

Wiseman Community Citizens Complain About Irregular Mail

Wiseman, Alaska
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To Whom It May Concern:

In the hope of obtaining a better mail service for myself and others in the Wiseman Community, I am appealing to the public and certain State Officials with the following information about bureaucratic waste and inefficiency.

According to claims and advertisements of Wien Consolidated Airlines, Inc., Wiseman is one of many small villages whom receive regular scheduled air and mail service.

But, I say that it is now 16 days since the mail was delivered. In fact the mail plane pilot advised me that he lacked the

proper equipment and sufficient payment to do the job.

This mail service that I expect is simply a twice a month delivery and pick up of U.S. mail to Wiseman from the post office at Bettles.

I doubt the sincerity of the pilot because he was flying a \$40,000.00 airplane and the airports and runways involved are improved and maintained by expensive State heavy equipment and special radio communications. Also because he is well paid for his time, such as about one and a half million dollars annually from the U.S. Treasury, or better known as subsidies, and as U.S. Rural Free Delivery which is a special law to pay mailmen on low income routes such as this.

Now in order to obtain a reliable twice a month scheduled mail service and to save tax payers many thousands of dollars, I recommend that a local bush pilot be hired for this job on a part time or contract deal. He could use his five-thousand dollar airplane, and bush runways and thus eliminate the need for heavy construction equipment and special radio communications.

It is important to save our traditional scheduled mail service for the necessities of life and because it is a real obstacle to selfish bureaucrats and land grabbing preservationists who are trying to depopulate and classify this area a primitive wilderness.

Actually Wiseman is a proven and long time mining district

with industry, private industry that does not cause as much pollution and corruption as the obviously uncontrollable State sponsored businesses such as big game hunting, sports and recreation, education, welfare, tundra fire fighting, and so on.

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