COMMENTS INVITED ON LEVEE COMPLETION

The Corps of Engineers' Alaska District Office is preparing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement concerning the Tanana River levee in the Fairbanks flood control project.

The EIS will address several possible levee extension plans, one requiring crossing a river channel, and another not involving construction in the water.

Installation of groins (structures built out into the river to direct flow) also is considered in the flood and erosion control plan. One concept involves 13 groins, 2,000 to 6,000 feet long, at intervals along the levee. Another would require using 15 shorter groins plus two slough blockages.

In both levee extension and the use of groins, one alternative can be to not build at all. The EIS will address the impacts, good and bad, of all alternatives.

Persons and organizations desiring to comment on these aspects of completion of the flood control project should communicate with the District Office, Box 7002, Anchorage, 99510, by November 30.

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