

Fox spring public comments

Below are the comments received through the close of the public comment period at 4:30 p.m. July 15, 2015. Names, addresses, and contact information has been omitted.

Comments received at the July 6, 2015, public meeting



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O&T has water rights for this well. The level has been dropping for a reason. Additional wells have been drilled in the area which well may have contributed to this drop. If this is the case, they could be shut down.



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Presentation should have preceded public question/comment period, in my opinion

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I have lived in Goldstream Valley since Jan. 1994. Since that time, Fox Springs has been an important source of water (esp. drinking water) for me and for numerous people in the area who either live in dry cabins or have wells with water that is high in iron and not very good drinking water in many cases. I was dismayed to learn that the State is planning to ~~lose~~ discontinue operation of Fox Springs. It is strange to read that there is NO confidence that a deeper well will provide the same quality of water and that projected operation costs are 'prohibitively high'. Capital improvements will improve operation costs? How? The improvements will cost, yes. After that, I would expect similar operating costs to present costs, adjusted for inflation. \$50k per annum does not seem an excessive cost for providing, what to many, is a very important public service. (continued over)

How did you hear about this meeting? *KUAC public announcement*

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I believe the July 15 deadline should be extended. I believe Fox Water should remain open & be held to the same consideration of the 12+ rest areas staying open. Fox Water is on state land & a public resource. Please adjust your budget to include the Fox Water remaining open. Thank you for your time.



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I would be glad to help work toward a solution (labor, time, etc) feel free to ~~reach~~ contact me.



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This is my only source of water - I live 1 1/2 miles away. I pay property tax. I don't use the roads much, but this spring is essential. I think this is worth far more than \$50-100k worth of paving, or even pothole fixes. Without it we are really dry. If this was a place where I could drill a well, I would, but this isn't realistic.

So, like the people in India who had their water supply sold off, + also say

**DON'T SELL OUR WELL
— PLEASE —**

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The spring at Fox provides an important source of water for many families and people in the area. It would be a tragedy if it were closed; while it has been funded by the state, people in the community would be willing to donate money to keep it open. However, it would be important to have public stewardship. In this way it could be protected from as a public good. The public would need to be better informed of the need. I have only heard about this from my mother who heard it on the radio today; Although

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COMMENTS: *(Transcribed for my mother)*

The possible sale of Fox Spring needs to be better publicized. Many people will be affected. It should also be clearly shown exactly what the water situation at Fox is with regard to the current supply, and possibility that the well will go dry. While the possibility is stated on the flyer given out today, it is the first that I have heard of it. Further, while 50,000 appears a sizable sum, even if people were to donate \$^{1.00} (one dollar) a gallon there would be a surplus. There may also be ways to reduce the costs. What is clear is that it is much easier to find solutions when the public is clearly informed.

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People from all over Fairbanks use Fox Spring not just Fox residents. Years ago my children & I lived off of Supply Rd, the water was not drinkable, and we travelled all of the way to Fox for drinking water (I am a single/divorced mother of 4).

I cannot understand why the road from the Turtle Club to the Steese was repaved! The road had no potholes - ^(I drive it to work) how much was spent/wasted on repaving it?! Why couldn't that money have gone towards drilling a new well? I really would like to know the cost of that little project. A lot of people in Fox were upset over ^{repair of a} the ^{perfect} road. \$50,000/year to keep the Fox Spring going seems quite low when you look at how many people depend on this water.

How did you hear about this meeting? I work at the Fox General Store - big topic?

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Fox Spring Water

We use Fox Spring water. The reason is that our well has an abundance of Arsenic in and it is not drinkable. We live at the Vault Subdivision which is about one mile past the Hilltop Station on the Elliot Highway. To use the City of Fairbanks water system, we must drive the 17 miles to town and that takes quite a bit more gas and although it seems to be plenty right now, what's tomorrow? Thousands of people use the Fox Spring for their water supply. MANY cannot afford to purchase water. Especially if it is privatized the cost will be prohibitive because EPA will become involved. DOT is upset that they have to spend money on the spring. Why don't they stop using as much overtime in the summer and they will have enough for the Fox Spring budget Working on Saturday and Sunday and extra every day of the week lots of times, with their fancy new trucks seems a bit much. Many people depend on the Fox Spring. The state! Well, It should be looking out for the people living here and not trying to make lots of extra money for its workers on useless overtime.

We live here because I had a severe stroke and we lived in Juneau. I couldn't maintain anything and so we Moved in with our son here in the Fairbanks Borough.

Also! The DOT does not seem be interested in fuel saving.



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This water source is vital to the homes that rely on it for water, especially the dry homes. Also, the drilled water in the old mining areas is still contaminated with mercury and we need this water.



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I don't get all my H₂O from Fox Springs, but when I'm out that way I always stop by & fill up something. The last time I was out there a fellow from DOT, getting a drink, told me that many people are inconsiderate & leave the coin in the turn-on button & walk away leaving it RUN overtime & waste H₂O. HUMANS, inconsiderate humans, are what's causing the problem, as I see it. They also probably drop their trash & expect their "MOM" to clean up after them & turn off the H₂O. SPOILED BRATS, that I'd like to SLAP UP SIDE THE HEAD!! Make them do community service, clean the trash, cut the Grass, etc!!! I LIVE IN A DRY CABIN & SET UP A CAMERA & CATCH THEM IN THE ACT! LOVE IT!!!

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Please keep this historic water access site open. A coin-op or credit card mechanism so that water flows for a certain length of time or a certain number of gallons per 1¢ would more than pay the \$50,000 annual cost of maintenance.

Many people use this water and almost everyone has a few \$\$ to spare for this valuable resource.



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IT MAKES SENSE TO RELIEVE O.O.T. OF THE
JOB OF MAINTAINING A PUBLIC WATER SOURCE.
THAT BEING IT'S CERTAINLY NOT ^{WITH} IN THE SCOPE
OF ROAD WORK. THAT BEING SAID, I FEEL THE
SPRING SHOULD BE CONTINUE TO BE A FREE
PUBLIC WATER SOURCE. THIS SHOULD BE
ASSURED AND GUARANTEED BY WHICHEVER
STATE OR BOROUGH ENTITY TAKES IT OVER.
I SUSPECT THE COSTS WOULD GO DOWN IF
THE SPRING WAS RUN BY A FACILITY MORE
FAMILIAR WITH PUBLIC WATER.
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The Fox Springs has been a god-send to the Fox AREA for years. It WAS NEVER ~~so~~ supposed to be sold/for transferred But was somehow. We have so many people who are disabled, have families who still do not have running water & it really wouldn't matter in the Fox AREA, most people don't care to drink water that turns your hair orange. It should be a natural given right to have available clean drinking water for our families. ^{water} That (the water) is safer & taste better than ~~ANY~~ ^{ANY} IN ANY town - I've been in - in the state.

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There are even a lot of people that
drive from N. Pole to get drinking H₂O
can you blame them especially
after the last few years & the turmoil
of N. Pole's water

Due to mining / & oil good H₂O
is getting harder to find
& when you have a good supply
why screw it up.

Adjacent Land Owners have
chance to buy it. That is
ridiculous that it's only
available to them why,
not the community.!!

ALASKA IS A HARD
enough to live in &
Now you want to take water
away from its citizens



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COMMENTS: My family has lived at 5³/₄ mile (3805 Elliott)

Since Spring 1959, 4 months after statehood and 5 years before FNSB. We have depended on the spring (Fox) all these years. The 3rd/₄th generation is now living on the property and depending on the water for sustenance. I am now 64 years old and have lived on the Federal patented homestead for 46 of the 56 years it has been in my family. I raised 3 sons on the property as a single mother, living the homestead life to make it meet. I had no extra money to drill or put in a holding tank. There have always been families living the "rustic" life rather than go tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. I worked and retired from the FNSB for 26 years - I still don't want to be owing anyone when I die. Please remember the little guys who are and were productive members of the community and have a heart.

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① charge 1 penny to everyone. ~~but~~ that should more than pay your salary + repairs - I have moved to town due to disability but we still have drinking + cooking water. Been here since 1961 (2 weeks before flood.) That is ^{Land, Math} Fox's identity (Fox Spring) It was just a hole in the ground + you dipped it out. Then a pipe put in, dts chlorine fee, my body does not like chlorine. The Calcium in it is good for you. Some people can't afford to buy it + have no other water sources. We lived at 1 mile Elliott + hit the some stream so it must be big. what did you pay for paving to hilltop? ^{so much waste} Much - why is this ^{spring} so bad?

#1 Priority - Keep Fox Springs open + free - Close newly opened outhouses or something.

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I must hope this meeting is recorded.

I for one don't believe every thing that the DOT says is true or correct. This FOX spring is a natural ~~resource~~ resource that belongs to the people of AK & water it is should never be sold. The land is in the same category as the oil ground: you don't sell the ground. John Evans maintained the fox spring with pick & shovel to chip away the Ice-hired by the DOT in the late 60's for \$7.5 mo - You find a way to maintain this ^{spring} & keep this belonging to the state of AK - Water is precious.

Lot of you're statemants concerning the spring (over

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Online open house comments from <https://adotpf.mysidewalk.com/>

The only comment I have is that many of us depend on this spring for water. Filling our drinking water jugs in Fairbanks is costly over time. Whoever you transfer to, we need that water source.

It's not a spring anymore, so it's not a natural source. I haul water and pay for my own and I don't feel it's the government's responsibility to furnish it to me, just like they don't pay my fuel or electric bills. The state should sell this or completely close it and spend the money on more essential services.

The DOT needs to sell it. The responsibility of the DOT is to maintain roads, not provide water to individuals. With State budgets shrinking, I'd rather see the 50K used to keep the roads open and safe than subsidizing water for people. Privatizing the Fox Spring will not result in individuals being unable to afford drinking water. I personally haul water from the Water Wagon and it is very affordable, two cents a gallon. I imagine that whoever purchases the Spring from the DOT would charge a similar amount.

The Fox Spring water is the best tasting drinking water in town. I would definitely be willing to pay for the water. I hope that it can be converted to a commercial enterprise and still be available for Fairbanksans to use.

There are MANY folks who will find it a hardship to pay for water. They are the ones who are barely making it, live out of town, have no electricity, and scrape up enough money for gas just to get to the Fox Spring and back. I have been that person. The Spring has ALWAYS been free. Back in the 50's and 60's my Father was chopping ice away from the old artesian spring so he and others could get water. Yes, making it a commercial venture WILL keep some folks from getting good water. Maybe Fairbanks folks should just get their water in town and not run the well dry so we country folks can get the water we need. That spring has been in use since before most of you were born, and it has always been free.

My name is Tammy Fiess-Hillyer. I have some concerns about the Fox Spring's potential closure. My family came to Fairbanks in 1948. My husband's family came in 1960. Our families have been using Fox Spring ever since. In fact my husband and I still live on a portion of his family's homestead on Haystack Mountain Road. We rely on the spring for water.

My parents homesteaded at the top of what is now Skyline Drive in 1953. They along with Joe Vogler, used to drive out the Farmers Loop to the Steese the all the way to the spring for water. Even prior to homesteading, they often went out to Fox for water.

I have a letter my mother wrote to her family Outside about how my dad and Joe were building a road on the back side of the hill, down to the Steese in order to cut miles off their trip to the spring. That road is now Skyridge.

Later, my parents Don and Ellogene Fiess bought and operated Fox General Store. Now that building is within the Silver Gulch building. My dad spent many very cold nights chopping ice at the spring. He never had a budget either. He did it on his own time. There is a long history revolving around Fox Spring. Now there are even a few independent tour groups who stop there so travelers can marvel at the nature of the old-timey-ness of the place.

If it is a legitimate function of State Gov't to maintain the Fox Spring, which many believe it is, then here is a real proposal. Since the State of Alaska is contending with budget short falls and doing things such as hiring freezes and possibly employment layoffs it should permanently eliminate also,

at least three permanent employment positions for just the reason to continue the funding to maintain the spring. These positions should be in capacities where the terminated individuals are easily employable in the private sector, for example, a road maintenance position. That person having skills in operating construction machinery could easily find work with a construction company. Another position might be a vehicle mechanic, who also could find employment in a private repair business. Since these types of positions terminated will only leave the persons temporarily unemployed at most, and a lot more people are affected negatively in the loss of the water resource than those which would be affected by the termination of three job positions there is compelling reason to do this as stated above. This water resource is extremely valuable to the permanent residents who use it. Three permanent positions eliminated would likely not only provide the funding needed for the State to maintain the spring, but would also reduce State government liabilities, which would be a positive direction in the State overall, spending less money.

Assist the residents in that area in forming a co-op (perhaps similar to a road association) to finance the cost, so that the ones who have a vested interest are the ones paying for its maintenance. In the interest of maximizing their return on investment, they will take care of it. Anyone who wants to use the well, can contact the local resident who is the POC for the co-op, pay dues, and be granted access to the well (self-sustaining).

Safe drinking water isn't always readily available in the outlying areas. Arsenic and rust are major problems in the hills and areas surrounding Fairbanks. There are many people living at or below the poverty line that can't afford to buy water. Hauling water from the Fox Spring isn't an easy thing to do and is mostly done out of necessity. Access to clean, safe water is a necessity and the only place to get it free should not be sold into private hands.

Millions of \$\$'s have been spent by the State to provide drinking water in the villages, often with very small populations. Why are the people that live in Fox, out the Elliott and Steese Hwy's or any of the other people who can't afford to buy water in this area being treated like throw aways for only \$50K when nearly a billion dollars has been spent so far to provide safe drinking water for villages?
dec.alaska.gov/water/vsw/pdfs...

Go to the USDA/EPA and get money to keep this one and only, free, clean and safe, water source available to the public free of charge.

Pioneer Wells sells water from the same source as the state maintained well. Why should the state continue to maintain this when there is a commercial source available? Just because there has been a free ride for years doesn't mean that there needs to always be a free ride. When the government provides something to someone for nothing someone else pays for something they didn't get.

There are existing government programs to help those that can't afford the most basic of needs - drinking water. I believe the co-op idea to be the best solution.

It is a shame when entities that contaminate water, effectively, are not held responsible or financially liable; while people that are used to a resource that has been open access to anybody, are disparaged and told they must pay the onus for access to potable water.

It is concerning that the Fox Spring is running dry, but that indicates it is an invaluable resource to numerous people. It points to a larger issue, especially with the spreading sulfolane plume in North Pole and worries about water in Moose Creek, reduced winter snow packs and loss of frozen fresh water around the state; when paired with pressures of residential and industrial expansion.

There's no such thing as a free lunch. And depending on the direction of my errands, if I'm going into

town, I will pay for water there. I don't rely solely on Fox Springs. But really, the residents are paying taxes that support the upkeep... As the residents of Alaska are the ones footing the state budget, and this year will pay dearly for the privilege of big companies syphoning resources away.

Ultimately, this comes down to politicians' failure to work on behalf of their electorate and secure equitable resource access. While I am used to paying to get water, it is troubling to watch Alaska follow further suit of the unethical resource exploitation of developing countries. It is not so funny when Coca-Cola owns what used to be the free freshwater springs, and the only way to get that water is to buy soda or 16 oz branded and bottled water. Maybe that example is too farcical. It's just a shame to see what we've come to.

