

Frequently Asked Questions:



1 What's Eklutna doing with that rock quarry?

Eklutna is the owner of Rock Alaska Quarry. The quarry is one of the only hard rock sources in the area that meets Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) specifications; it is opened on an as needed basis for projects. The rock quarry is a by right permitted use in the PCD zoning district. The most recent activity was in the summer of 2019 to provide material for work that was being done at the Port of Alaska.

2 Why do they need a variance?

Eklutna needs to construct an access road along the western boundary of Rock Alaska on the adjacent CE-R-10 property (owned by Eklutna) to gain access to the southern portion of the quarry to allow for safer and more efficient material extraction. Anchorage Municipal Code 21.10.050.F.1 states that natural resource extraction is conditionally allowed in the CE-R-10 district only in areas where the slope is less than ten percent. In the near term, the variance would allow Eklutna to submit and process a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct the access roads that will provide access to the southern portion of Rock Alaska Quarry. Longer term, Eklutna would look at expanding Rock Alaska Quarry, but this is several years away and would require a public hearing process to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) before any material could be extracted from the CE-R-10 parcels. All access to the site and any planned future expansion plans will be from the existing Rock Alaska Entrance.

3 What is a variance?

A variance allows some relief from the rules that are outlined in Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21. It is important to note there are criteria that must be met for the variance to be granted along with approval through a public hearing process by the Anchorage Planning & Zoning Commission.

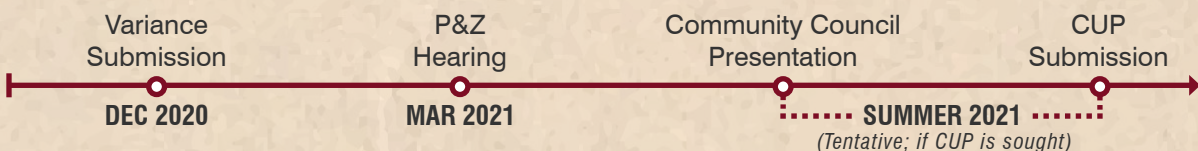
4 What happens after they receive the variance?

For the near term, the variance would allow Eklutna to move forward with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct access roads to access Rock Alaska. These access roads would extend from the existing entrance and access roads at Rock Alaska. Longer term, it would allow Eklutna to pursue a Conditional Use to continue to expand the Rock Alaska Rock Quarry. Control of access to and from the quarry is important for safety and product control. Current and future operations will be internalized and will only utilize the existing quarry access driveway to the Old Glenn Highway. It is important to note that any expansion is many years away and the CUP would outline how the work would be conducted and any needed mitigation for impacts associated with the neighboring properties. This also includes a required public hearing process.

5 Will proximal property/homeowners be impacted directly or indirectly?

Granting the variance does not have any impacts on the property/homeowners, since it is the first step in a two-step process. Any direct or indirect impacts would be outlined in any Conditional Use Permit application process that could be pursued if the variance is granted.

