



A Remote Region



- No roads and few electrical interties to connect communities
- 61 % more expensive than Anchorage
- High cost goods and fuel


Fuel Prices in NANA Region, i.e., Why We're Doing This

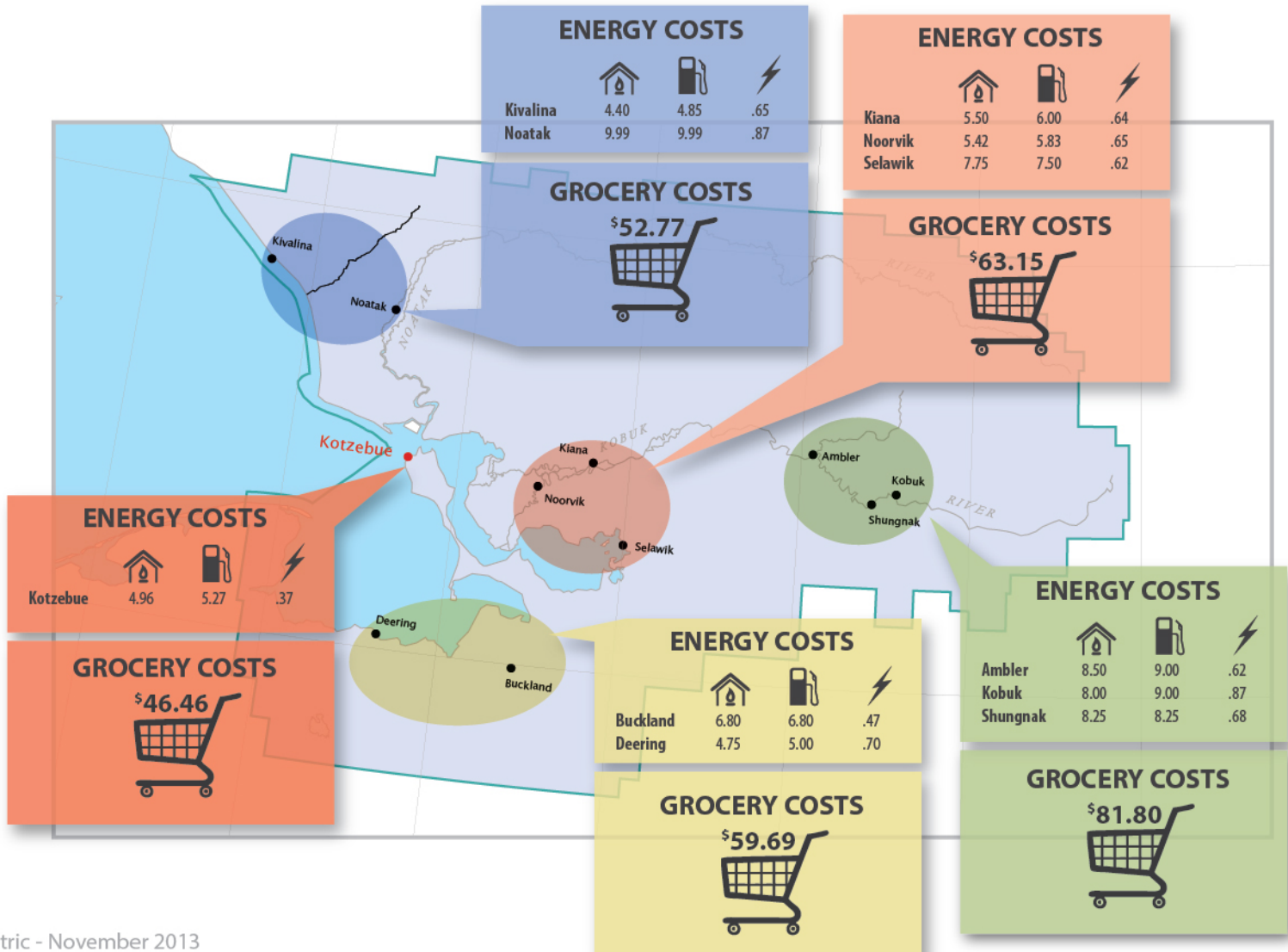
Community	Gas	Stove oil	Utility buy/G 2016
Kotzebue	\$5.27	\$4.96	\$ 2.91
Ambler	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$ 4.65
Kobuk	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$ 5.22
Shungnak	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$ 5.22
Kiana	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$ 3.43
Noorvik	\$5.83	\$5.42	\$ 3.67
Selawik	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$ 3.65
Buckland	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$ 3.77
Deering	\$5.00	\$4.75	\$ 3.25
Kivalina	\$4.85	\$4.40	\$ 3.52
Noatak	\$9.99	\$9.99	\$ 6.77