I believe that it is a sensible fiscal decision for the State of Alaska to transfer ownership of the Fox spring to another entity that can pay for the upkeep and capital expenses associated with continuing to keep this a viable community water source. There are several other companies that provide potable water to community members at a low cost (Water wagon, Pioneer Well) so we can be relatively sure that the future owners of the Fox well would not be able to price gouge Fairbanks and Fox residents.

Further, the point about the potential for changes to the water quality composition if the well depth is increased is a viable one. Unless the aquifer is known and mapped we can't be sure that making the well deeper will continue to provide the same quality water without additional costs to the state in the form of water treatment.

Given the fiscal situation that the state of Alaska is in we all have to tighten our belts -- and cutting/divesting expenses like the Fox well is necessary and I support this decision. That being said lets put some funding back in education and give our future generations a better chance to keep Alaska strong!

We are constantly hearing appeals of more money for government education and for job security for those associated with it. How about an appeal to rescue Fairbanks residents from the perpetual effect of bond slavery, tagged as property taxes. More money for education is only going to entrench more dependency on government. The object should be personal responsibility, a rejection of the flip flopping of society on it's head to please deviant agents of change. The NEA wants more power to control what and how the youth think. It always boils down to the love of money!.

I believe that your proposal to transfer ownership of the Fox spring to another entity is a good one. I don't think that DOT or any other state entity should maintain operation of the Fox spring. Everyone else has to pay for their water, I guess the time has come that the people who use the Fox spring will now have to pay for theirs. It is definitely a reasonable cut to make from the state budget.

I think transferring it to another entity that can afford to upkeep it, is a great idea instead of just closing it. I also think if the state can find a way to calculate how much each person would pay to get water from it, would be another way to gather revenue. The spring is worth keep going, as it is used by many folks.

I had the opportunity yesterday to speak briefly about this to my state representative. He told me that DOT has been trying to unload the Fox Spring for years. He said that DOT is merely using this year's fiscal gap as an excuse to pursue its unloading this year. It IS in your budget to maintain this. It's a wonderful service to the community. I have lived in a dry cabin in the Interior for the past four years, and have filled my water jugs at the Fox Spring consistently. I personally know several others that do as well. Hundreds of Fairbanksans take advantage of this annually. So dig deep, DOT (so to

speak), and please continue to provide this service in-house.

I realize that many folks who live in the Fox area in dry cabins have utilized this spring for years, but many of us lived in dry cabins for years in other areas of Fairbanks and have had to pay for our water at Water Wagon or the city or wherever. This cost is a cost that can and should be cut from DOT's budget. As they said, they're going to have to dig a deeper well that may not even provide drinkable water - then what? Do the citizens of Alaska then have to spend more money to provide free water to this small population that uses the Fox well, even when there are plenty of other options for those people? No. Give or sell the rights to the well to another entity. This is not the same as providing water to people who live in villages with no other options. The people in Fox have options. They may not like their other options, but they have good, reasonable options.

Bottom line is, it is going dry and so is the State Budget. What ever happens the people that are using it need to pay all the operating cost, Government should not be in competition with the private sector. This has been the best ride for Fairbanks. But it doesn't hold a candle to the Gas that South Central has been using for over 30 years at no benefit to the rest of Alaska.

The fox spring has provided many Alaskans with clean accessible drinking water for several decades. Growing up close to the spring, I have rarely driven by without seeing at least one car filling up jugs of water to haul home with them, winter, summer, all hours of the day and into the night. Often there is a line. Many of these people rely on the spring as their only source of drinking water. Purchasing water may be the difference between living modestly within their means and relying on government assistance. I understand our governments need to cut costs where they can, and I have several ideas for them, however, clean and accessible drinking water should be a priority.

I am in favor of the government diminishing their involvement and control over so much of what they presently do. But it seems at this time that it would be best for the State to maintain the Fox spring. They have the steam equipment already set up which is one of the most important maintenance...

My family and I live off grid, 16 miles from the Fox well. "Off Grid" means we have no electricity lines, no water lines, no utilities are available. When we purchased our property, we took into consideration that, all though we had no water on our property, the Fox well was a source of GOOD water! We live a modest life with a minimum income. Our income does not come from the state welfare system! We grow a garden, raise chickens for eggs and meat, breed rabbits, hunt and fish and gather berries and other wild foods. My family of five, have a great lifestyle and have a small footprint on the surrounding habitat. Having shared some of the facts, I want you to consider that clean drinking water is extremely hard to find in this area. One of our close neighbors went to great expense to drill a well at a depth of 385 feet. The flow was adequate but the water quality is substandard, at best. The water is contaminated with arsenic and many heavy metals! So even if we could afford to drill a well, and we can't, the water likely would be no good. So many would say, just get water in town. So I consider the cost of driving nearly 26 miles to town to get chemically treated water. The water is not good for gardening or for animals, not to mention how is it for people. In conclusion, I would like to say, Water is a basic need for people all across the planet. Many peoples and nations have no source of clean water at all. The fact that Fox has a wonderful spring that has provided drinking water for everyone since the 1800's is probably a great contributor to Fox even being a town! To take away the source of water for the people of rural Alaska would be a travesty and a disservice to everyone! Not to mention the tourist trade. Does anyone realize people come for water in Fox from all over the world? I meet people from all 50 states and many other countries who would never come north of Fairbanks if it were not for the Fox well. Please Save Fox Well!!!!

I understand that people have used this water for decades and that the spring's water table has

fallen dramatically.

Doesn't that indicate that the usage has become too heavy to maintain?

I am not sure that a government can resolve that issue.

I am the adjoining landowner on the north end of Fox Springs. I would like to solicit the local Fox community for their input. If I have the option to purchase the Fox springs I will work with the local community to make it better than before. I will start by putting in a bulk distribution point where the local neighbors on Haystack Mountain are able to fill a 500 gallon tank for personal use. I have many ideas but I will need for the local community to work with me to bring these improvements to fruition. I have created a FaceBook page for further collaboration.

With your help I'd like to keep the awareness of this issue going. The Historic Fox Springs meets the needs of the Fox community but also many others in outlying areas. If you know someone who utilizes this resource please add your comments, like the page and notify them. Please share with all your friends. facebook.com/pages/Historic-F...

The deadline for the DOT comment period will end on July 15th. The time to get involved is now! An online public comment forum is available at adotpf.mysidewalk.com.

If you are interested in keeping the Fox Springs as a viable resource to this local community by all means contact me @ 457-5681. Please keep these discussions going. Thank you for your comments and suggestions!

I attended the July 6th meeting to discuss the 27 foot deep well at Fox Spring maintained by the State Department of Transportation and Public Resources since 1966. I support retaining the Fox Spring. Apparently all of the attendees felt as I do that the spring has been a life saver and should...

If the local community forms a plan to finance the operation of the spring or aid in support for the private person who would take it upon themselves to develop and keep the spring operational then will there be a contract between them and the State to do the steaming? Is there a private entity which has the steaming equipment to maintain this need? This has to be considered. It is a major issue.

Of course the people who came to the meeting are people who want the state to continue to provide them with free, high quality drinking water, but I think the gravy train is coming to an end. Even if the state decided to continue to subsidize the population of people who utilize the FOX spring, the new well that they are going to have to drill may not provide good, safe drinking water. It's time to move on. Let a private entity take over, let the people who use the water pay a small fee like the rest of us do when we haul our own water from Water Wagon or wherever.

Dave Miller gave a good, comprehensive presentation at the July 6 meeting. Contrary to the News-Miner's article, there was not a lot of yelling. There was one guy (why is there often 'one guy'?) who yelled his comment - I believe this was even after being called on, from his raised hand - & he seemed like he was going to yell his comment, no matter what the public meeting nor the subject. The consensus was overwhelmingly to keep the spring in public hands. I would, very much, hate to see the spring privatized. The Alaska Constitution requires that public resources be maintained for the maximum benefit of the Alaska people, not for the maximum profit & benefit of some business person. This is what makes our state different from the Lower 48. Our state's constitutional writers did their homework & debated this at length, & it's unfortunate that there are those present, these days, who would like to see us all proceed from an ideological point of view that maximizes the benefits from public resources only into someone's pocket. The mechanism for being able to continue the Fox Spring operation is unclear. I would like to see the FNSB provide for its operation or

perhaps Alaska DNR could find a mechanism for its continued operation & needed upgrades to the well. We all hope a good source of water will be found with a new well. I do not, at present, get my water from the Fox Spring but I did, for a couple years. We hand carried those water jugs 5/8 of a mile (water weighs 8.33lbs/gallon!) to where we lived. My interest is not sentimental; our community demands that public access to the Fox Spring be maintained. I hope a mechanism for its continued operation will be found & thank you for the public presentation. And forgive me if this ends up being posted more than once; I'm just learning how to use Sidewalk.

Jeanne English, Kevin Smith isn't employed by the State anymore so his email has been disabled. Maybe comments should be directed to the guy who gave the presentation, Northern Region DOT&PF Director Dave Miller at david.miller@alaska.gov

I understand the need for ADOT to cut their funding and transfer the spring, especially considering the depletion of the aquifer and the need for a new well. But I want to see the resource of palatable drinking water continue to be available. I think the best solution would be for FNSB to take over the spring and find a way to charge for the water. A modest fee would likely reduce demand, which would delay the need to redrill the well; thus reducing initial expense and prolonging the guaranteed availability of good drinking water. Perhaps if the borough is unwilling to take on the spring a community nonprofit could be formed to do so, collecting the operating expenses through a per-gallon fee.

Emailed comments

Wow, this came as a big shock to see that our water at Fox Spring may end. It has been our main source of good water for as long as I can remember. Is it possible that we could put together a team or club that could donate time to keep it going?

I am in favor of the Fox Spring staying in government hands. I think it would be a big mistake to let such a public natural resource drop into private hands. I live in Goldstream Valley and drive to Fox every Sunday morning to fill water jugs for the week - since I live without plumbing. I favor Fox water since there is no chlorine taste or smell.

All other water sources in Fairbanks seem to contain chlorine.

Please note attached letter to Rep. Scott Kawasaki where I state my willingness to drop the permanent fund annual dividend check and to start paying state taxes again.

The 2 acre parcel in Fox is much more than a pullout, it's a water supply. It would be nice to see it referred to as such.

Hi, we need fox spring water, we been using for several years since moving from the mainland USA. We get about 10x 5 gallon buckets a month. In the city and the hills, we all need this pure fox spring water.

I am a lifelong resident of Fairbanks, Alaska. Please, please, please do NOT close the spring in Fox. I have been getting water here for 30 years. This water is the only clean, natural source we have in Fairbanks for water. The fact that it is free reinforces a basic human right: the right to clean water freely available to the commons.

Closing this spring is a HUGE mistake. Please find a way to fund the continued availability of this precious, natural resource.

I was born in Fairbanks and have used the Fox spring for my entire life. Some of my fondest memories are of me and my dad riding out there in his truck to haul water. It's not just about water. Families use the spring as a meeting place, a tradition. It ties the community together, and is much more than just a convenient source of water. Of course, It is a convenient and clean source of water which is invaluable. Without it, more people will be traveling farther on state roads and using up more gasoline to get to another source. Please let the community keep this resource, which is free to all Alaskans, who use it during road trips. Please do not change access to the Fox spring. This would be a terrible loss for many, many people. Instead, please allow community members to suggest other ways to obtain budget goals. Or allow the community to purchase the resource. Please preserve the Fox spring for Alaskans!

my name (name rescinded) I own the land around the springs , My wife and I would be interested in buying the land at market price. We have spend over a 100,000.dollar on the lot below the springs to control the glacier. the state as work with me by running heat pipe down to our land , into a pond we have built to control the glacier.We understand what needs to be done to make a water supply work please fill fee to contact me at (rescinded) or my email at (rescinded)

Many people use the water from Fox Springs and have for years. Every so often the DOT gets a wild hair and wants to close it. What it costs to maintain is peanuts compared to the absolute waste the DOT pose every day.

Please keep the Fox Springs open. This has been an established water source for a very long time, probably longer than most Alaskans have been alive. This is a unique spot to the Interior. Think about how many people stop to fill up their water jugs who are going up and down the Elliot highway. A great number of people go to Fox Springs as a source of good tasting drinking water. People come from all over the area and even make the drive from North Pole. It's probably about as good a buy as anything; \$50k a year, considering how many people use it, serves more people per dollar than other public offerings like the library. These are my comments and I hope they will be considered. Thank you.

I would like DOT to keep the Fox Spring water station open. DOT doesn't need multiple staff members out there running the springs, 1 or 2 should be fine. Please fund Fox Springs operations.

The \$50,000 they are going to save can be a lot less harmful with other cuts than not having the water. If you just left it as it was then it wouldn't be as costly. A lot of people are using the fox water. I only use it for emergencies but a lot of people use that water that depend on that water. It could really negatively impact them financially, to the point where they are in real dire straits. High tax base and cost of living is getting out of hand. We are going to have to move out of Alaska because we can't afford to live here. Take \$5 out of everyone's paycheck each month to help pay for the water if you have to, better than having it on the back of the lower income residents.

I am opposed to DOT trying to unload the Fox Springs onto any other government agency or private business. DOT has maintained it for years but in my experience (I only live a half mile from Fox Springs), I see DOT trucks sitting over there for days at a time, with 2 guys in them! Maybe that's why the costs or reportedly so high out there.

Recently new pavement was applied out there to pave a section of the Old Steese that was in good space and didn't need to be replaced and all the while DOT wants to drop a wonderful thing like Fox Springs.

I get Fox Water when I have a chance and it is truly the only water source for some people in the area.

Keep Fox Springs open and maintained.

Please leave Fox Springs alone. Keep it open!

I do vote in every election.

My husband and I live 15 miles out of Fox. We haul all of our water from Fox Springs in 5 gallon jugs. We are just a two of the hundreds of Alaskan residents that live in or past the community of Fox. There are no other drinking water sources in the Fox area and to have water delivered you must first have tanks, which many people can not afford. The minimum cost for water deliver is 75.00.

I have heard that DOT feels is should not be in the water business, however, DOT put themselves in the water business years ago, hence, DOT IS in the water business.

Budget cuts aside, DOT should look at every option they have to continue to provide a water source to the Fox area residents, starting with how to make this cost neutral for DOT to continue the service. Private ownership of this vital water source would be an option as long as the residents were guaranteed the same access with a FMV for the water and the ability to utilize the service on a small scale as opposed to having to take 750 gallons on a delivery basis.

It is apparent that DOT does not feel any responsibility to the Alaskans who they supposedly work for. The citizens of our State are being overrun by those "public servants" who are suppose to uphold what we the citizens want but fail to do so. I encourage DOT to hold public meetings - with one being in Fox. Listen to the community, ask for their suggestions.

I was devastated to hear about the possibility of Fox water no longer being available. The water source is so critical to myself and my family. We get water for our home weekly and have been delighted to able to drink clean, non-fluoridated, non-chlorinated water these past several years. We would rather give up the grating of our road than to give up our water source.

PLEASE reconsider selling, possibly looking to other areas for cutbacks.

