

Winterization program under way

The RurAL CAP Weatherization Program is underway this year in two regions: Calista and Doyon, as mandated by the RurAL CAP Board of Directors. All 12 regions were prioritized according to coldest climate in an attempt to equitably distribute the CSA allocation of \$600,000.

The RurAL CAP Energy Office consequently contracted with the Association of Village Council Presidents Housing Authority in Bethel to oversee the completion of the project for Calista; and with the Tanana Chiefs Housing Authority for the Doyon region.

The program will winterize approximately 165 homes in the Calista region and 150 in the

Doyon region. The villages to be winterized were selected by the Regional Board of Directors, who were in the best possible position to determine the need.

Weatherization, simply stated means cutting down on heat loss and infiltration by insulating, repair/replacement of windows, weatherstripping, storm doors and windows, etc., in order to assist rural low-income families to lower their fuel consumption, while maintaining warmer homes.

Villages to be weatherized in the Doyon region are: Shageluk, Grayling, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Nicolia, Stevens Village, Beaver, Rampart, Birch Creek, Circle.

Those villages undergoing weatherization in the Calista

region are: Atmauthluk, Kwethluk, Napakiak, Tuluksak, Crooked Creek, Upper Kalskag, Sleetmute, and Tuntutuliak.

The Weatherization Program provides all materials for the project, and labor for the elderly and disabled. Participants in the program work on a self-help basis, whereby they donate their own labor to complete the necessary work.

Past program statistics point to fuel savings of up to 60%. This is very exciting in terms of money saved and warmer homes.

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