

# *Snow machines are a real benefit to Gambell men*

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ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND — Over here at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, the snow machines are what Eskimo men are real happy about.

They find them wonderful and helpful, in our climate, too. Thank you white man, for bringing things like that.

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How happy my father would be for this snow machine. He used to travel a lot with the dog team. It would take us two days to travel from Gambell to the other end of the island. We always stopped at Savoonga, another village on the island, and stayed overnight.

Sometimes he would have a square tent on his sled for mom and the smallest children, baby and one older.

He would have his parents, grandpa and grandma, his sister, cousin and



us older children be taken by other men that came to help us with their dog teams.

Oh how we used to enjoy those times. But it was cold. Mother and all of them would work and dress us all for the trip.

Those snow machines are really good for here. Now people can travel so fast.