I get all my drinking water from Fox. The processed city water has to do for washing, gardens etc but I cannot drink it, nor do I think it is healthy.

Maintaining that water area I feel is critical to so many people. Should we personally pay ? I would not mind if the price was consistent with Water Wagon. Would that hurt others? I do not know.

I guess we are talking about what a government does for its people. \$50,000 a year maintenance is not much considering the massive amount of money spent on other things, a lot of which I think is unnecessary. How many people are overpaid, how many people actually have little to do in their paying jobs. Why do the legislators make so much, causing almost half a million in costs because they can't agree. The list goes on.

I personally have a friend who makes \$28 an hour at a library, (and is not a librarian), works 20 hours a week, and has a large paid vacation and benefits every year. Really ????? but water is too expensive ?

Government should help the people, and keeping this water supply open should be free or have affordable costs.

Thanks for reading this.

It is my position that the State of Alaska DOT/Public Facilities very much needs to continue to maintain this very rare, fresh water resource for the greater well being of the public who choose to use it and who are entitled to this resource. I am glad that you are indeed in the water business and

have been for decades. Your predecessors at DOT had the intelligence to take it over and maintain it for the public, using government funding all these years. The Alaska Constitution speaks to the right of the citizens to receive benefit to our natural resources. fresh Water is one of them. It is not time to jump ship. I had heard rumors years ago that this particular water source in Fox has been documented by the federal agency, Homeland Security. Do you happen to know why? Could it be that this is/has been/ and will be an important source of fresh water for many folks for a very long time?

I did not like the tone of the News-Miner article on the front page on June 4, 2015 mentioning in the very first sentence that the Fox spring (the well) is expected to go dry this summer and that it needs extensive improvements. (What is that?). Imminent failure? No funding?

For sale! This all seems somewhat unbelievable to me at this time.

And that DOT wants someone to take it over or it will probably be closed. How incredible!

Privatization, perhaps! Is this some kind of political posturing for some reason?

In your position PLEASE make every effort to continue to secure/ allocate/spend the money to maintain the water source/site for the public use. I think that DOT has done a wonderful job of keeping it going for all of the public users for the past decades and I cannot abide a closure or a sale to some entity, public or private, who has no experience in doing a job as well as your department.

Do not relinquish ownership of this water site!

Rethink the funding priorities. Folks having access to this rare water is important! Do not let me down.

I am writing on behalf of the hundreds of people that badly need the water source at Fox Springs. I am a long time Alaskan resident and I know the value of being able to get water that is clean and healthy and available to many who do not have wells.

Taking away the Fox Water Spring is going to really put a Lot of people in a bad way. There must be another alternative or another program that you can do away with that won't hurt people like this. Please reconsider on behalf of people who NEED the water. You may as well be cutting their LIFE source from them. You can't do that Sir!! People NEED water.

So many people do not have the financial resources to have wells drilled on their property and many don't even own property but live in Dry Cabins they rent and they need to be able to get decent water without it breaking their bank account such as would happen if they had to buy it from the stores. Its just not wisdom to do that to the people.

Please reconsider this plan and keep it open. We are a State that takes pride in taking care of its people. This is slaughtering them in a fashion. Don't do it.

My family and I ,which makes 8 of us, get water there every month because it's the best tasting spring water, and we would like it to stay open please. Thank you for your time and God bless you.

Hi Kevin, here we go again... I think it was almost 10 years ago that Sarah Palin decided to cut funding for this widely used, very worthwhile, tangible resource that many, many Fairbanksans use regularly.. well, she learned, as I hope you will, that this resource needs to be maintained.

And I have been saying for years, that the problem of funding could be solved simply by adding a coin-op/credit card machine that would allow the pump to run for a specific period of time, or a specific number of gallons for a dollar. Within a couple of months, I guarantee that you would probably have all the funds you need to maintain the site for an entire year.

It is the best water in the world! I am a 65 year old widowed grandma of 8, and the Fox Water station allows me to have fresh, unsoftened water for drinking and coffee, and a chance to educate grandchildren one at a time, to be good citizens (helping folks carry water to their cars, picking up trash), besides the chore of helping

Grandma to collect her 20-30 gallons a month.

I do not want to contribute to the 'bottled water' waste of valuable resources, in addition the the

disposal/recycling hassles for the plastic bottles. By using the Fox water station, I am reusing plastic bottles that would otherwise be tossed. The for profit water stations in town are using chlorinated water. Please do not stop this valuable, historic water source. Thanks for considering my opinion. If you need more information, please feel free to call me, (name rescinded)

I recently went down to the Fox Watering Hole to discover a sign for closure. Not only am I struggling financially, but I am also looking at another limit to overcome due to oversight from those who have enough.

Fresh water for the people of Fox, Fairbanks, and even North Pole is not something to cut short for budgeting reasons. I would greatly appreciate a speedy reply and any suggestion of action to help redirect this decision.

While I appreciate the fact that your department took a hit along with most other state departments, I can't understand why the Fox well should even be considered for a money saving measure. There are hundreds of families, including mine, that depend on the Fox Well as our source of drinking water. The threat of the well being closed likens to the US government threatening Social Security every time there is a money shortage, with the most vulnerable being the first affected.

I would hope that the issue would be reconsidered, and the money saved from some other of your many projects be used to continue the well. There must be a sign somewhere whose life can be extended another year or so, or a few snowplows not left idling between plow runs or while the operators are eating lunch, or... I don't know, but it seems that a department as large as DOT could find funding to save the well and continue this important public service. Please try.

I have been told that the Fox Spring was "deeded" to the state for public use in perpetuity. I have not tried to research the history of that parcel of land; I imagine you have the documentation...?

As a regular user of water from the Fox spring - for decades - I vote for continued public ownership of the spring and am willing to pay something for the costs of maintenance and efforts to keep it operating.

I am a property owner. I pay local taxes and I used to pay a state income tax and anticipate I will soon be paying some level of state income tax once again. I have a well. My well water contains levels of arsenic that have led my family to drive many miles several times a month to the Fox spring for water that we drink. We like the taste of Fox water and love the tea and coffee that result from using it.

Let's try to work to keep this great local asset public.

I am opposed to the state selling the Fox spring to any private party. This is a water source that my family as many others depend on for our drinking and household water. I am not opposed to paying for the water, but I am opposed to one private party deciding whether or not I can access this water that has been a public asset for decades.

If funds are the only issue, is there a way that the DOT can receive designated funds for the spring from individuals? Perhaps an account could be set up and fundraisers be organized to pay for the spring. Could a donation collection point be set up, much like state park fee stations? Fund raisers and collections could be run by a committee of citizens and accountability measures could be established as is done for many nonprofit organizations.

If the DOT does not wish to own the spring, the best solution would be to create a non-profit organization to own the spring and raise funds to operate it with the express purpose of keeping it free to the public.

In summary, I believe selling the Fox Spring would be a violation of the "maximum benefit" clause of the Alaska Constitution. It needs to be kept open and accessible to the public and NOT sold to any private party.

I believe that a complete title search needs to be made. The current "well outlet" is on the State purchased property-2-1/2 acres- but the original spring was back further up the hill. That property history needs to be ascertained. That would be the "rumored" conditional gift to the territory of Alaska by the last private owners. When the State improved the road and parking they were having "dewatering" problems with the creek which interfered with construction and they were inconvenienced by people "wanting to get water" from the spring during construction. It was said that the State-or it's contractors- covered up the spring and tried to divert it for road construction purposes. About the same time new DEC rules came out that required a minimum depth well and no open spring for public water purposes. People were unsanitary around the spring and there had been several instances of water contamination. The public water needs to be preserved but I believe the best way would be to figure out how to maximize the water useage. The engineering solution would undoubtedly cost money and some sort of funding mechanism obviously needs to be secured. This could be a private/grant/borough and State solution. The benefits when compared to the cost of the spring operation make the cost of continued operation insignificant. Obviously much more work and input must be done on this matter.

My family growing up has depended on the spring in Fox for our drinking water. To this day, my parents still utilize the free water from the spring. Allowing it to be taken over privately would most likely force the residents of Fox to have to pay to use the spring, and worse, likely have to start purchasing bottled water to drink. It is my hope that the DOT maintains the management of the spring so that the community of Fox can enjoy clean, fresh spring water for years to come.

Please keep the Fox Spring open. You have no idea how many people depend on that well for drinking water, myself included. I have been using that spring for over 25 years now. Fifty thousand does seem like a tremendous amount of money to keep a well open, but we are talking about WATER - DRINKING WATER!! Not everyone in the interior can get water pumped directly to their houses by the city. Many of us who live outside of the city must have water hauled in or are on a well, and the Fox Spring is an affordable option. I'm sure most people could afford to pay a few cents per gallon, and I don't know how much money that would generate, but perhaps someone could estimate.

If a private company took it over, I would still use it, but I can afford to pay a few cents per gallon. I am worried about people who can't. Everyone must have water somehow, right??!!
Thank you for all your hard work and devoted service.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Though we have a well at our home. family has acquired all of our drinking water from the Fox spring/well for decades, and we still do. As far as I can tell it is one of the most heavily utilized public facility operated by the "Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities". It is rare to be able to fill your jugs without seeing other users, and not unusual to have to wait your turn, at any hour of the day. Perhaps you could mount a counter or camera of some kind to verify this.

It is also important to not that Fairbanks probably has one of the highest number of "dry cabins" per capita anywhere, due to the high cost of drilling wells or installing storage and septic systems, and protecting water from freezing in pipes. These people rely on the spring, and there are literally thousands of them, with the latest borough count at over 1200 dry cabins.

Thank you to ADOTPF for taking care of it for us. Whatever happens, it needs to remain available somehow.

It is the best tasting water in interior Alaska!

My name is (name rescinded). I have some concerns about the Fox Spring's potential closure. My family came to Fairbanks in 1948. My husbands family came in 1960. Our families have been using Fox Spring ever since. In fact my husband and I still live on a portion of his family's homestead on

Haystack Mountain Road.

We rely on the spring for water.

My parents homesteaded at the top of what is now Skyline Drive in 1953. They along with (name rescinded), used to drive out the Farmers Loop to the Steese the all the way to the spring for water. Even prior to homesteading, they often went out to Fox for water.

I have a letter my mother wrote to her family Outside about how my dad and Joe were building a road on the back side of the hill, down to the Steese in order to cut miles off their trip to the spring. That road is now Skyridge.

Later, my parents (names rescinded) bought and operated Fox General Store. Now that building is within the Silver Gulch building. My dad spent many very cold nights chopping ice at the spring. He never had a budget either. He did it on his own time.

It is my understanding that the fellow upon whose land the spring was, GAVE the spring to the State on the condition that it be maintained and a fee for water would NEVER be charged.

I am curious as well as to where the \$50,000 a year is spent? My husband and I get water there several times a week and rarely see State workers there. Of course we notice that then culvert has been thawed, but surely that is not counted toward the spring! Is it possible to get a copy or report of how that \$50,000 has been spent?

So perhaps now you are able to understand my concerns... Availability of water (fairly) near our home, the low (free) cost of said water, and also the concern about why it costs \$50,000 a year to maintain!

Please Mr. Smith, review all options. Please do not dismiss the Fox Spring out of hand. It is an historical site which has been used continuously by local folks for decades.

I live in a dry cabin and depend on Fox water for my drinking water for my family and I, and my clients at work. Healthy water is vital to life. I am not opposed to paying a reasonable fee for helping to maintain the spring. Please work to keep this valuable asset open,

This letter is written to express my concern and disappointment over the State considering the Fox spring closure. This is an affordable water source for many, and it's lack of availability will negatively impact so many.

At the very least, please consider a way to have the Borough take over its maintenance. Thank you for your consideration.

I am a long time resident of the Goldstream Valley, and read with concern the article in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner concerning the Fox Springs on the Steese Highway.

I would like to know what opportunity there is for public input about the proposed closing of the Spring, and the selling of the land.

On this particular stretch there are few public facilities or attractions. The Fox Springs has been, and continues to be, a deep tradition for locals, and as a favored destination for locals to bring traveling family members, and friends, to. My children were raised on Fox water, as I had partaken beginning in the 1970s.

Please let me know of any public comment procedure or events.

There are possibly many options for developing the site. I understand there are costs and concerns with maintaining this place. It is rather too much a treasure to let this go from the public realm without real discussion. It goes without saying that this also provides critically needed water for those who are on limited income, as well as those who simply love the taste of these waters.

Fox Springs is needed by hundreds of people. I've used Fox Springs since 1966 and a tremendous number of people depend on it. A Privately owned Fox Springs will surely negatively impact the users. \$50k is a small amount of the DOT budget when it helps so many people.

As a DOT employee I'm more than a little concerned about layoffs. I understand tight budgets and fiscal accountability as well as most public employees. I have talked to many coworkers and users of the Fox well, all are grudgingly in agreement that it should be turned over/ sold to the private sector. In a perfect world it would be great for SOA to continue losing money so some folks can have free water. But unfortunately we don't live there anymore, reality is sinking in even though some still want something for nothing.

It would not be in your best interest to close the Fox spring. It is a vital source of water for our Alaskans.

Please help us keep our water. I'm a 64 year old women that drives from North Pole to fox for drinking and cooking water even at -20 . Have used and appreciated the water for 45 years . Our family moved here in 1960 and have used that water since I was young. I cant afford to pay the price for bottled water delivered . I'm retired and live off a limited income. Thanks for listening!

I understand you are accepting public comment on the potential closure or sale of this well and I'd like to offer mine.
Alaska DOT&PF is not a utility company and maintaining this spring/well for public use is completely outside its statutory mission and purpose. In the tough budget times we are in, it's a no-brainer to put this at the top of the "to cut" list, but the truth is it should have been eliminated as a state provided service a long time ago. I understand the Fox well is locally significant and people enjoy the taste of the spring water but Alaskans need to learn to accept the hard reality that the days of free government services are waning. My husband and I haul water and it comes out of our household budget each month—when we bought our home we certainly didn't expect free water dispensation as an entitlement from the state much like we don't expect the state to pay our electric or heating bills. I fully support selling and attempting to retrieve some value from this money pit of a facility. If that isn't feasible, please cut your losses and completely close it down so that ADOT&PF can shift resources to far more critical parts of its mission.

My boyfriend and I just move to Gllmore Trail in April indefinitely.
The fox spring is part of our livelihood out here. Back in Pennsylvania, where we came from, we used the springs there also for our water source...never would I have fathomed a restriction on free water. Please tell me what we can do to help.

The following represents our family's public comment regarding the Fox Spring.
-The Fox Spring has been an important part of our family's living memory and the historical memory of members who have passed away.
-We raised our kids on healthy Fox Water when our well was contaminated with iron, etc.
-The Fox Spring is a vital, clean water source that should be protected, expanded, and kept free for all to use. If by "free" we mean the borough or some other entity or grant or tax has to happen, then we would prefer that to a sale of the property to a private entity or individual. Sale of the property to a private person or group should not be an option after this public comment period.
-In a place where more of our water supply is suspect than not, having a source of good water, freely available to all, is vital. Privatization will mean deprivation to those who have used the well as their source of water, both from necessity and/or from a purely "health" perspective.
-Please consider public comments carefully and ethically. It is fairly clear to see that the community wants to find a solution that will keep the springs in its' present, clean, free form at the very least. To do that will take some time and we are asking for that time.
-For those who argue that this shouldn't be a government expense or "put a meter on it", I hope they will be reminded that if you drive on a road, you use public money. If you send your children to public

school or accept a PFD, one is using public money. Nothing is free but clean water that exists on or under public land (as deeded to the state) should be considered and treated as a public resource-used for the maximum benefit of the citizens.