 Stove Oil / Gallons

 Gasoline / Gallons

 Electric / Kwh

 Milk, Bread, Sugar,
Flour and Diapers



Vision: The vision is for the Northwest Arctic region to be 50 percent reliant on regionally available energy sources, both renewable and non-renewable, for heating and generation purposes by the year 2050

- 10 percent decrease of imported diesel fuels by 2020
- 25 percent decrease of imported transportation diesel fuels by 2030
- 50 percent decrease of imported diesel fuels by 2050

Selawik, AK

Wind Farm, New Bulk Fuel, Recovered Heat



Energy Plan & Project Development Methodology & Approach (from 2008-09 Energy Planning)

- Community Outreach, Resolutions, & Surveying
- Energy Options Analysis
- Energy Resource Data Collection and Forecasting
- Regional Energy Plan – Solar Energy identified as an option
- Energy Summit
- Energy Steering Committee
- Project Development
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Modeling
 - Conceptual Designs
 - Secure Funding
 - Detailed Design
 - Construction
 - Commissioning & Operations



Northwest Arctic Borough - Solar

All regional water/sewer systems use solar-PV by 2016 and run solely on solar in summer

Pioneered “solar in the round” to ease grid integration and reduce impacts to diesel generation

- Reduce foundation costs
- Eliminate solar tracker
- Optimize summer production
- Smaller ramp rates when clouds cover sun
– easier on diesel generators



Solar PV Performance

Solar PV for NAB Waterplants

5/23/2016		9/5/2016		Average						
Community	installed	installed size Kw	production MWh	Current Value \$/Kwh retail	Value \$	CO 2 offset lb	Disel offset Gallon	Cost \$	Cost/watt installed	Performance Kwh/day
Ambler	3/1/2013	8.4	21.69	0.67	\$14,532.30	63,794	1606.67	75,000	8.928571	18.39694656
Kobuk	5/1/2013	7.38	16.32	0.73	\$11,913.60	48,000	1208.89	75,000	10.1626	14.59749553
Shungnak	10/1/2014	7.5	9.97	0.73	\$7,278.10	29,324	738.52	75,000	10	16.61666667
Noorvik	10/1/2013	12	23.29	0.55	\$12,809.50	68,500	1725.19	75,000	6.25	24.13471503
Noatak	11/1/2013	11.27	23.44	0.78	\$18,283.20	68,941	1736.30	75,000	6.654836	25.09635974
Deering	11/1/2013	11.13	27.56	0.71	\$19,567.60	81,059	2041.48	75,000	6.738544	29.50749465
Kotzebue-1	10/15/2015	10.53	8.69	0.45	\$3,910.50	25,559	643.70	83,000	7.882241	39.32126697
Kotzebue-2	11/10/2015	10.53	8.28	0.45	\$3,726.00	24,353	613.33	83,000	7.882241	42.46153846
Selawik	11/20/2014	9.72	17.45	0.51	\$8,899.50	51,324	1292.59	83,000	8.539095	31.72727273
Kiana	8/13/2015	10.53	11.22	0.56	\$6,283.20	33,000	831.11	83,000	7.882241	39.50704225
Buckland	4/1/2016	10.53	6.22	0.47	\$2,923.40	18,294	460.74	83,000	7.882241	119.6153846
Kivalina	2/15/2016	10.53	6.5	0.55	\$3,575.00	19,118	481.48	83,000	7.882241	66.32653061
Total		120.05	180.63		\$113,701.90	531,265	13380.00	948,000	7.437296	467.3087138



