

Road May Carry Cash to Pass

The economic future of Anaktuvuk Pass may lie on the winter access road planned by the state. The village is the one settlement between Bettels and Barrow and lies on an important communications route.

Dr. Laurence Irving, professor of zoophysiology, Institute of Arctic Biology, of Alaska and long time friend of Anaktuvuk villagers, foresees many jobs created by

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the road.

Men will be needed for maintenance, management and communications. Guides might be needed. A road house probably will be built. Supplies and warehouse facilities might be located at the Pass.

"The people at Anaktuvuk Pass are very intelligent," Dr. Irving said. With careful, understanding instruction they should be able to fill every job that will be needed."

Dr. Irving said he hoped the villagers would remain at the Pass because of their help to arctic scientists. "They have served us well for a number of years," he said. "Their knowledge of the country has made them ideal guides."

Basic field work on the road should get started as soon as the ground gets hard, John Rowlett, Fairbanks oil and gas consultant said.

Rowlett has been serving on a special committee of citizens who urged opening of a road that would service hard rock mining and petroleum field operations in the interior.

The road will utilize the tundra's frozen surface and will not require pavement. It will be created primarily by clearing brush and should reach Anaktuvuk Pass by February.