I have been here since 1969 and have used the Fox Spring occasionally and realize that it is important to some people. Given the state budget problems I can understand that DOT&PF wants out of the spring. There may be a solution and an example to follow: The Salcha Fair Association operates a public watering place on their ground in Salcha. It is a DEC approved coin operated watering hole that charges by the gallon and is maintained by the Fair Association. If there were an operator, Is such as the Fox Lions, a non profit, who would be willing to step forward to operate the spring then perhaps a solution can be found to keep it open. That way the people who use it pay for the services, just like the folks who haul their own water in town.

I sent the above comments to the email for Kevin Smith, ROW Chief, which was given in the public notice about the DOT proposed actions regarding Fox Springs as the appropriate email for comments, but my first message was returned as being an undeliverable email address for Mr. Smith, who I since been told is no longer working in the Right of Way section at DOT, so I am forwarding these comments to you as well so that my comments are received before the end of the public comment period and can be included in the public record.

(Name rescinded), local artist who owns a business uptown, (phone number rescinded), suggests we install a gate at the springs and charge an annual permit fee to users.

Please do not close the fox spring, that is such a staple to many families I know personally who need good drinking water. I used to live in Fairbanks and now live in Wasilla and every time I go to Fairbanks I get some of the spring water.
This is the only source of spring water for me and my family, PLEASE do not close it.

My husband and I have been getting our drinking water at Fox for almost 30 years. When the spring has been closed in the past, we've gone to Culligan on College Road but they appear to be closed now. There doesn't seem to be any other location to get 'healthy' drinking water in Fairbanks. We use about 5 - 7 gallons a week and would be happy to pay a reasonable amount if the 'spring' were to remain open.
We appreciate the challenges of keeping it open and we hope that a way can be found to continue to make it available to the public.
Many thanks for the opportunity to comment,

I watch gavel to gavel all the time during the day during the legislative session and watch the money get wasted left and right on things that aren't essential to human life. Water is essential to us and the Fox Watering hole is more important to this community than pretty much anything else. Water is life.
Please do what you can to save it. If there is anything our state should be spending money on it is keeping us hydrated especially with all the bad ground water in the area. Fox is like an oasis.
Thanks a bunch,

This IS Right Up There with the Steese Highway 'Winter' Road Maintenance Closure Years Ago. 'Totally Wrong' on All Factors.
** Just Because It Doesn't Affect Those in 'Higher Government / Elected Officials, Etc.....'
Who happen to have 'nice paying' cushy jobs, while using 'city' utilities.
OR: Who Might Live in an Area Where they Might be able to Drill Wells for Water.

- Not those who 'Reside' in areas where previous 'Mining' residual Arsenic, Strychnine or other chemicals prevent drilling for 'Safe' Water.

** KEY NOTE..... MINING Helped Fund this State, Resources, Jobs, etc.

This 'Will' have a Very Profound Affect on a 'Vast Majority' of Folks Who have relied on these Resources for

Several Years - Even Decades.

Most Do Not Desire to be Forced to utilize the 'chemically' induced water sources now available to those who do reside close enough and have had to rely on purchasing such treated water - do to reason noted above.

YUCK.

I heard the figure \$80 K / Year.

Which for 'All Practical Purposes' Truly IS a Drop in the Bucket where Alaska State Finances are Concerned -

So, 'IF' The State of Alaska - Truly Desires to 'Walk Away', then FIRST - Minimally, They should change 'their design changes' back to 'before' they Decided to Assume Control!

Somebody's 'Blowing This One' - BIG TIME !!!!

A Serious 'Reassessment' Is NEEDED Here.

Not Just Some (Excuse Me But),

Some 'Obviously' Sorry Fairbanks 'Elected' Official who is attempting to throw 'Something' (which their family

and friends might not have need of) on the Governor's 'Chopping Block' So-To-Speak, who Is 'OBVIOUSLY'

In No Way... In Touch with the outer Fairbanks / North Star Borough area Constituents.

I Grew Up with 'Proper' Politic's.

My Father had been an Elected Official.

*** And YES! Please Forward To Those Attempting to Make the Correct Decision, (and Hopefully Before

Some Person Who Might Have Relied on The Fox Well in Fairbanks Even Thinks of Doing Something Stupid),

All 'Bodies' Need Water,

'GOOD Water!'

Very Basic to Survival.

We're Not talking Luxuries Here!

Please add my family to the list of people that DO NOT want to see The Fox Spring closed. It is a necessary and valuable resource to the community.

I support DOT&PF's plan to transfer ownership of Fox Springs.

The purpose of DOT&PF is to "Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure" by "Providing for the

safe and efficient movement of people and goods, providing statewide access and connectivity, and providing access for exploration and development of Alaska's resources."

It is not DOT's responsibility to provide the 'goods' and 'resources' themselves, such as free electricity, free internet, or free water. Everyone else in Fairbanks has to pay for their own utilities, and as maintenance costs

increase, it is only responsible that the State should efficiently reallocate resources, and transfer ownership of this dried-up spring.

I wish to protest against the closure of Fox water hole in 30 days due to budget cuts from Gov.

Walker.

My name is (rescinded) and I live off Skyridge Drive a few miles from Fox. I place a very high value on getting water from the spring. I have appreciated that it's free, but even more than that, I like that it tastes excellent and that it requires (as I understand it) minimal treatment. Thank you for doing everything necessary over many years to make the water available.

I strongly hope that the state will do all it can to ensure that local residents can still get water from the spring long into the future. I am more than willing to pay a fee for the water, and encourage DOT or other public entities to consider that option. I would pay as much as 25 cents per gallon, maybe more, for the water. I also would support rationing, or at least strongly encouraging people to use the water only for drinking. I have seen people filling 250 gallon truck tanks from the spring, which I only imagine drains the aquifer faster.

Please do all you can to ensure this water remains available. My first choice would be to maintain a public owner and operator, as I consider the water a public resource. My second choice would be the sale to a private vendor committed to keeping the water minimally treated and available.

Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

First of all, as a tax payer, and someone who does not have running water, garbage pick up, limited road maintenance, and no kids, I would like part of my taxes to go to maintaining the Fox spring. I am sure there are a lot of people of less income, who will not find it easy to get to a further away water source. The quality is great. I prefer it for myself, and my animals. I can get to other water sources, but it's about a 30 mile run. The state may have taken on the well, because of generosity, but it does fill a need for residents who do not have their taxes going to other things.

I have an idea. Could we create a fund. Maybe Friends of "Fox Spring Fund", which would allow individuals to give money, monthly, annually, or as often as they like to support keeping the spring operational as long as it could last. ??? I would be very willing to give \$ each month to keep this water source operational. ;) I think you would find many others also willing. You could put a lock box at the spring for checks from users who would not be able to contribute easily via mail, or computer. Thanks for hearing me out. I was born in Anchorage, by the way and have lived in Fairbanks for 54 years or so.

I had the opportunity yesterday to speak briefly about the situation with the Fox Spring to my state representative. He told me that DOT has been trying to unload the Fox Spring for years. He said that DOT is merely using this year's fiscal gap as an excuse to pursue its unloading this year. It IS in your budget to maintain this. It's a wonderful service to the community. I have lived in a dry cabin in the Interior for the past four years, and have filled my water jugs at the Fox Spring consistently. I personally know several others that do as well.

Hundreds of Fairbanksans take advantage of this annually. So dig deep, DOT (so to speak), and please continue to provide this service in-house.

Hello Kevin - Just read the well written piece by David Miller in the DNM. I've been in Fairbanks since 1958 and use the spring on occasion.

This spring is an important utility for the people of our area, like electricity and the transfer stations. This needs to be a local responsibility, and our Borough should take it on.

While Alaska since 1973 has become a land of takers and many people resist paying for any government services, the people of Fairbanks will most likely support this transfer. Unlike the residents of the rabid and dysfunctional libertarian paradise of Wasilla, citizens of our Borough are pretty good about paying for needed government functions, even in those cases where they may not get an immediate benefit themselves.

I am writing about the planned closure / disposal of the Fox water spring north of Fairbanks. I am heavily depended upon this only source of non-chlorinated spring water for my health. I am battling cancer naturopathically, and the protocols I am on forbid the use of any chlorine in my drinking water because chlorine cancels out any benefit I receive from the natural protocols. So Fox spring is where I get my drinking water from. If I can no longer have access to this water then I know my health will deteriorate. There are no filters within my price range which adequately remove chlorine, so I must haul my own drinking water from Fox.

Attached is the PDF of over 1,300 persons who signed the "Save The Fox Water Springs" petition online. Also attached is a copy of the information that went out and the petition form. In a manila envelope at the DOT desk you will find the hand signed petitions from the Fox Spring itself and local post offices.

Please realize that each individual person who signed wished to be counted as having made a public comment on this matter. In no way is the petition meant to represent one public comment. This petition amounts to an outcry from the public regarding the importance of the Fox Water Spring to our local community and beyond.

Fox spring petition comments

A petition to "Save The Fox Water Springs" was signed by more than 2,000 people online and in person. Below are the comments that accompanied the online petition.

Please save our water. Water is a resource owned by the people, not corporations.

Water is a public resource. Let's keep it that way.

Providing clean potable water to residents is/should be a state responsibility.

Keep it open!

Please continue state maintenance of Fox Spring. Many people depend on it.

This water source is too important to too many people in the borough. Please do not sell it off.

\$2 million to fix up the governor's mansion!
Please keep DOT and Public Facilities in charge of maintaining Fox Spring!

please keep the fox watering point under state control, consider selling user cards for revenue

I get my drinking water here. I get it here because it tastes good. Drinking water is good for my health, and I don't like lousy tasting city water.

I am concerned about this issue in particular and the general idea that publicly accessed water can be privatized. Water is a necessity for people and should never be privatized. This is an American and Alaskan issue as well as a Fairbanks issue. Please make sure the Fox Water spring is perpetually accessible by the public.

put the cost of the care and feeding of the Fox Water Well back into the budget. AND cut one of your

<p>paid vacation days out of the state budget. It is time to share. Clean free water is the backbone of our community. How can the decision to sell to the Koch brothers(or some other scoundrel(s) be justified?</p>
<p>Save the water hole!</p>
<p>I lived without running water for 18 years and used Fox Springs. It is vital to the health of Fairbanks!</p>
<p>We depend on Fox water for drinking throughout the year. The springs are always in use.</p>
<p>Do NOT sell this watering station. My family pays for water enough already as we use a holding tank for all of our needs other than drinking. We use this station to supply us with some of the best water anywhere, and everyone that we know uses this fill station to provide good drinking water as well. Selling this filling station would do nothing but dissuade people from getting good drinking water and frustrate the community.</p>
<p>I have been drinking Fox water my entire life. So many people depend on it as a clean source of drinking water. Taking this precious resource away, would seriously hurt the community, especially those who have dry cabins. Doesn't everyone have the right to clean drinking water?</p>
<p>I don't have an e-mail address. My phone number is (rescinded)</p>
<p>I don't remember my e-mail address. I signed on paper at the Fox Springs and asked that my name be added.</p>
<p>I don't remember my e-mail address. I signed on paper at the Fox Spring and asked that my name be added to the petition.</p>
<p>I don't have an e-mail address I remember. I signed on paper at the Fox Water Spring and asked that my name be added to the petition.</p>
<p>I signed on paper at the Fox Spring and asked that my name be added to the petition.</p>
<p>I signed on paper at the Fox Water Spring. I asked that my name be added to the petition. I will edit my e-mail address.</p>
<p>Slurp! Slurp! It tastes so good!</p>
<p>As a young homesteader in the early 60's with my parents, we would have had a tougher time without free access to the water spring under consideration. Keep it open and free. Thank you!!</p>
<p>I was born and raised in the Farmer's Loop valley and have been drinking this water all of my life. Please keep this resource open to our Fairbanks families. Thank You</p>
<p>My parents hauled water to their homestead from the 40's to the 80's.</p>
<p>The Fox spring is essential to many who live in dry cabins. I drive out to it from North Pole because the water makes excellent coffee and has great taste as drinking water. Please, cut the budget elsewhere.</p>
<p>I'm from Fairbanks, please don't sell the Fox spring. It's not just water, it's a family tradition. Please</p>

respect the local cultural traditions this spring unites a community!
I have been getting my water there since 1975 off and on. Good water Please keep this water hole going
Keep Fox Water hole!
People depend on that spring!
Don't sell it!
Fox water is for those who can't afford or live in dry cabins etc. When I lived w my foster mom, she always grabbed Fox water filled with ALOT of jugs and that helped ALOT because we only had well water. Please don't sell this to a private company. This will affect the community of Fairbanks, Esther, and those that need it the most!
WE JUST MOVED HERE IN APRIL, THE FOX SPRING IS PART OF OUR LIVELIHOOD...THIS IS LUDICROUS! FREE WATER...COME ON!
My family has been using Fox spring for decades. Many many people rely on this water source. It's been passed down in many families.
Save the fox
Fox springs is an interior landmark. I was born and raised in the interior. We got our water from this Spring. This water is an ongoing staple for many in the community and should not be privatized. Please keep it in the budget to provide maintenance, as you would a rest stop, or a park.
We get our weekly drinking water from the springs
I know that the Fox waterhole has been at active in free since 1960s. When my parents read located on the Elliot highway. There are many many people depending on this water from the Elliott-steese to Goldstream. Juicy onto private carrier it would definitely be charged and probably overcharged especially for people that can't afford it this is the only source of water that many people are depending on.
Please don't sell the water hole. Many people depend on that water for drinking.
We love this water please keep it accessible to the people!!
I stop at the fox water hole to get water when I go hunting out that way.
PLEASE SAVE
I think a resource as important as clean, reliable, free drinking water with a modest cost to the state should be an important part of the State of Alaska's budget. Please.
We drive all the way from North Pole to use this spring water. Please leave this one and free to the public.
I am not familiar with your organization. What are your goals.