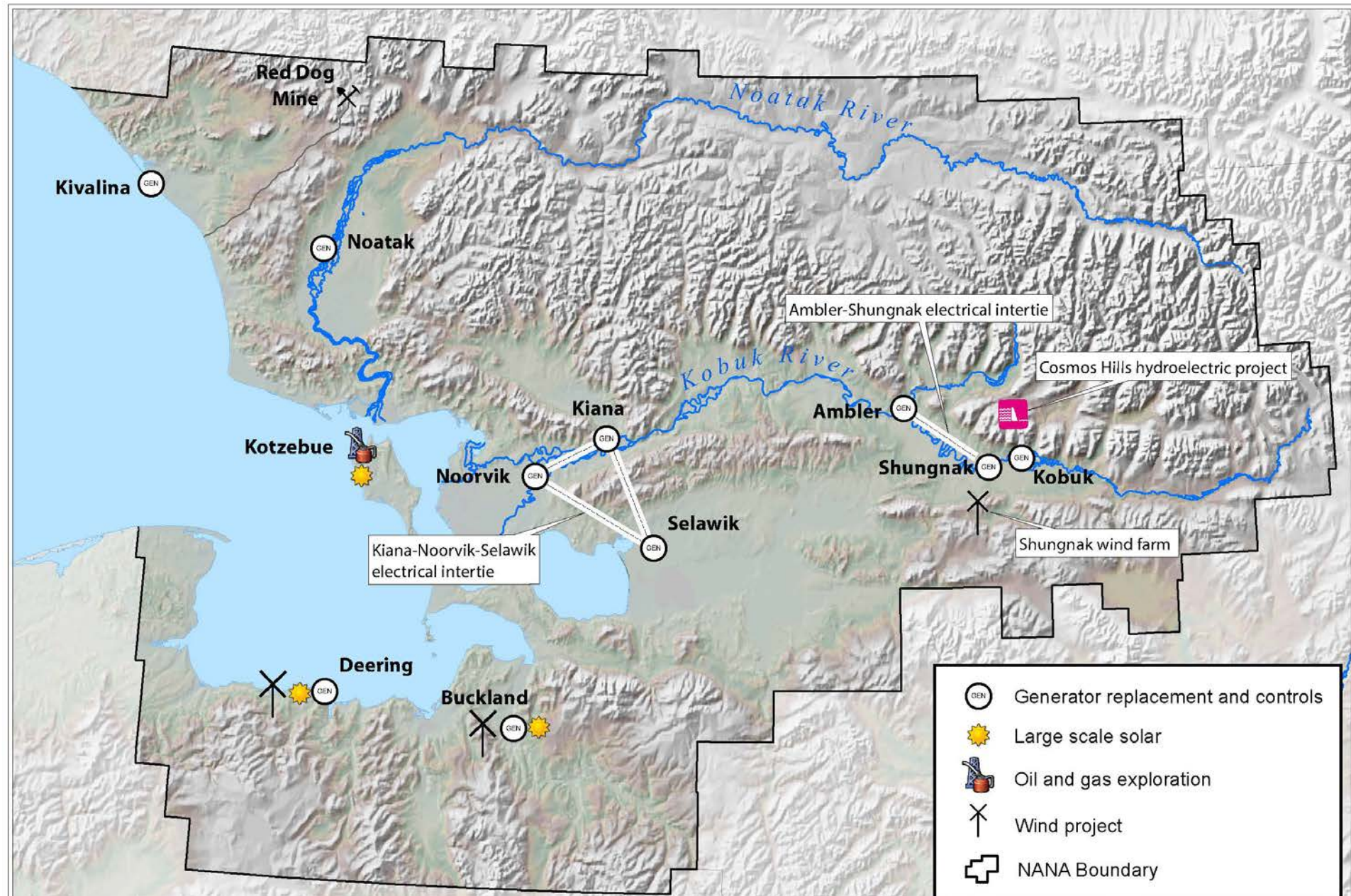
Anchorage Solar Conference



NANA co-sponsored solar energy conferences in Anchorage to educate and develop solar energy concepts.

