

Mobile office to tour state this summer

The Alaska congressional delegation's mobile office this week began a tour of 59 communities on the state's ferry and road system.

The mobile office, a van staffed by aides to Sen. Ted Stevens and Sen. Frank Murkowski, will be in Southeast for most of this month, with visits to Southcentral and the Interior scheduled for July and August.

Alaskans with requests or concerns on federal government matters will have the chance to speak with staff members during those visits. The aides will also be available to meet with community groups and attend local functions.

After stops in southern Southeast this week, the van was scheduled to make its way to Prince of Wales Island June 10-11, followed by Ketchikan and Metlakatla June 15-16, Sitka, Angoon and Hoonah June 18-23, and Skagway and Haines June 25-26.

Other stops include: Eagle River and Chigiak, June 29; Palmer and Sutton, June 30; Glennallen, July 1; Gakona and Paxson, July 2; Delta Junction, July 3; Tok, Eagle and Chicken, July 6-8; Northway and Slana, July 9.

Kenai Peninsula, July 13-16; Copper Center, Chitina, Valdez and Cordova, July 20-23; Anchor Point, Homer and Kodiak, July 27-29.

Susitna Valley, Aug. 3-5; Cantwell, Healy, Anderson and Nenana, Aug. 5-7; Tanana Valley Fair (Fairbanks), Aug. 8-16; North Pole, Aug. 10; Manley Hot Springs, Aug. 11; Circle and Central, Aug. 17-18; Palmer State Fair, Aug. 22-Sept. 1.