<p>My whole life I grow up on the watering whole with out it I can't get water as I don't have a truck or tank and fox water whole is a few miles walk with a few jugs I live off this water</p>
<p>Don't shut down the *FREE* water!!</p>
<p>I am 1 of many that use that spring that is better than any bottled water I have ever wasted time to buy. That spring is the only place people of that area can get good water to drink and cook to take it and sell it away from them would be a crime.</p>
<p>The water at fox springs is so much better than any other water found in Fairbanks! I, respectfully request that you continue to keep this loved water hole open to the public</p>
<p>I.been getting water for my kids an family for a few years this isn't fair an you should cut wages in your government trips instead of closing this fox spring water</p>
<p>I lived in North Pole for 25 years. It would be a disservice to the whole FNSB to allow this to become privatized.</p>
<p>I have depended on the Fox water hole for 35 years. Alaska is STILL the last frontier... keep its clean drinking water as free as Alaskans want to be!</p>
<p>Why don't you want suck and your grandkids can go to</p>
<p>Preserving this free access is so important to the community.</p>
<p>Please do not sell the fox spring I have been dependent on it since moving here to fbks in high school 1990! It is the only thing here that is pure drinking water, at home in the village I can go to my grammas house n gather fresh water from the mountain, I can't stand man made water! So many people living here in fbks, North Pole, fox, from the villages depend on fresh water, nothing can replace it!</p>
<p>Don't sell the life source of the people.</p>
<p>My family and I depend on this on the Fox Water Spring for our drinking water. Please do not sell it to a private company!</p>
<p>Save Fox water! This is a huge deal for Fairbanksans!</p>
<p>This is an important community resource. The next available water fill station is a 40minute round trip commute from this one. The Fox and Goldstream community is one where most live in dry cabins and bring home water in jugs for use. This is not a tourist attraction or amusement, it is the source many rely on every day for clean, safe drinking water. Please find another place in which to cut the funds from so the Fox Spring can remain available.</p>
<p>This is our main source of clean drinking water! Please don't take it from us!!</p>
<p>On numerous occasions we use this water and have for years. We used to live in Fox and in fact grew up there. I know for a fact that all of the Fairbanks fox and surrounding areas have had a need for the springs and will continue to do so in the future. Not everyone has the ability to pay for a water delivery service or maybe their road to their domicile is impassable by a large truck. Pls keep the</p>

springs available to the public!!!
You can't take away our water, many people depend on this water.
A local currently displaced but moving back and relying on the spring. Save it please!
We love and live off this water hole. What other option do we have?
Please. Save the fox watering hole, Alaska wont be the same without it. This is absolutely crazy, i've gotten water from there my whole life, as well as my parents and grandparents. It needs to stay!
dont close. we drive out to fox to get water
This is the only water I will drink please don't get rid of the spring. I've been getting my water from there sense I was a little kid, it's the best tasting water I can find AND ITS NEAR MY HOUSE. PLEASE DONT GET RID OF THE SPRING.
People in fox and the surrounding areas rely on this water hole as a valuable resource that helps then make it through the winter. Alaska has a large majority of dry cabin and homes whose water is not drinkable. Please do not take this resource away from them.
Save it
I have been raised on that water and even though I live off of Holmes Rd I still drive out to Fox every few weeks to bring home about 30-40 gallons per trip. Why do I do it? Have you ever drank Badger Rd water? I can't afford a water softener nor will my septic system handle the extra load of a softener. So I haul my water for cooking and drinking from Fox. It's healthier then drinking city water and makes better coffee too. My house plants prefer Fox water even. So please find away to save the Fox water hole. I have numerous friends who's only source of water is Fox even. So please save the water hole. The state managed too find money to give that lady 100,000.00 a year raise for a job she had been doing for less money in the PFD office and made it retroactive even, that alone could have went too the water hole and guaranteed it staying open for a number of years. Think about the people first for a change we're the ones who actually sign your paycheck. Thank your reading this and have a most blessed day.
As a kid the fox water hole is where me and my family always got our water. We had a big family and lived far out of town. There was no way we could always drive into town to get water or afford to pay for it. That water hole helped us survive. And it actually one of my dearest memories from my child hood. For it to be taken away from the people who need it would be devastating
I fill all my drinking water jugs from this watering hole it's by far the best tasting water in the area it's free and I don't ever mind the drive plus it's an excuse to take the misses to dinner at the gultch. Back home tho in Sitka I used to drink water from the artisan well and I loved it! Made me happy to know we had one up here! I use the water to cook with drink and make my sons baby bottles with so please don't close it!!
I use the Fox water for my dog team and myself. Please there has to be another way!
Alaska is my home state and my family still uses this spring!
We live in a dry cabin and we use this water source for our everyday basic living. Please don't sell out

NOOOOO!!!!!!! YOU CANT TAKE IT AWAY!!!! BEST WATER EVER!!!!

The fox water hole should be free. It is utilized by a vast amount of persons living in dry cabins that may not be able to afford purchasing their water.

This spring is critical to many people. I for one used it for 10 years before and while we were building our home. Those on that side of the Borough have limited availability of water and some out there use it due to poor well water. Keep the Fox Springs open and public.

I grew up loving this water and as an adult, I've relied on it frequently for my dry cabin living. Please don't cut this from the budget!

I have been getting my drinking water from Fox my whole life and I am 27. Please save the spring and keep it public!!!!

Leave Fox water for the citizens. It's hard enough living in Alaska without taking away this simple gratuity enjoyed by so many.

It would be a great loss of fresh water for our community! Noone wants to drink flouride!

Although I have not used the Fox water hole for some time, I am opposed to dealing with budget cuts that do not begin with deflating upper echelon salaries.

we have depended on Fox for clean drinking water for my whole life. Born and raised in Fbks. This would be a tragedy to our state to loose our only clean water source. Born here in 1961. Will help in any way possible. Thanks

I live from this spring It's the only water available close to my home. I'm a single mom with 1 child living in a dry cabin this part of our daily lives& would impact my family in so many ways....

I have kidney problems and love that I can go out and get natural water

Grew up drinking it, would be a shame to lose

Please save the Fox Water Spring! Thanks!!!!!!

All natural water sources must be protected.

please remember us

Please save our fox water

I am in agreement with the above statement, and believe the Fox Springs should continue to operate as a cost effective public service.

The well should remain open and utilized at "one's own risk" with no cost or regulatory requirements imparted to the end-user. Essentially, the well should remain open as it has been with no new policies or ownership. Free water access, when available, should not be privatized as a model that should be maintained by local governance.

Public Outcry, Love the water there. Don't sell it!

Keep Fox Water public!!!
Stop the sale
I grew up in Fairbanks in a dry cabin just off Farmers Loop and McGrath. We subsisted on the Fox Spring and I can't imagine what others who live in dry cabins will have to do if this resource gets cut off. You cannot deny fresh water to those who need it for subsistence. Leave the spring alone.
Save the water
Do not sell the Fox Water Hole. Work with the community to preserve it for all to use. We, the citizens who have used and who may in the future use the Fox Spring in Fox, Alaska, request that you reinstate the maintenance and operation budget for the Fox Water Spring. "Fox Water" is a community clean water resource that is vital to our region. We have two areas with known groundwater pollution: North Pole and Moose Creek. Many other areas have arsenic, iron, benzene, and other contaminants in the drinking water wells. Dry cabins in the area also make free, safe, drinking water a community priority. We depend on the Fox Spring. The benefit to the tens of thousands who access Fox Water far outweighs the average annual maintenance and operations budget. We think a resource as important as clean, reliable, free drinking water with a modest cost to the state should be an important part of the State of Alaska's budget.
Having worked in Fox and lived in Fairbanks, the Fox Water Hole is an important part of the local culture. I met many friendly people while filling water containers. Keep it free and state-owned. Thanks, (name rescinded)
Grew up in fox water and continue to love it. It would be such a shame and bad idea to sell.
Please don't sell the spring, cut legislators exorbitant salaries instead.
The Fox Springs are where I get my drink in water consistently especially living below a mine. My well water has arsenic and gobs of calcium. Not very tasty. So I have been enjoying the Fox Spring water for years. I have had some friends even report healing benefits? Not sure about that but I know it is far healthier than city water and my well!! Please help our community out. We really need to keep this going.
Please don't sell it this has been a great place for many us Alaskans it's the land of the free. Please DON'T SELL!
Save the water people need it!
Please keep the Fox Water Spring open and operational. So many residents in the area rely on the clean drinking water!
Fox Spring Water is the best!! I hope it doesn't sale!
This must be saved!! Please help! I'm sure many would be willing to make an annual contribution, whatever it takes to keep this free to the community!!!
there a lot of people who depend on this, plus its in the travel guides selling it would just alow some one to make a profit off it. The cost I am sure is minimal. Maybe the gov workers should pay for there own coffee and tea so the funds can be shifted to a more usefull commodity like the Fox watering

hole.
keep fox spring open
At the very least set up a volunteer maintenance force to keep it public. I am a pipefitter and a licensed plumber and would volunteer to keep this free and PUBLIC. DO NOT SELL FOX SPRINGS
It is for the people!!
this is an iconic place to get water. A lot of folks rely on the cool clean water. I know I hauled thousands of gallons of water from that place! Please save it!
please don't sell the spring!!
When ever we go camping the first place me and my son's go is to get water at Fox. Please don't take that away from us.
Please, Let us keep this Alaskan character tradition alive! Would be happy to pay DOT to help maintain.
Let the ones that use and need this water pay a small amount to kept it open
Use fox water during camping trips
The Fox spring is one of the most valuable assets Fairbanks has. Thousands of people benefit from it, depend on it, rely on it. It is surely worth the cost to keep it going.
Keep the water free for public use!!! Such good water!
I agree that the Fox Water Spring is an iconic institution, and shouldn't be dismantled or sold to a private company. I think that \$50k isn't that much in the grand scheme of things and that we could find enough to cover that amount from somewhere if we tried hard enough. The point is, of course, that we haven't tried hard enough. Please don't close the spring.
Please save the Fox water spring. It was the only place to get safe clean and free water for my family for years. This would be a huge loss to the community and affect more people then will ever know.
It's really good water please don't sell it
I've been going to the fox springs for the last 20 years.
The fox water spring is the most delicious water you will ever taste. The amount of people who rely on this water source is unbelievable. Shutting down this water source would be devastating to all those who have relied on the outstanding water in fox.
I think of all the dry cabins that use this water. They really need it. I use it because it tastes. Much better than my water
My family depends on this water for operations in our small cabin. We don't use a lot but we need it as do many others in our community. Please do not sell!!!!

<p>My family has used the spring since the early 60s. I applaud the work DOT has done to date and encourage budgeting to continue to do so into the future.</p>
<p>Please maintain the Fox Watering Hole as a public service. Resident since 1959. Voter</p>
<p>That place has kept me alive!!!</p>
<p>We like Fox water!</p>
<p>All of my life, I have known the Fox Spring Water to be for free public use. I would love to keep this for my children and future grandchildren, as well as future generations. If we as a public, are able to contribute through business and/or private donations the benefits could be an ongoing community effort. Please, consider the suggestion and keep our traditions alive.</p>
<p>I have gotten water there many times.</p>
<p>It's the only water I can safely drink!!!</p>
<p>Do not sell the fox springs</p>
<p>Fox water is part of our heritage</p>
<p>I grew up with Fox water, since 1975. Please don't sell it!</p>
<p>why must all the good things about Alaska either be taken away or sold off??? Please keep fox water for all of us!!</p>
<p>Keep fox water as is</p>
<p>The spring has been very beneficial to my family. We recently moved out to North Pole and we don't drink the water. My stomach has trouble with the chlorinated water in Fairbanks and the spring provides fresh water for us. Please don't shut it down. Thanks</p>
<p>Please don't close the fox water facility. My family depends on it for drinking water.</p>
<p>Save our water hole</p>
<p>We need the fox spring as an Alaska landmark, a family friendly place for everyone, and above all it is a necessity to so many people and families living in the area</p>
<p>Yes! Please save the Fox water station!!</p>
<p>Please do not privatize Fox water.</p>
<p>I lived in Alaska for 7 years we lived in fox me and my 6 children live off the spring water the hole 7 years there are so many people that rely on the Fox springs For health safe water</p>
<p>Please don't sell the springs!</p>
<p>Save the water hole, I've been going there since I was just a boy, now 32, I bring my children with me once a week to get the ONLY true fresh clean drinking water around. Please do not</p>

sell it, the state budget can easily afford something thousands rely on.
Please dont sell it.
So many people rely on Fox Spring for their water supply! Please don't sell it!
this needs to be a free source of water for the local community.
The Fox spring water is a vital to the people of Fox and surrounding communities. I grew up living in Fox and I know its worth to the people who use it. Please find a way to fund it's maintenance cost, it is worth the effort.
Please keep the Fox water hole open for the public, free of charge. This is vital to all of us with terribly polluted water.
This watering hole helps so many people out that can't afford hauling water from fairbanks. Come on people don't take away something so precious as providing clean drinkable water for families
This is the only water I drink. I travel from North Pole to fill my jugs. If this were something with a fee. I would not be there utilizing it. Just as easy to get water in town. It has helped because I am new in the area and having this available saved me.
That water is vital to so many of us. Please keep it as a public resource.
Please keep Fox Spring open. It is a vital part of interior community.
i am 45 years old. We lived in Fairbanks when I was very small , early 70s. We got our water from the fox spring and it was the only way we could have clean water, things haven't changed much . Please don't sell this spring many people have counted on clean water from this source for a very long time, it would be a disservice to the Fairbanks communities to get rid of it.
When we lived in North Pole we would drive all the way to Fox just to get the water. There is nothing like it. Please don't shut down a water source just to save a few bucks. There is a better way, coin operation? But don't take it away!!!
I fill up at this spring on my way to my dry cabin up on the Elliot.
always stop and get a lovely drink from this fill station. The water is the best! It being free to a lot of families in our community takes a huge burden off of a lot of people's chest. Times are hard, utilities are expensive in Alaska, especially in the interior! Most of us live rural, not hooked to city water, delivery is an added \$150-\$200 bill a month for families. Some of which could not afford it.. This particular "pump station" is individual jug fills only, no massive truck tanks as the handles wouldn't fill a water truck. Setting up to haul your own water each month, which actually equals three or more times a month, is very expensive! Average tanks are \$2 per gallon size plus the connectors and hoses, up wards of \$1,000 at the minimum. Most families can not afford such up front costs. Nor can Alaskan families that rely on this source for their everyday needs afford an extra added utility bill. * A better option for the continued maintenance by the state would be to put a little cheap! shack over the pump and charge a small \$0.15 a gallon few or comparative to town price waster station charge. This would allow the spring to not be turned into a new
Water is the commons we need to protect

Maybe don't sell but hold off maintenance for a year or so..
Keep this water for the public
This water spit has been open for so long, I have many memories from childhood that includes stopping to get the freshest water anywhere!
SAVE THE WATER
Don't sell it way too many people depend on it I think that it should be grandfathered in like It should be for the people and is Free and always will be
This water has been so vital to my life.
This was my main water source when I lived off of Goldmine Trail, and I know there are so many others that use it and NEED it!
Born and raised in Fairbanks. My family used to depend on the free water in Fox because the water at our house was awful.
Me and my family have enjoyed fox water for many years
Please don't sell this badly needed water for so many
Although I don't reside in Alaska anymore, I realize the importance of Fox Spring to the surrounding area. During the years I lived on Chena Hot Springs Road, I relied on this resource for fresh drinking/cooking water. There was hardly a time that atleast one other person wasn't there filling there jugs as well. I can see the potential in bottling up that water with the highly popular "Alaska" brand attached to it. Alaska represents untouched, natural beauty at its finest. And, if this truly is the only way to sustain the Fox Spring, perhaps including a clause in the sale stating that residents will continue to be allowed to obtain fresh water a little or no cost would be a viable solution. Just a thought.
I lived in Fox for 20 years and the Fox Water Hole is a vital water supply for local residents many of whom it would be a hardship to have to pay for water. Any private company that would purchase it would not allow free usage. 7/2/2015 8:55 My only source of good water for years back in the 1970s
What the fuck is going on yall paving roads that don't need to be paved and trying to take local water away that people have depended I. And appreciated over these past years? That's messed up
My wife and I live right next to the watering hole and live in a dry cabin. Every week we go and get our amazing Fox water for free. The Fox watering hole is known statewide and is loved. Don't let this happen. Please
Save our spring
Please do not sell Fox water hole.
I have been using Fox Springs since the 50's. This is a public watering hole.

