

Minto Experiencing Foodstuff Shortage

The village of Minto is reported to be experiencing food shortage due to very cold weather. Interior Alaska has been having the last few weeks.

Due to 40-50 below zero temperatures, plane service to Minto has been curtailed. Hunting is also difficult in the very cold weather.

Wally Craig, superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fairbanks district, said he has been trying to arrange for food

drop by helicopter but the weather still has been cold.

Craig said he might approach Jack Murphy, civil defense director, to try to arrange a snowmobile caravan with the Fairbanks snowmobile association to bring food to Minto.

He said that there was about 3,000 pounds of food waiting to be shipped to Minto village but planes had been unable to transport it due to extreme cold.