wheeler and trailer. Our bedrooms were roomy, dry tents. The bugs weren't bad; it only rained two nights and only while we were tucked in: It was great!



The general of the Innoko Science Camp is Clara Demientieff, Information Technician for the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge based in McGrath. Clara has been organizing and ram-riding this science camp for many years; she is also the chief cook and dishpan washer. Clara was the first one up each day and the last to bed.

Other notables from the Refuge who came and went each day or so were Steve Kovach, Wildlife Biologist; Greg Birkenfeld, Deputy Refuge Manager; Mike Bye, Maintenance; Robin

Corcoran, Wildlife Biologist. Paul Ladegard, Pilot, was the school bus to McGrath. Behind the scenes making sure all was coordinated were Bill Schaff, Refuge Manager; and Camille Magnuson, Administrative Assistant. Add to that list 10 students collectively from McGrath, Takotna, Snow Gulch, Shageluk and Chugiak.

What does one do at a science camp for a week from dawn to dusk, especially at the time of year in Alaska when dusk comes late and leaves early?

Day one: Boat safety class given by Bill Schaff; bear safety class given by Steve Kovach; then pack up, load boats, get to camp, set up tents and

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Photo: Steve Kovach weighs a vole

try to follow the schedule. But the day went well. Spirits were high and by day two we were on schedule for the curriculum.

It's hard to pick which activity the young three boys and seven girls enjoyed the most (three were second year students), but Steve Kovach's Small Mammal trapping was a definite highlight and ongoing as the 36 traps had to first be set in an organized plot and then checked twice each day. The prey were voles, shrews and lemmings in a clearing a few yards from the camp. The trapped tiny critters were measured, weighed and recorded. The project identified the different species and types (four different types of shrews and voles and three lemming types), recorded the location of the trap, the time of day, the weather and recapture for return customers. If you want to try this at home you need a special made trap and bait. Steve has a secret mixture of seeds and grains and says they don't like peanut butter. When I lived in the bush, voles loved to dine in my stored rice bags. The lesson: the small creatures are an integral part of the natural system that can affect everything from the wee to the huge.

The days and evenings were filled. The project on Plant Collection/Medicinal Values was spearheaded by volunteers Karla Hart of Juneau and Bree Murphy of Homer, as was a session on owl pellets and invertebrate sampling. Volunteers Susan Clardy and Betty Siegel of Homer took on Orienteering with compass. Volunteer Jerry McDonnell pitched in with survival skills and tracking and clearing some vegetation. Nicole Burcar, the new science teacher for McGrath

School was on duty taking charge of the journal entries. Yes the students did some writing, note taking and illustrating in a nifty Nature Journal supplied by the refuge. And we all pitched in with the to do's of a camp/school.

We didn't spend all our time around the camp. Up and down the hill we tramped eating berries along the way, relearning how to negotiate muck. Excursions were taken into the trees to collect berries and plants. The berries went to good use. One project was Clara's Spiced Blueberry Jam, of which we each received a jar to take home.

Bird netting was another fascinating project, given by biologist Robin. Nets were placed; birds were caught, tagged and released. Steve Kovach gave us a session on moose browse. And there was some more physical fun like the swim off Father's Day Island and the afternoon of kayaking downstream from McGrath.

The final night in camp, local professionals from McGrath came to the evening campfire and each and everyone, students included, spoke of careers, which put a pleasant and personal frosting on a inspirational week.

Nary a bear was seen, but trails and one deep Bear Broadway skirted the camp. But like all bears, they were probably watching us.

The week filled quickly and we ate well. If the camp is two weeks long next year, the only question is, "Do we friends have as much energy as a mid teenager?"

*Article & Photos by Jerry McDonnell,*  
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## ONLINE TRAINING HELPS VOLUNTEERS FIGHT INVASIVE SPECIES

In collaboration with the Center for Invasive Plant Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System has designed an online training course for volunteers interested in fighting one of the single greatest threats to the Refuge System—invasive species.

The Refuge System has worked aggressively to combat invasive species, targeting more than 280,000 acres of refuge lands. Yet an estimated 1.72 million acres remain untreated.

The new invasive species Web site ([www.fws.gov/invasives/volunteersTrainingModule](http://www.fws.gov/invasives/volunteersTrainingModule)) includes video, text and photos that provide background on the Refuge System and information about the science and management of invasive plants. The site also includes an invasive species knowledge test and links to government and private web sites dealing with the issue.

In 2003, the Refuge System joined The Nature Conservancy, the National

Wildlife Refuge Association and the U.S. Geological Survey in training volunteers to use hand-held GPS devices to map invasive species on national wildlife refuges.

“We want volunteers to be able to engage their communities on the issue of invasives,” said Jenny Ericson, national invasives volunteer coordinator for the Refuge System. “The online training provides practical tools for educating local groups about the importance of preventing and controlling invasive plants. Volunteers can be our greatest advocates in the fight against this major nationwide threat to wildlife and habitat.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 97-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64

fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies. - FWS -

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*Special thanks goes to the staff at the Coldfoot DOTPF station, who will once again burn bags of weeds. This is a time intensive task for them, which saves a lot of time and effort for us. We are also grateful for the work of Maeve Taylor and FWS for paving the way so that the Friends group could work with us and Joanna Fox and Lou Maloney for providing vehicles, fuel, water jugs and logistics once the Friends reached Fairbanks.*

In reference to Jerry McDonnell's article on page 2, "The Kanuti Weed Wars of 2007".

Submitted by: Ruth Grounquist

*To all Friends Members who helped put this newsletter together - Thank you!*

Your submissions are needed for the Spring Newsletter. Please email information about your recent and ongoing Friends events & involvement to Tamara Clark at: [yukonriverlodge@mac.com](mailto:yukonriverlodge@mac.com)

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