Used by visitors as well as residents. Absolutely iconic. Very short-sighted decision.
Please maintain the Fox Water source as a public resource.
Please don't sell Foxs water spring. There are so many people rely on that spot for fresh clean good water. My family and I always get water there. So please don't sell. We need it Thank You
That's just wrong ... people depend and have got their water there for way too long for them to make that decision...I grew up on that water and thank god it was available. ..
If it comes down to selling maybe the state could come up with some kind of fee because a private enity will charge much more.
Although I no longer live in Alaska, the Fox water hole was instrumental in my childhood in the 60's and 70's. I completely understand the importance of the commodity for the people who live there. It would be a travesty to take away something so vital to the survival of so many!!
Don't sell the spring!!
Keep the Fox Spring!!!!
Please don't take away our water.....
We have used this as our only source of drinking water for many years.
Please don't close or sell Fox springs. I get my drinking water there.
Do what it takes to save this much needed service to our community!!
My family relies on the Fox Springs very heavily for drinking water. My grandmother also does. It would be a financial hardship for all of us to begin paying for this water we desperately need to survive. I understand the state needs to make cuts in the budget somewhere, but please not here.
do not sell the Fox water hole.
Please keep the spring open
Please don't shut the well down. My family has used it for too many years to count. Alaska has already gotten screwed royally by BP on the big giveaway so please let us at least keep our clean and delicious water from the Fox well. Thank you
don't sell it.
You can't take this water source away from the people who need it!!! My family has used this since the 70's and people rely on this water source!!!
I have drank that water for years, it is essential to the community.
When we lived in Fairbanks in the 60s and 70s we got our drinking water at Fox as it was much better than what our well provided. It was so much a part of our life there that when I visited Fairbanks in 2003 I brought some back. My mother, brother and the music teacher at the local

<p>elementary school (who had lived in North Pole) knew exactly what it was as soon as I gave them the bottle.</p>
<p>We lived in North Pole for 18 years and the water from Fox was the only drinking water we had !! Years 1958 to 1976</p>
<p>I'm outraged this is not fair!</p>
<p>Too many people depend on the spring for water.</p>
<p>I was born and lived in Fairbanks,AK most of my life. I was married there had all my children there. I relied on the Fox water spring for ALL of my drinking water town water never settled on my stomach. Once a week we would go fill our containers to bring home. It was great to have water I could hold Down in my stomach. I'm sure there are others who benefit from the spring as I did. Not to mention the fact that so many people get all their water there. Don't sell the spring. It has been public it should always remain public.</p>
<p>I love that you can water there, I have used several times for trips to the north.</p>
<p>Please keep the clean water available for us and our kids. We live down the road from the refinery and know our water isn't safe drinking water. We drive all the way to fox for spring drinking water.</p>
<p>This has been a spot that my family and I when I was just a little girl have gone to for years and it would be extremely sad that we would no longer longer be able to go or have to pay.</p>
<p>We use it weekly as we are going camping and hunting. Don't get rid of it</p>
<p>The state has the funds to repave the road from the Turtle Club to the Steese-the road had no potholes and was perfectly fine, yet can't come up with the funds to keep Fox Springs open? ABSURD!!!</p>
<p>This has been my only source of water for over 20 years.</p>
<p>clean available drinking water should be a basic human right</p>
<p>For years my husband and I lived in a cabin off the Chatanika River near the Elliot Hwy. We used the Fox Spring as our primary water source. It was a very special part of living there. Please maintain it.</p>
<p>I use the fox spring and so do many others in the area. The nearest other water source is miles away so please keep the spring.</p>
<p>SAVE THE FOX WATER SPRING.</p>
<p>I grew up in Fairbanks, I drank Fox spring water everyday. My family still does. This spring needs to stay open to the public!</p>
<p>Save the fox water.</p>
<p>It is the only place we are able to get free spring water. Do not take it away from us and those who are unable to afford to buy water.</p>

<p>My family and extended family grew up relying on that well. Since then I have moved away but my family still lives nearby and because their well water is not clean to drink, they still rely in the well for clean drinking water.</p>
<p>Please save this Alaskan Landmark! I wan to see when I return "home" to Alaska. Many childhood memories were made at lovely mountian spring!</p>
<p>I depended on the Fox Spring for years. It is EXTREMELY valuable to the folks (voters) in the area. PLEASE - do not sell it.</p>
<p>Dont sell fox spring water. I have been getting water there for 20 years.Keep it the way it is.</p>
<p>Please don't sell the fox spring! I have been going to the spring my entire life, and so many residents depend on the free water. It's a wonderful part of our community and I would deeply saddened if it was no longer available to the public.</p>
<p>I just had a baby and I want to drink the healthiest water I can and able to. I live in ALASKA why should we have be deprived of what's naturally there for us. I want my son to be able to grow up here the same way I was able to.</p>
<p>Save the water! Best water in town and best for the town</p>
<p>I have a family and I am begging for this spring water to stay! This is such a natural way to drink water and my children love it. Why deprive families of drinking water?</p>
<p>So many people benefit and enjoy this watering hole and it's more natural environment it would be a very sad day if this were to be sold.</p>
<p>Keep it open!</p>
<p>Do not sell the Fox Water Hole. Work with the community to preserve it for all to use.Â We, the citizens who have used and who may in the future use the Fox Spring in Fox, Alaska, request that you reinstate the maintenance and operation budget for the Fox Water Spring. â€œFox Waterâ€• is a community clean water resource that is vital to our region. We have two areas with known groundwater pollution: North Pole and Moose Creek. Many other areas have arsenic, iron, benzene, and other contaminants in the drinking water wells. Dry cabins in the area also make free, safe, drinking water a community priority. We depend on the Fox Spring. The benefit to the tens of thousands who access Fox Water far outweighs the average annual maintenance and operations budget. We think a resource as important as clean, reliable, free drinking water with a modest cost to the state should be an important part of the State of Alaskaâ€™s budget.Â</p>
<p>Keep the fox water public</p>
<p>I am over 50 years old and my children bring this delicious and nutritional water to me every week. I've been drinking this water for many many years. My childrenlove it please keep it here for the future generations.what if this is my dying last wish? Wouldn't YOU want to know that you did something good at the end of the day..</p>
<p>please do not sell. Many cant afford other means of water. This is clean water. Healthy. Leave it.</p>
<p>Do not take away our ability to access clean water.</p>

<p>Don't take this water system away. We have enough things to spend our money on, water should not be another on that we use our money for.</p>
<p>Concur with continued State of Alaska support to maintain the Fox Water Spring. This is not a convenience but a life necessity for so many people in the Fairbanks area.</p>
<p>Don't shut down fox water!</p>
<p>Dont let them close down</p>
<p>Please save Fox well, it the best water around Fairbanks.</p>
<p>As a source of clean water for local citizens do not sell. Cut the budget by cutting positions in unnecessary or wasteful projects.</p>
<p>I am strongly opposed to this sale. It is short sighted to put our precious groundwater under the control of a private holder. Although we are still fortunate in Alaska, the groundwater situation world wide is reaching the point of being critical. We must maintain public access.</p>
<p>The fox watering hole is so helpful to so many people. And some what of a land mark. My parents always took my sister and I there for tasty fresh cold water and I have continued that with my own children.</p>
<p>Keep it natural and rap the environment.</p>
<p>I'm from originally from Alaska and would be devastated to see the spring go.</p>
<p>Don't get rid of the best watering hole I've gone there since I was a kid means so much to locals</p>
<p>Best water in town!</p>
<p>Best water in the district</p>
<p>The house I grew up in, where I spend my summer vacation and plan to retire is on Persinger Drive. When there I depend on the Fox water for drinking water, as I have for since my family move to my grandparents homestead in 1958. This is a historical place and should have the protection as does other historical places.</p>
<p>I sign to help support my Alaska family</p>
<p>Save Fox Spring></p>
<p>Save our fresh LOCAL water!</p>
<p>U can't close that water hole down its saved me when I was out ridding needed water to drink and needed some for my quad. Such bomb drinking water</p>
<p>Please don't sell. Great place great water was one of the first places we were taken to after moving to Alaska 16 years ago</p>
<p>I find it sickening that the trumped up average annual cost (extensive recent repairs to Fox spring</p>

having been accounted for) of only 50000 is anything for the state to even pretend to balk at. That's one day of special sessions, about a year cost of one laborer employee for the DOT, or to look at it another way, a tiny fraction of what is thrown away on oil tax breaks or a dozen other useless things the state blows money on. . I admire the Walker administration's intent to cut spending- now get the DOT to pull their collective head out of their ass and prioritize. Why are we spending more than twice this much to put herbicide in the slough and lakes if we cant afford to continue providing potable water for a large population of those mostly still living in what most of the 48 would consider 3rd world conditions? I imagine herbicide manufacturing interests must be better lobbyists than the peasants who rely on Fox spring?

We have bad well water at our home on Birch Hill. We rely on the Fox spring for safe drinking water

If the Fox Water Hole was to be sold it would create a burden on so many families that depend on this fresh, clean water. I lived in Alaska for many years and used the spring multiple times for my water source. Please do not hurt the public by selling this spring.

Honor the will from the former owner of fox water hole. It is given to the State and it isn't part of the agreement that the state can sell it. This was a gift and left in the state's hands to continue it's availability for free. The state took this responsibility and is required to uphold the contract.

This is the best water I have ever had and I grew up with it while I grew up in fox.

Was thinking if there could be a fundraiser to buy the property outright and keep it open to the public.

Preserve our right to free Fox water. My family has been drinking it since it came around. 5th generation Alaskan.

How about the legislature doesn't go into special extended legislative sessions blowing our money on keeping everyone in Juneau and spend the money on things that people actually use like the Fox watering hole? Lay off one legislative assistant and it would more than pay for a resource that people actually utilize and care about. We need water. We don't need politicians.

Please don't close this I get my water from there

Keep the water to fox

I'm attending UAF, this water is used by sooo many fellow students. I hope we can continue to use this as I have my entire childhood.

Please keep the Fox water open!

I am completely against and appalled at the selling of the Fox Water Spring to a private owner! Shame on you D.O.T.

The water from our residential well is horrible. We have depended on fox water for 11 years for our drinking water. Considering how many folks in our community depend on this well, I would think the state could budget for the relatively small cost to maintain it. Thank you

SAVE IT

It is a shame when entities that contaminate water, effectively, are not held responsible or financially liable; while people that are used to a resource that has been open access to anybody, are disparaged and told they must pay the onus for access to potable water. It is concerning that the Fox Spring is running dry, but that indicates it is an invaluable resource to numerous people. It points to a larger issue, especially with the spreading sulfolane plume in North Pole and worries about water in Moose Creek, reduced winter snow packs and loss of frozen fresh water around the state; when paired with pressures of residential and industrial expansion. There's no such thing as a free lunch. And depending on the direction of my errands, if I'm going into town, I will pay for water there. I don't rely solely on Fox Springs. But really, the residents are paying taxes that support the upkeep... As the residents of Alaska are the ones footing the state budget, and this year will pay dearly for the privilege of big companies syphoning resources away. Ultimately, this comes down to politicians' failure to work on behalf of their electorate and secure equitable resource access. While I am used

save the springs!!

The watering hole is needed please don't take this source.

Don't take away the things that make the Fairbanks area special. Community is our strongest asset. Free water is completely within our grasp. Who could turn that away from a community?

Please do not sell the Fox spring. I know it was very useful to us in the past when we did not have access to water, and it is necessary to many in the Fairbanks area.

Without the Fox Spring we wouldn't have water to cook with or to drink. Our well water is filled with hard minerals and arsenic making it unsafe to use for anything other than washing. Divide \$50,000 by the thousands, if not millions, of trips citizens and travelers make to the Spring every year and the cost isn't that much.

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Save the spring

Since 1973, I have gone to the Fox Spring for drinking water. When I lived in a dry cabin for years, it was my only source for water. There are hundreds of people who rely on the water there. The State needs to reevaluate their choice of items to cut from the budget. There are many DOT projects that could be shaved for the money needed for the spring. There are always project budget items that are not needed or are budget over-runs. Please reconsider this decision, as it will affect hundreds, if not thousands of people, who depend on it for their water.

This should be a no brainer to the un corrupted, community minded public servant. This is bullshit.

Water should always be free clean and for everyone

Fox spring water has always been there for my mother as a child and with me. My family lived in Alaska since the early 60s and stayed till 2012. We left because of money and I left so I could visit a college and come back to my wonderful homeland. This water is a huge childhood memory that shouldn't be lost. This is the few places that true natural water gets to be accessed that isn't chemically changed. We need it, Not just for bonding with citizens and our families but our bodies needs this kind of water. Its more important then anything that we get the right type of water and fox has that. Taking fox water away would rip a hole into every Fairbanks citizen and past resident. It will also lead to a increase of illnesses if this water is gone. For some people, this is bonding. For others, it will also their water supply. Think of that, Not only are you taking away a natural water supply and bonding place for people but also taking away their water supply.

Please do not close the fox water hole, so many of my friends and family will be devastated simply because we RELY on it for water.

My family depends on the water at Fox for clean drinking water. I also get water for my elderly mother. Keep this in the budget!!!! Thanks

Please don't sell the Fox Water spring to a private owner. Allow it to stay open for public use. I remember as a younger child and teen driving up there as a family to get water as a family because we had such bad water in North Pole.

We need Fox water! Please keep in the budget!

Please don't sell the Fox Spring Water, no spring water should ever be owned by a personally subsidy.

Don't sell the Fox Spring Water. The state needs to figure out a way to keep it and maintain it!!!

we used fox water in the 60s Keep it public 7/2/2015 18:58 I lived in Fairbanks for years and used to haul water from Fox. It was not only a godsend for those of us in dry cabins, but it is the BEST water I have ever tasted. SAVE FOX WATER!

I spent most of my childhood collecting Fox water, in all seasons, gave my thanks, and we survived with the help of Fox water. Do not sell it! People depend on it to make it through another day, it would be wrong to sell.

I am in New York now but have fond memories of the Fox spring. Please don't close it off to the local folks!

