

1st Scout Battalion of Nome Forming Arctic Rescue Unit

Guardsmen of Alaska's 1st Scout Battalion are forming a volunteer arctic rescue unit in Nome, according to the com-

manding officer of the battalion, MAJ Jack Fuller.

Using a semi-military organizational plan, the unit will consist of a rescue squadron with three subordinate troops. Initially, all parts of the rescue squadron will be in Nome, but it is hoped that the idea will catch on and spread into other Alaskan communities.

Aside from the Civil Air Patrol, there is no organized rescue group in any of Alaska's more remote populated areas. The new squadron will provide a ground search and rescue capability which can augment the air

search program of CAP.

Although most of the men organizing the unit are members of the Eskimo Scout Battalion, membership in the rescue troops will be open to any interested citizens.

Each rescue troop will be equipped with a sled which will carry supplies and equipment required for missions. The sleds will be packed and kept ready for ready use.

Members of the squadron will use their own snow machines for winter transport, but will be able to take advantage of National Guard communication networks and some other equipment.

Initial training sessions for the units will concentrate on first aid for winter injuries, particularly frostbite.

Financial support of the group will rest with Nome citizens, but Fuller indicates that the obvious need for such a unit in the area, the rescue squadron anticipates little problem in gaining that support.

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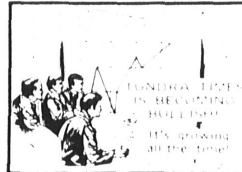
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Notice is also given that any person interested may present oral or written statements or arguments relevant to the action proposed at the hearing starting at 7 p.m. and continuing until all interested persons have been heard on February 9, 1973 at the Centennial Building in Sitka. Written comments also may be mailed to the Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, Pouch O, Juneau, Alaska 99801, if received before 4:30 p.m. on February 19, 1973. The Department of Environmental Conservation, upon its own motion or on the motion of any interested person, may thereafter adopt, amend, reject, or take no action relative to the proposal set out above without further notice.

Copies of the proposed Permit to Operate and Alaska Lumber and Pulp Company permit application and proposed schedule may be obtained upon request by writing to the Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, Pouch O, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska this fifth day of January 1973.

Max C. Brewer, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation



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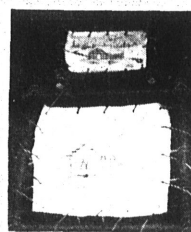
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