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Alaska Travelers Will See New Interpretive Signs Along Highways in the Ahtna Region



Glennallen, Alaska – With the help of funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, visitors to the Ahtna region can learn about the traditional, cultural and historic features indigenous to the area through a series of six interpretive signs. Ahtna, Inc. is the only Alaska Native Regional Corporation whose villages are all connected by the road system and the signs were installed at highway viewpoints throughout the region this summer. They are located along the Glenn Highway (near Gunsight Mountain at the Camp Creek pullout), the Richardson Highway (near Hogan Hill and the Willow Lake pullout), the Tok Highway (milepost 56.5 north of Chistochina), the Denali Highway (milepost 131) and the Parks Highway (milepost 200 near Cantwell).

The signs are meant to give residents and visitors an awareness and appreciation of the natural history of the area and include rich imagery and stories told by Ahtna elders. They were designed by Ahtna, Inc. using input from the Ahtna Board's Customary and Traditional Committee and are identifiable by a "Welcome to the Ahtna Region" logo.

Those interested in learning more about the Ahtna culture, people and history can purchase the book *Ahtna: The People and Their History netseh dae' tkughit'e' "before us it was like this"* published by Ahtna, Inc. and authored by William E. Simeone, Ph.D. The book is available online at www.ahtna.com/book.

About Ahtna, Inc.

Ahtna, Incorporated is one of 13 Alaska Native Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, and is headquartered in Glennallen, Alaska. The company currently has over 2,000 shareholders, the majority of whom are of Ahtna Athabascan descent, and employs more than 1,300 people worldwide. A premiere Alaskan-owned business, Ahtna, Incorporated is guided by its vision statement: "Our Culture Unites Us; Our Land Sustains Us; Our People are Prosperous." To learn more visit www.ahtna.com and to receive the latest news and updates don't forget to follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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