This is the best watering hole in Fairbanks Alaska. A lot of people stop there to get to their water

<p>because they A: don't have running water in their home or B: they don't have transportation to go else where for water or C: they have well water which tastes bad or D: they just like the taste. There is probably countless more reasons why people go this watering hole. In my opinion this watering hole should not be sold or shut down because there is so many people who stop there to get their water.</p>
<p>please do not sell the fox spring well. My family has relied on this spring for years for our main source of water.</p>
<p>We need free water you blood suckers</p>
<p>I've been out of state for a year but I love the water from fox</p>
<p>Save the freshest water Alaska offers please</p>
<p>our taxes never go down but our resources do</p>
<p>keep fox free don't sell out!!!</p>
<p>Over 60 years ago my father would stop at the pipe in Fox so we could enjoy a taste of pure water. Well water in my neighborhood has extremely high arsenic levels, so I, like many others, depend on Fox water for my drinking water. DOT & Public Facilities have the equipment to service this public facility. Please continue to provide this benefit for our area</p>
<p>Formerly of (address redacted).My children and grand children grew up on Fox water. The only safe, yeararound source. My well had arsenic and iron.</p>
<p>Please keep the spring water for alaskans. My family grew up drinking the water and I remember every hockey practice and game my coach would bring us players fox water. We always had a winning season....it's the water.</p>
<p>Lived in ak 20+ years and used fox water hole on a regular basis. Keep it public and free for all!!!</p>
<p>I have utilized this spring all of my life. The spring is a vital part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.</p>
<p>My Fairbanks family get their drinking water from here.</p>
<p>keep the spring pristine. It is our best Fairbanks water</p>
<p>We need to save this for are children to use. For I remember it being there all my life.</p>
<p>Keep it public!</p>
<p>Please so not sell the Fox Spring. Many people rely on this for drinking water.</p>
<p>Save the water!</p>
<p>I grew up getting water there for free. It helps many people who live without running water and then some. Don't get rid of the fox water hole keep it free!</p>
<p>Don't close the springs</p>

<p>Please! I depend on the fox spring for water for my dry cabin! This is a fundamental part of my way of life!</p>
<p>Though I don't live in the area, I have friends who do and they count on the Fox Spring. Surely we can find a better place to cut \$50,000 that is wasted, in the state budget, than to cut from a needed resource.</p>
<p>Please don't shut down the Fox water hole. Alot of people such as myself use the water hole cuz we live in dry cabins and need water to give to our dogs. The water at the spring is alot crispier & cleaner than the water wagon pay as you go pumps.</p>
<p>This water source should not be sold and should be kept pure.</p>
<p>My family and I have been using the Fox spring since I was born (I'm now 43). To see it go away would be a disservice to future generations.</p>
<p>Save this long standing watering hole, I grew up driving out there weekly with my family to get drinking water and continued that with my family.</p>
<p>I feel it should remain open to the public. It should be a historical landmark as ALL of the USA knows about this water hole and many tourists come up to drink from it. I have travelled many places and one spot I always get asked about is the Fox watering hole when people find out I am from Fairbanks, and if it is as great tasting as they have heard. Just like when I go to get Fox water I am almost always bumping in to people from outer state in awe about the watering hole. I think it would be a shame to close down this amazing spot, or sell it to someone who may or may not close it, or feel they need to be greedy with it. Maybe look into what it takes to make it a historical site??</p>
<p>I would be willing to pay for the water just like at the water wagon and other spots around town. I want to be able to choose to drink the spring/chemical free water for me and my family.</p>
<p>I am beyond frustrated that such a valuable FREE resource that so many families benefit from would be under consideration to be used for profit. With our economy and how high the cost of living is in Fairbanks and the surrounding communities, my family appreciates this blessing of the spring which allows us to use our limited income towards other resources such as food and fuel. The water in North Pole is unhealthy but knowing we can have access to Fox water has been a huge relief. Please from one Alaskan to another, find a better solution!</p>
<p>Food and living expenses are already high in alaska, forcing a lot of people to live in dry cabins. These people don't even have water at home to shower or do dishes, don't take there drinking water away as well.</p>
<p>My family and many more have been using the Fox water hole since the 70s at Least. It's a Huge benefit to those who can't afford the prices from the water companies in the area. As well as those that want Clean Fresh water without the Chemicals that are dumped into our city water system. It would be nothing but Negative to the surrounding Communities to proceed with your current plans for location. I Beg you to Not sell this property so my children and their children can enjoy this Natural Spring the way it has been for Generations. Thank you for your time</p>
<p>Please preserve the Fox spring water site and reinstate the maintenance budget for this project.</p>
<p>Keep the fox watering whole open! Nobody should have to pay for water!</p>

I grew up in fairbanks alaska. I uses to love going to get a few jugs of fox water. It is the crispest and cleaning tating water. Please do not let them sell it to some big wig that will charge people an arm and a leg or close it for good.
Historically the Fox Water Springs have been used by the area residents, many people coming from some distance to enjoy the water. Selling the people's watering hole is a travesty.
have we no say in how state spending is allocated? This will impact thousands of people, and end a Fairbanks tradition.
Please don't sell the Fox Water Hole. Please.
clean water is free water dont steal alaskas resources from alaskas people
This is an incredibly valuable resource for the people of Fairbanks. Please maintain it as a public resource, for the public good.
I would pay a reasonable fox waterhole tax to keep it open for everybody - it's a treasure to be shared
What a wonderful community resource. It needs to be kept up for the benefit of all those without running water. With grass roots efforts and the community behind you, please keep it open! Thank you.
Please keep it as it was. We used it many a time. It is true. Some people get paid that much ,at any given time. You can do. Keep it!!! Please.
i think clean drinking water for people of Alaska should be a top priority of the state.
the fow water spring is public property that benefits all area residents. Do not ruin a good thing by privatizing this spring.
BEST WATER in ALASKA, please keep it open free safe drinking water! The State of Alaska has the Budget. we can't drunk Oil.
Please do not close the watering hole.
a lot of people who do not own internet use this water supply. It would destroy their independent status as users. I myself am one of the people who depend on this clean water.
Do not sell the Fox water hole.
Save Fox Springs for free public use!
I've been getting water here for over 20 years please keep it open to the public!
I sign this petition
Keep it open to the public :)
Fox water serves so many. It's a nessesity. How about cutting state government benefits and perks. The goal is to serve the public... Getting rid of the Fox spring IS NOT serving the public. KEEP FOX

FREE!!!
Please reinstate this in the budget. Water should be available to all.
The Fox Spring provided us with our drinking water for so many years we lived on properties with wells that didn't have good drinking water.
This happens to be the onw plae my family and I can get clean good water to drink.Please dont sell this, there are many who count on that water.
My aunt has lived in fox and depended on this water for many years! Keep the spring!
Please preserve the Fox spring. A lot of people depend on that spring for drinking water. Please keep it safe for public use.
This is the only place on Fairbsnks I can get water that doesn't taste weird. Please do not take away this important resource for myself and my family. Spring water is far better for health, and without this resource we will be left to the heavily chlorinated city watering holes that are often broken and far lesser quality of water.
PLEASE do not sell the Fox Water Hole! Please do not sell the Fox Water Hole! Please do not sell the Fox Water Hole!!!
I have been using fox water hole for about 25 years. I still use it because I can't drink our well water. Please keep this available for Alaskans that live here in this unique environment.
Please let us continue to freely have our Fox water!
As a child I remembered getting water from Fox, not only is it important to hundreds of people it's historical. I'd hate to hear the Fox water well being shut down. I am against this 100 percent
We only get our drinking water from this spring
Please please do not close this water hole!!!! It helps out so many people that would have to spend lots of water on money elsewhere that they may not be able to afford.
I've loved the fox spring well since I was a child! Grandparent took me and brother there as kids. I would definitely be sad if it got sold.
Our spring water is our most important resource. Without it we can't survive. Why would the State sell something so important to our well being when good clean drinking water is so rare in so many areas of Alaska. We must keep control of our water. Would you really trust private companies to put your interest above theirs and their possible stockholders pockets.
Please keep the Fox spring a free resource for local Alaskans!
Many people in the immediate and surrounding areas have undrinkable water in their homes and depend on the Fox spring as their main clean water source. It is sad that not only are rising energy costs forcing long term residents out of Alaska, but now our free source of drinking water, a basic necessity in life, may be taken away and we will be forced to pay for that too.

<p>It's the best water in town! Don't sell it!</p>
<p>My family has solely drank water from the fox spring. We do not know where we are going to get our drinking water from now. Please save the spring for public use.</p>
<p>I am a third generation Fairbanksan. I have depended on this water as a steady source for my family in the past and know many many people that do to this day! Please preserve the Fox Watering Hole!!!</p>
<p>i lived in a nearby dry cabin for a year and used that water exclusively. Please keep it open and free</p>
<p>i drink only fox water, every day. Please don't sell</p>
<p>We use the water because our drinking water where we meet in Moose Creek is contaminated. Please keep the well free and available.</p>
<p>I have relied on this spring for my water for the last 3 years</p>
<p>I grew up drinking Fox water please do not sell it to a private entity and keep it public.</p>
<p>This is the most popular "public facility" managed by the "Department of Transportation and Public Facilities". We go there monthly to get our drinking water, because, like most in this area with wells, our water is not safe or palatable for consumption. There are also over 1000 "dry" cabins in Fairbanks. These folks need a source of inexpensive, safe drinking water. Rather than drop it from the maintenance budget, it needs a dedicated allocation to maintain it. Improvements are due, like better, level access, larger storage tank, insulated building. Electric heat is already used to keep the grating thawed. It would not build up ice or need to be steamed if it was in an above freezing building. It is simply the best water available in interior Alaska.</p>
<p>Privitazation of water supplies has a long history, unfortunately, of making water more expensive and unavailable. Alaska can learn from the experience of y other states and municipalities, and avoid this dangerous decision.</p>
<p>Love that water, lived on that water.use to drive 30 miles to get that water. Still know people who do the same.</p>
<p>I used this hole when I was living in a dry cabin! It needs to stay here!</p>
<p>a private company has no right to take water from the people.</p>
<p>Do NOT sell our Fox water! And while you're at it, CLEAN UP OUR AIR! Get rid of outdoor boilers!</p>
<p>Fox Water is a symbol of Alaska in a way. Many in the area who are without water (Living Alaskan) are dependent on that source. Some save hundreds, and even more since they dont have to travel into town. Please dont cut this site. I myself have always enjoyed the sparkling clean water of Fox. Infact, when I lived in Fairbanks, I traveled there to get water, because it was clean, fresh, and because it's something you dont find anywhere but Alaska.</p>
<p>My family uses the same well for over 5 years now. It is a good source of fresh drinking water that no tap water can par.</p>
<p>The Fox watering hole is a local treasure that needs to be maintined!</p>

<p>I live in the North Pole area, which is renowned for its terrible water quality. Like thousands of others in the Fairbanks area, I rely on water from Fox for cooking and drinking water.</p>
<p>This water is used for the health of all who drink of it. Please don't take the one source of healthy, unpolluted water we have in this area.</p>
<p>Please keep this important source of a basic need for the community available to all without cost.</p>
<p>Close the dirtiest or contaminated areas first to reduce budget cuts. Please don't take a natural resource.</p>
<p>I used that waterhole for 15 years it is a lifeline to many many people out past fox! please save it</p>
<p>Our family gets our drinking water here. If this changes, we will use the Chatanika River as the closest water source.</p>
<p>the water at fox Belongs To All Alaskans!!! We Pay For Its Maintenance!!!! The closure by the state is illegal and immoral!!!! Do Not Deprive The citizens of a drink of water when for a lot of people this spring is their only source of drinking water</p>
<p>My family and i only use the fox water as out main source of drinking water shutting down would be a detrimental to my family and to the entire community who depend on the water</p>
<p>I grew up in Fairbanks and visit often. This is a crime to let this local treasure fail to be supported. Get it together Alaska!</p>
<p>This resource has been available and should be available to all Alaskans free of charge.</p>
<p>If it is only saving a \$50,000, then just don't replace a retiring employee for a year and you have paid for it.</p>
<p>Love the fox water hole. This should always be open to the public.</p>
<p>Save our water!</p>
<p>I lived in AK for 33 years and used Fox water for many of them....Please leave this for the people. It is so important</p>
<p>We use this water everyday of our lives, it's so important, please really consider how important this is for us.</p>
<p>I work in fox and know that if the watering hole shuts down it will have a very negative impact on the fox community. Make it a priority to keep open.</p>
<p>We live nearby and want the spring to be available for low income people and people who have difficulty getting to town to get water.</p>
<p>My mom has been getting fox water since before I was born in 88. Think of the people this will affect if you take their water away.</p>
<p>Do not sell this asset. It is used by so many people.</p>

best water in town let's save it
I grew up in Fox, relying on that water, and still remember it as the best cleanest water I've ever tasted. Save the spring!
Save Fox Water Spring!
Living in North Pole, my family and friends DEPEND upon Fox Water for drinking, as the water here is distasteful and NASTY! PLEASE, I BEG of you to NOT SELL this free source of much needed FREE WATER!!!
I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I grow up to far from fox and have gotten water from the fox spring. Many many family and friends over the years have gotten their drinking water from there over the years. This would be sad to see if this free natural resource gets sold off.
I am shocked that legislators would even consider not maintaining Fox Spring. This must be maintained for the reasons mentioned in the petition. My entire household operates on Fox Spring water.
What a shame it would be to change/modify/and/or destroy another natural "landmark" that used to make Fairbanks something special--virtually less than 10% of the "old" Fairbanks remains (and by "old" I'm talking the 70's when I arrived) and I don't see how Fox Spring could ever be relocated to Alaskaland, oh yeah, I mean Pioneer Park . . . Please keep the spring flowing for all to use.
Do not sell the Fox water hole.
To many people depend on that water to sell it off . In this day and time most people don't have money to pay for water so they use the Fox water which is a great way for the state to help the people in Fox . No more than it takes the state to keep it going is small sum as what they are sending on the new weight scales on the Rich hwy where at one time there was already scales but removed them because the state said was not needed ,so now there sending no tell how much to replace . Give a little and help a lot . thank you
I've lived in fox my whole life I can not imagine not being able to go get the water me and my family drinks everyday. Please let us to continue to get good drinking water for free. Thank you
PLEASE SAVE FOX SPRING. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF FAIRBANKS
Our community relays on free public access to the Fox Watering hole.
I take Fox Water in my lunch instead of drinking soda or sugary juice. It helps me stay healthy.
Just want to help keep the fox spring water open...
Surely there is another way to for the state to continue to provide this wonderful resource to people without having to sell it off to a private entity.
Water is our right! We need it!! Please don't take it away.
please don't sell the water hole!