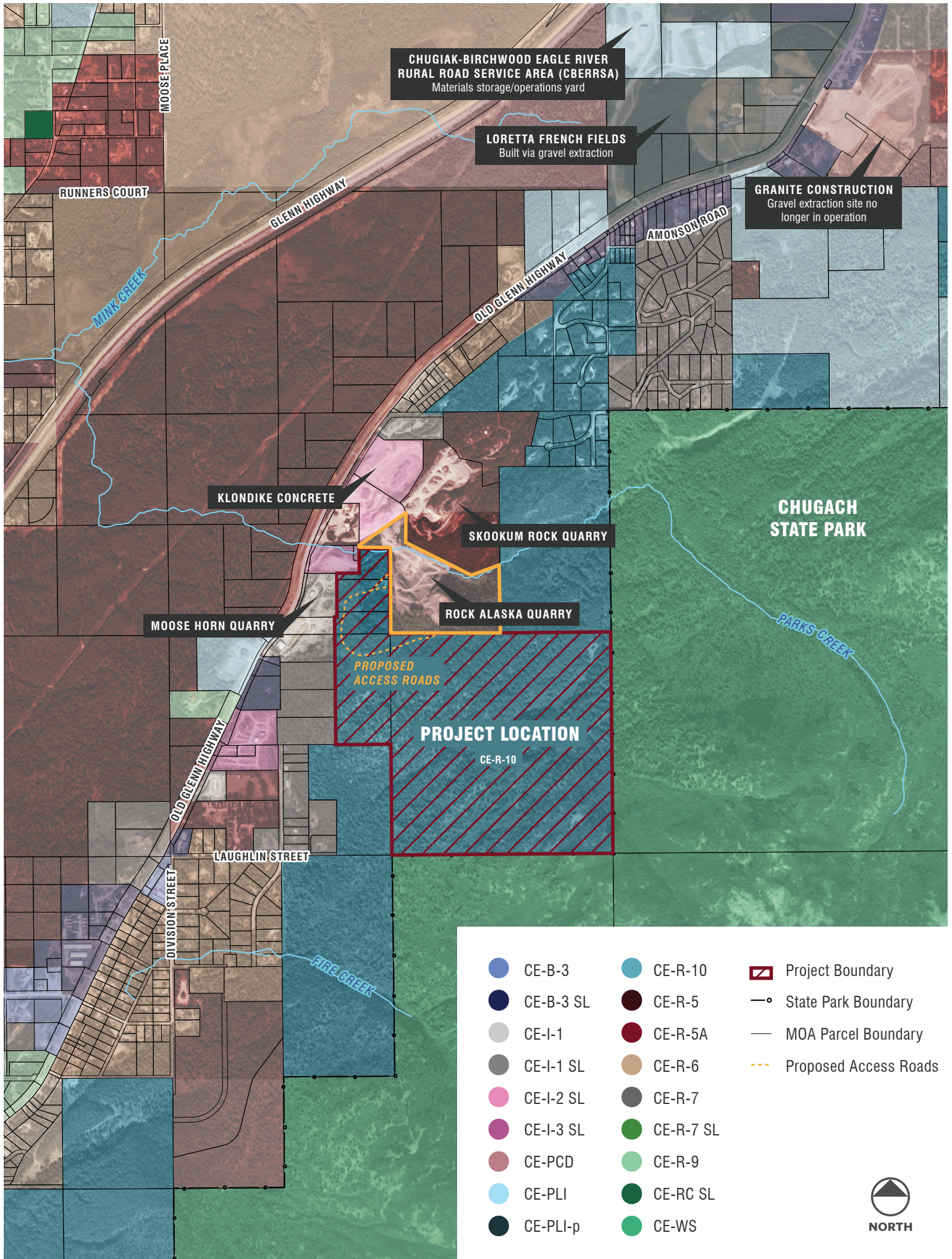
6 When will all of this happen?



7 Who can I contact for more information if I have questions or concerns?

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CHUGIAK-BIRCHWOOD EAGLE RIVER RURAL ROAD SERVICE AREA (CBERRSA)
Materials storage/operations yard

LORETTA FRENCH FIELDS
Built via gravel extraction

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION
Gravel extraction site no longer in operation

KLONDIKE CONCRETE

SKOOKUM ROCK QUARRY

MOOSE HORN QUARRY

ROCK ALASKA QUARRY

PROPOSED ACCESS ROADS

PROJECT LOCATION
CE-R-10

CHUGACH STATE PARK

- CE-B-3
- CE-B-3 SL
- CE-I-1
- CE-I-1 SL
- CE-I-2 SL
- CE-I-3 SL
- CE-PCD
- CE-PLI
- CE-PLI-p
- CE-R-10
- CE-R-5
- CE-R-5A
- CE-R-6
- CE-R-7
- CE-R-7 SL
- CE-R-9
- CE-RC SL
- CE-WS

- ▭ Project Boundary
- State Park Boundary
- MOA Parcel Boundary
- Proposed Access Roads



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