Participants included DOE, NREL, solar developers, investors, villages, and other stakeholders.

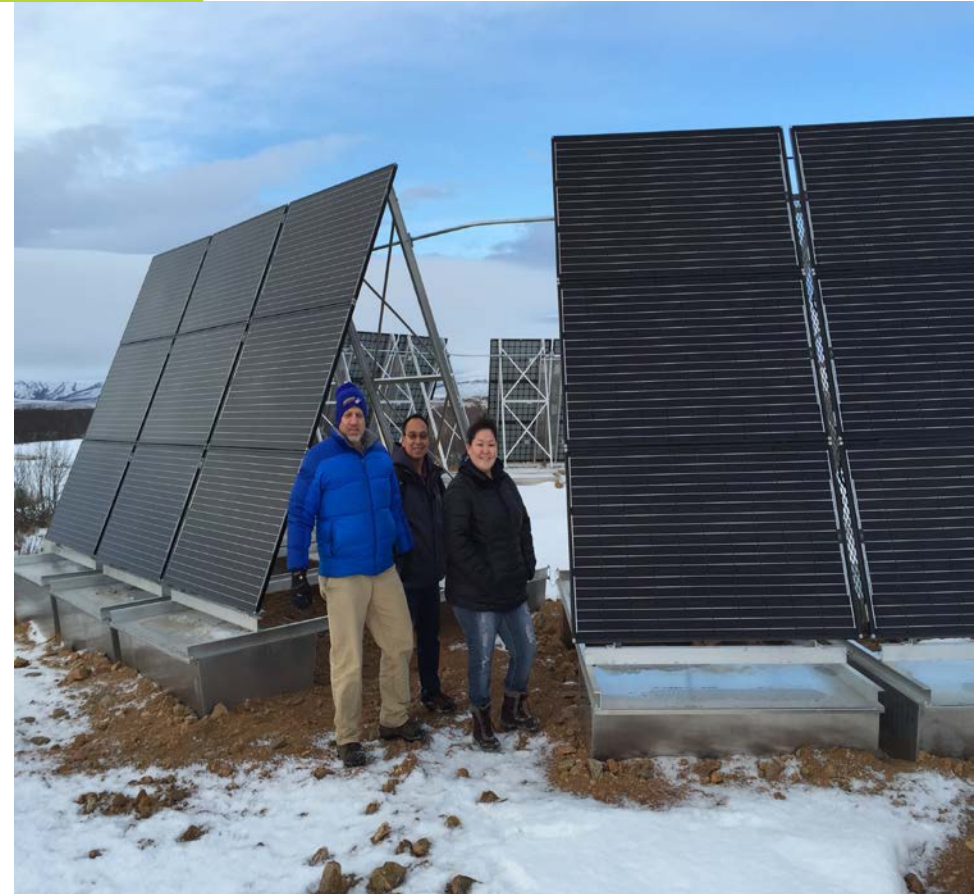






NANA Solar with DOE IE Support

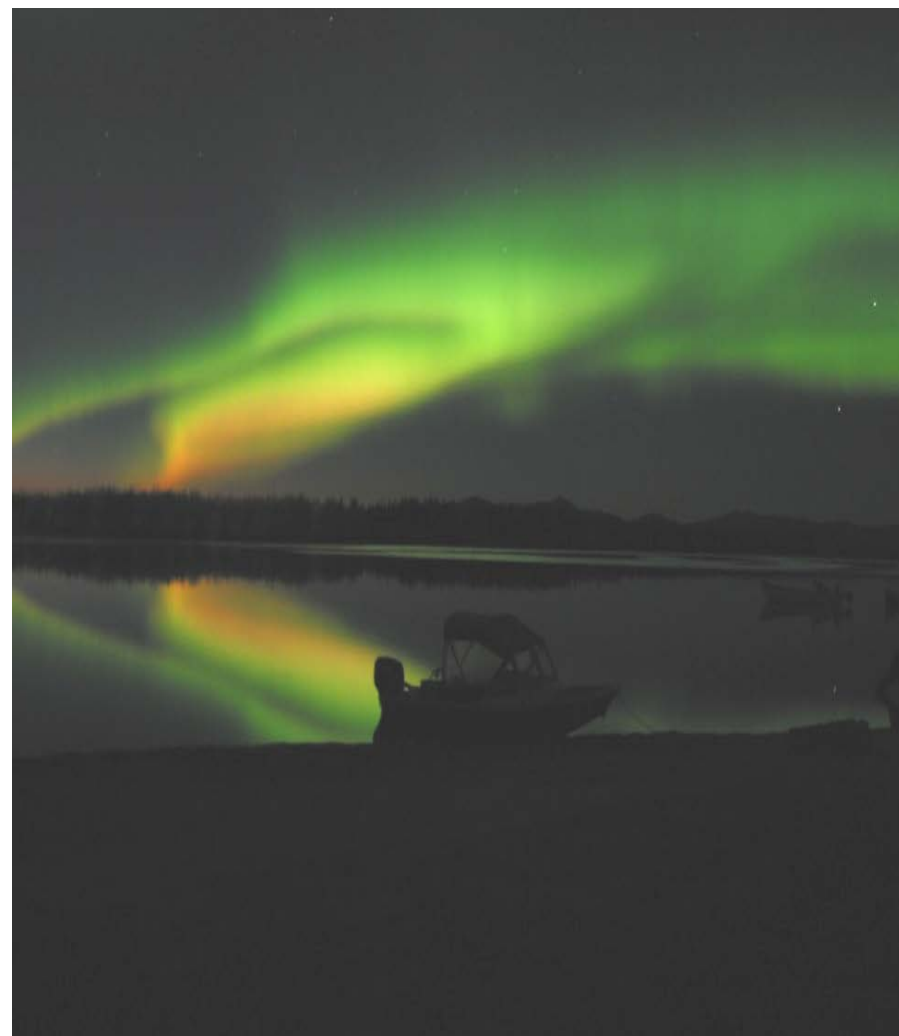
- NANA partnered with KEA and tribes to apply for DOE funding; to install solar energy into Deering, Buckland, and Kotzebue
- Will be largest solar PV project in Alaska
- Public-Private Partnership – Evaluated, loans, grants, and investment tax credits
- Community & Business Development
Total Project Cost: \$2.2M
- Local/Village commitment of VEDC funds in Buckland & Deering



Goals & Objectives

The Primary goals of the solar energy project are to:

1. Lower energy costs for the communities of Kotzebue, Buckland, and Deering
2. Reduce diesel fuel use and increase renewable energy deployment in these communities
3. Develop clean energy job skills and expertise among residents in the three communities
4. Demonstrate the success of high penetration solar-wind-storage-diesel hybrid systems in remote high latitude locations for broad replication (aiming for “diesel-off” for some period of time)



Northern Lights, Noorvik AK






Funding, Financing, & Partnerships

- Project Partners:
 - Kotzebue Electric Association; Deering & Buckland Tribal Councils, Cities, Utilities; KIC
 - Technical Team: ABB, DeerStone Consulting, Intelligent Energy Systems, Northwest Arctic Borough, Adaptive Microgrids
- Funding: DOE-IE ~\$1 million
- Financing/Cost Share:
 - Deering & Buckland - ~\$200K from VEDC (NANA)
 - KEA - \$1 million (CFC Bank) - May Require Joint Venture between NANA & KEA



Gaps



-  Renewable energy projects need smaller generators and battery packs – battery funding has been secured for all 3 communities
-  Need operator training/follow up and run measures for power generation
-  Power Cost Equalization could be reformed to not penalize integrating renewable energy (reward diesel savings)



Opportunities



Develop solar project for Deering, Buckland, and Kotzebue; promote public/private partnership and local capacity for funding & replication elsewhere



Diesel – off operation in the summer time



Change the culture: Grants vs. loans





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