

Doyon purchases Kantishna Roadhouse in Denali Park

Doyon Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Doyon, Limited, the regional Native corporation for Interior Alaska, has purchased the Kantishna Roadhouse, a luxury lodge about five miles from Wonder Lake in the heart of Denali National Park. The purchase, which was announced at the Alaska Visitors Association convention in Fairbanks, marks Doyon's entry into the Alaska tourism industry.

The roadhouse, which sits at the

end of the 95 mile Denali Park road, "is going to be a wonderful experience for those travelers who want to endow themselves with the true Alaska. The pristine mysticism of Denali, the wildlife, and the feeling of being away from it all is going to fill those particular travelers with a wonder and awe insurmountable to anything they would experience otherwise," said Rosemarie Maher, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Doyon.

A National Park Service concessionaire, the roadhouse offers guided hikes in and around the Kantishna area, gold panning, horse drawn wagon rides to Wonder Lake, mountain biking, and natural history programs, among other activities. Interpretive programs emphasize the history of the Kantishna area as a mining district.

"Doyon has spent several years searching for its niche in the Alaska tourism industry. We were attracted to the Kantishna Roadhouse by its unique location and history and the quality of the facilities," said Morris Thompson, Doyon President.

Thompson pledged to maintain the small-scale, personal atmosphere which has proven successful at the Kantishna Roadhouse. "The Kantishna Roadhouse at its present level of operation is a profitable business enterprise which offers visitors a breathtaking experience in the park without adverse effects on the environment. We desire to work closely with the National Park Service to assure that the Kantishna Roadhouse continues to operate in harmony with park val-

ues..." Thompson said.

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Doyon acknowledged the work of former owners Sam and Roberta Koppenberg of Fairbanks.

"The Koppenbergs started the Kantishna Roadhouse as a tent camp for visiting geologists in 1983. Through their efforts it is now

a world class facility which receives guests from throughout the U.S. and around the world," Thompson noted.

The Kantishna Roadhouse is now accepting reservations for the 1996 season. The winter address is Post Office Box 71228, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707 and the telephone

number is 479-2436 in Fairbanks or (800) 942-7420 from anywhere in the United States.

Doyon Services, Inc. is one of two operating subsidiaries of Doyon, Limited. Doyon Services is a partner in the

Doyon Universal Ogden Joint Venture which offers food service and housekeeping services at numerous remote sites in Alaska, including ARCO's Kuparuk oilfield and BP Exploration's Endicott oilfield. The joint venture also provides food service and housekeeping for the entire length of the TransAlaska Pipeline System.