No cheese at \$10/pound

Residents of Tyonek recently decided to pass by some "free" cheese that costs \$10 per pound.

The cheese, about 107,000 pounds of processed American cheese, is flooding the state at the behest of President Ronald Reagan who ordered that about 30 million pounds of the stuff be distributed to the needy throughout the country.

The cheese was sent to 29 distribution points throughout the state with one in Anchorage. That's where the problem came in.

Robert Nielson, manager of the Food Bank of Alaska, says his group was given the responsibility of disposing the cheese throughout the municipality of Anchorage but no where else.

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Cheesy deal at \$10/lb.

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Tyonek isn't in the municipality and residents there don't know how or where to pick up their cheese, said Don Standifer, president of the village.

And even if the Tyonek people could pick the cheese up at Anchorage, the cost of flying one way to Anchorage is \$24.

Which makes the cost of one pound of cheese \$10 and even for Alaska, that's pretty expensive.

"I would like to give someone a call to find out who our people should contact for the cheese," said Standifer. "Only I don't even know who to get a hold of. Who should I call? Reagan?"