

2003 Arctic Coastal Plain/Foothills BCR Report

Work completed in 2003

- 2 BBS routes conducted along Dalton Hwy--BLM
- Raptor surveys conducted along Colville and Kongakut Rivers
- Shorebird camp at Canning River continuing—FWS
- Summer 2003 NPS Killik River Riparian Inventory
 - Pilot inventory
 - Surveyed 9 transect (72 points) along Killik River in GAAR
 - Transects perpendicular to river
 - Unlimited distance 8-minute point counts
 - Plan on surveying 4 more routes in Summer 2004 along Noatak, Alatna, John and N. Fork of Koyukuk Rivers
 - Nikki Guldager is at this meeting if you want to learn more!!

Current issues in NPR-A

- NW NPR-A IAP/EIS Final out in November 2003, ROD in January 2004, Lease sale first half 2004
- Alpine Sat. development plan Final EIS due June 2004
- NE NPR-A Amendment, scoping complete, ROD expected Dec. 2004
- South NPR-A delayed until NE Amendment complete

Current issues in Arctic Refuge

- New airport at Kaktovik. One alternative is to build on the mainland. The bridge may increase access to the Refuge by 4 wheelers
- Proposed exploratory oil well in state waters off Camden Bay
- Potential oil development at Pt. Thomson near the western boundary of the Refuge

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