

Dalton Highway concerns

To the *Daily News Miner*:

Your recent editorial praising Gov. Cowper for a "Good job on Dalton" told only part of the story on costs related to the operating of the haul road. There are more costs associated with the haul road than just maintenance costs.

In the past the state has said that it can't afford to properly monitor and control activities when confronted about what is taking place up there by concerned citizens such as local

villagers, conservationists, guides, tourism people, among others.

Apparently now the state feels so flush with bucks that it can forego a toll to charge the oil companies for a road which primarily benefits them. I thought that cutting state spending was the position of the State Chamber of Commerce. Ahh, yes.

In service,
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