<p>The fox water hole has always been of greasy use when heading up the Elliot or Teese highways. Preserving this iconic water facility would be appreciated by everyone who has ever used it in it's past, present, and future.</p>
<p>DOT, don't cut maintenance of the Fox Spring!</p>
<p>Save Fox water!</p>
<p>Please keep Fox water public!</p>
<p>My fondest memories are of drinking Fox water and I know how essential it id to the community. Please reconsider.</p>
<p>Do not sell Fox watering hole!</p>
<p>I used this place for years. With the contaminated water in the area. The State owes it to the residents to keep clean water available.</p>
<p>Many people in this area live in areas with dangerous water and can't afford to purchase drinking water. Many Uaf students are extremely poor and working their way to school and this resource is everything to them.</p>
<p>Keep Fox Spring Water Public and Free! Thank you!</p>
<p>I live in fox and the spring has been a land mark here for the 31 years i have been alive. People out here in dry cabins rely on that water to live. To sell it would cause a huge problem for the residents of fox. Keep the fox spring flowing.</p>
<p>Since mid- to late 1940s this natural spring has been source of drinking water for my family. Please do not sell to private parties.</p>
<p>People of Elliot hey rely on this water</p>
<p>My family has used this water for many decades! It would be a shame for it to be taken away!</p>
<p>Keep it flowing and public.</p>
<p>I've been going to the fox watering hole since I was a kid, I'm 41 now born and raised in Alaska as is my son whom I take out there every chance I get.</p>
<p>I love spring water and use it every time I'm up there.</p>
<p>I grew up in a cabin on the Steese Highway, that my father built. Until he installed a well, the Fox Spring was our primary source of water. After the well, we still hauled our drinking water from the spring because of it's superior taste and quality. Clean drinking water is a valuable resource that should be available to all, unrestricted by private enterprise.</p>
<p>Alaska pridesl itself in being 'the last frontier' to me that means 'natural', 'untouched' and 'clean' and that is exactly what this water resources is! All other water resources have chemicals and other things added and we only want water from the fox spring because it is PURE. So many depend on this water resource and closing it would be detrimental to the community.</p>

Please keep this in public hands, many people rely on this place for clean water

Do not sell the Fox Water Hole. Work with the community to preserve it for all to use. We, the citizens who have used and who may in the future use the Fox Spring in Fox, Alaska, request that you reinstate the maintenance and operation budget for the Fox Water Spring. "Fox Water" is a community clean water resource that is vital to our region. We have two areas with known groundwater pollution: North Pole and Moose Creek. Many other areas have arsenic, iron, benzene, and other contaminants in the drinking water wells. Dry cabins in the area also make free, safe, drinking water a community priority. We depend on the Fox Spring. The benefit to the tens of thousands who access Fox Water far outweighs the average annual maintenance and operations budget. We think a resource as important as clean, reliable, free drinking water with a modest cost to the state should be an important part of the State of Alaska's budget.

keep it free for alaskans the way it should be

We love & depend on fox springs, please don't sell for us Alaskans...

Don't sell this, too many people use this water source.

Please leave the Fox spring water free and open to the public. Having lived in dry cabins aprox. 23 of the 30 years I have been an AK residence I know fist hand how important this safe & free drinking water is to our community!

Don't sell

Do not sell the Fox Water Spring! So many people, including my family utilize it! While we purchase water for our tanks in Fairbanks, it is disgusting to drink and we drive 85 miles round trip for the drinking water at Fox. We will be forced to drop our personal water consumption also if forced to by bottled water as well as add to the mass landfills! The cost of closing this site is so much greater to the community as a whole. Find a budget cut somewhere else!

please save Fox water. Not only do a lot of people depend on it for their potable water source, it's an institution!

Do not sell the Spring! My family and I have been enjoying the water at every chance when we come visit and are planning to move up that way. Please don't sell off the spring and make people pay for the water that flows so freely now. It seems that this government is using the budget cuts to make the quality of life up here less...and less.

My husband and I cannot drink the Fairbanks city wager without getting physically ill. I drive out to Fox 2-3x a month to fill up our water jugs. There are SO many that do the same. The Fox Water Hole is very important to the Fairbanks community and all of the surrounding areas. It's a part of our culture worth keeping. Thank you for your time.

Please save our clean water source! Thank you!

This is our primary water source. We need this water.

We use this water as 'safe' water. I hate that we have to depend on it, but North Pole water has never been drinkable.

Please do whatever it takes to be able to keep this water available to the public. Thank you
I have driven past the Water Hole for many years and know a lot of people who has used the water. Even in the winter when alot of ice would accumulate. Please don't stop this VERY MUCH NEEDED water source!
I. Need. This. Water. It is my drinking, washing and animal watering source.
Keep the most rewarding water around this place!
this is NOT in the interest of people who don't have a choice of good water.....is is cruel to even THINK of denying us of this pure water!!!!!!
Please keep funding this public service. I have been traveling to fox for water for over 40 years.
Some people depend on that water
Some people depend on that water
Save Fox water!!
Save Fox Water. That is our water source
Signing the petition
Omg plz don't get rid of the Fox watering hole!!! I lived in AK for ten years and every Sunday my kids and I would go get water from there!!! It's delicious, dont shut it down
No, just no.
I lived in Fairbanks for 12 years and am moving back this year. I loved going to Fox for the delicious water. I look forward to doing the same on return. Please don't do this!!!
I grew up in Fairbanks and hate to think of the Fox Spring being sold
This is a vital water source to those in the Fox/Goldstream area already in use and depended upon by thousands for decades. Please reconsider the impact of this issue.
we live out this way and always get water from the fox spring!! please don't take this away from us!
A lot of people like myself count on thus water. The we haul a lot of our water because it a to far down to dig a well and the water we would get wouldn't even be drinkable. Please keep Fox water open
We have used the Fox Spring for many years to get fresh water because our water is too high in iron content to drink even used a water purifier and it did help some but water still not as fresh. We need to keep this running without selling it out. This could easily be offset in the budget. Clean drinking water cannot be replaced and the community depends on it.
We lived in Fairbanks for years, and know many, MANY people who depend on Fox for water! Do not jeopardize the free Alaskan lifestyle of your people.

Fresh water is right of the people, it belongs to the commons. I want my tax dollars going toward keeping the spring open and free.
Please don't get rid of our delicious drinking water.
Preserve Fox Water as is!
Don't know why you need the address. I hope I don't get ads. Lots of people probably passed because of that.
Do not sell! To many rely and appreciate it! Don't give it over to a company who will make big money on the natural resource and cut off the local ppl from a beautiful necessary recourse
Privatizing this resource is a serious mistake!!! My family has been using this resource for nearly 50 years. I feel that maintaining this excellent free water source is in the best interest of the Interior. Could another Department take on oversight?
My wife and I moved to North Pole last summer and still use Fox water for drinking water. We know handfults of others who enjoy and appreciate the benefit of having it available. Please do not take this away from people of this great state of Alaska.
It's a small price to pay for such a valuable resource to the public. Make this happen.
The Fox Water Hole is way too important to make such a short-sighted decision that will negatively impact the area for years. Do not sell the Fox Water Hole. Please!
PLEASE keep our Fox water available!!! My family depends on this water - we have hauled our jugs weekly there for years and can't even imagine it closing. Please reconsider by cutting budgets elsewhere... PLEASE!!
have used fox water for 40 yrs for tea and coffee pls don't sell its a big part of Fairbanks fresh spring water nothing better
Do NOt sale
Fox belongs to everyone.
Would love to see it stay
If this happens...therewill be people unable to have the water that is a main source of being able to live as they choose. Selling would mean th
I cook with and drink with Fox spring water everyday. Even though I have filtered well water it still has high amounts of arsenic and not fit to drink. We really need to have access to Fox water.
My family and I have used the Fox water for the last ten years and depend on the clean, great tasting water on a daily basis. I have not found a source of water that is comparable and request that the well continues to be available to the public. Thank you for your consideration.
Save our Fox Water.

<p>I have grown up my whole life drinking this water, I have very fond and child memories getting water when the whole area was covered in ice. I think that if three people of Fairbanks and Fox came together there would be enough people to pay a patron fee to keep up the maintenance fees by the state.</p>
<p>Don't sell it!</p>
<p>KEEP THE WATER SOURCE OPEN FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY</p>
<p>I used Fox Water Spring in the 1960's. Don't take this wonderful public resource away and let them charge us for what has always been free.</p>
<p>Please keep fox water I have been using this place off and on needs to still be free to the public thanks</p>
<p>Anyone who has been in Fairbanks a long time probably got water from this source. It is part of what makes Fairbanks/Fox unique. Please do not sell this piece of history. Once sold it is gone forever.</p>
<p>One of a million things that makes Alaska different than the lower 48 is that we still PROUDLY chop our own wood and haul our own water. We are people with a spirit of independence and self reliance. The Fox Water Hole has a reputation for being some of THE best water there is!! Please work with us to keep this available to all Alaskans and allow us to continue being the amazing, strong, Alaskan people we are with the ability to haul natural, pure water. Instead of selling it off, please work with us to find alternate options to keep Fox water open and available.</p>
<p>We use the Fox Spring very regularly. Please do everything you can to keep this freely available to the public. This is an important issue for us.</p>
<p>Please do not sell the Fox Water Spring! My family members depend on this clean water source for their drinking water.</p>
<p>I haul water from Fox up to -20 and all year round .Im retired and need this water for drinking and cooking .</p>
<p>So many people in the area live in dry cabins and depend on the Fox Spring for reliable and safe drinking water. There is no resource more important. Please consider allocating the ~\$50,000 to the spring so that Alaskans will continue to have access to safe fresh water.</p>
<p>Gathering natural water that is tested and maintained by the state has been a valuable asset to my family for years. I would greatly appreciate the State of AK to continue providing this resource to our community. Thank you.</p>
<p>I lived in North Pole for years and still visits family there. Fox water has been a huge help to get quality healthy water. Please keep it open.</p>
<p>If the last resort is to sell the property, have the community purchase shares to off set the cost of maintaining the spring each year. Make it a Co-op, owned by the people for the people. Ultimately, keeping the land free for use is the BEST option! Clean drinking water is necessary to sustain life!</p>
<p>PLease do not sell the Fox Water Hole. This water source is not only an integral part of the community here in the interior, but also the primary source of drinking water for myself and</p>

<p>thousands of others here in the interior. We depend on this high quality, free public source of drinking water - for our families, our health, and our loved ones. The site is literally irreplaceable. It would be a shame to let this site be sold into the private sector, where it will be designed for profit and become unavailable to the majority of those who need it most. I would encourage the government to make its budget cuts in terms of efficiency rather than community heritage.</p>
<p>This well has been apart of my life for 50 years +/- we depended on it for water for years! It needs to be preserved for the community and the future! PLEASE KEEP IT OPEN!!</p>
<p>Selling the spring is a catastrophic mistake and sets a terrible precedent in regards to the privatization of public lands. I guarantee that any elected leader who supports the sale of Fox spring will have a hard time being re-elected by their constituents.</p>
<p>I don't believe the state should sell out! Thank you.</p>
<p>I grew up in Fairbanks, some family still there - as a child it was part of our routine to get Fox water. Many of my family members still get it, they live out of town and have bax, orange, still my water and go to fox weekly.</p>
<p>This where i get all my water for my Dry cabin up out past Fox, if this is sold then I loose my water source.</p>
<p>This is a place where a lot of people get their drinking water and more, it's important to keep that for the community. It's one of the best parts of living in fox.</p>
<p>Please save fox water is all I drink and use at my house I live in a dry cabin</p>
<p>yes, keep Fox water available to all; it is a vitally important source of good water</p>
<p>Maybe we should all pitch in \$10 or more to help DOT keep it running</p>
<p>I depended on Fox water for a good part of my life and will be depending on it soon when we move back to North Pole. Please keep the spring up and going!</p>
<p>I use the fox spring and it is better water than any other in town and I appreciate the state maintaining the spring and offering it for free.</p>
<p>I use this water almosy every other day to get water to my dry cabin. I think it tastes great and it saves me a ton of money than buying it from a water place (of which most don't have water that tastes good). I would along with many others that I have talked to while getting water would be willing to pay to keep its resource.</p>
<p>There must be another way to save money, besides taking away something so many depend on for good, fresh drinking water. If put to a vote, I'm sure most would happily agree to a quarter slight sales tax increase to cover the cost of maintaining Fox Spring Water.</p>
<p>For watering hole is integral to the community as a whole.</p>
<p>Keep the spring a public asset.</p>
<p>Please keep the spring! DO NOT SELL TO A PRIVATE OWNER!</p>

<p>I drive out from North Pole once a week and haul drinking water! Yes, it is that good. So please don't sell the spring!</p>
<p>I have been getting water at the Fox watering hole since 1975!</p>
<p>Don't sell Fox Water!</p>
<p>I have lived on Chena Hot Springs Rd all of my life, I can't imagine the Fox Springs not being available! So many people depend on this free, fresh, healthy supply of water. With all the other issues people here deal with, good water should not be one of them!!</p>
<p>Do not sell the Fox Springs it needs to be a available to all including our visitors and tourists. The cost of maintaining is small compared to the state budget.</p>
<p>Don't sell!</p>
<p>I have been going to this fresh water spring weekly since I moved to Alaska in 2012. This spring is one of the only fresh water springs accessible for filling jugs and providing quality drinking water. If this is taken from our community we will have no choice but to drink treated water from the Water Wagon in Fairbanks which most people at this time only use for showering, dishes, and cleaning.. not drinking. Please let our local friends and families of Alaska continue to have a healthy source of life!</p>
<p>Save the Fox water spring!</p>
<p>In support,</p>
<p>Lifelong user of Fox Spring,</p>
<p>Don't do it!</p>
<p>Community resources like this is what makes Alaska unique and our communities strong. Please don't privatize it.</p>
<p>Do not sell the Fox Water Hole. Work with the community to preserve it for all to use. We, the citizens who have used and who may in the future use the Fox Spring in Fox, Alaska, request that you reinstate the maintenance and operation budget for the Fox Water Spring. "Fox Water" is a community clean water resource that is vital to our region. We have two areas with known groundwater pollution: North Pole and Moose Creek. Many other areas have arsenic, iron, benzene, and other contaminants in the drinking water wells. Dry cabins in the area also make free, safe, drinking water a community priority. We depend on the Fox Spring. The benefit to the tens of thousands who access Fox Water far outweighs the average annual maintenance and operations budget. We think a resource as important as clean, reliable, free drinking water with a modest cost to the state should be an important part of the State of Alaska's budget.</p>
<p>I grew up with this water, it's hard to see it go.</p>
<p>I came to Fairbanks in 1959 and have been drinking Fox Spring water exclusively the past 9 years. I depend on it. Please fight the closure of this valuable resource.</p>
<p>Please don't sell the hole!</p>

<p>There is nothing in the world like Fox water...Its worth the drive</p>
<p>Please do not sell the Fox Water Hole too many people depend on this water.</p>
<p>The Fox watering hole is in my opinion the best water in town.</p>
<p>The fox water springs helps a lot of families a specially ones that don't have a lot of income and need this water . This water is also very healthy for you and tastes a lot better than city water because it's natural .</p>
<p>My dad used to take us there to get a nice drink of water when we were traveling around the state my friends still use it, my parents use it. It would be a shame to lose a treasure like this.</p>
<p>We depended on this water source and feel that this should be protected and be a water hole free of any contaminants for all people who need it into the future. Perhaps some minimal reimbursement could be voluntarily collected at the pump to keep testing and maintenance intact.</p>
<p>Save the springs!!!!!!</p>
<p>do not privatize our water. This is the last free water we have.</p>
<p>do not privatize our water. This is the last free water we have.</p>
<p>We are on a fixed limited income and desperately need the Fox watering hole to hall and fill our tank. Otherwise it will cost us \$80 per 800 gallons. Please do NOT SHUT down our only means of water source that is NOT riddled with chlorine!! We have members in our family that are unable to bathe OR consume the city water! Thank you</p>
<p>Save our fresh water. Cut spending elsewhere.</p>
<p>One of my best memories of the years I lived in Fairbanks was "Fox Water". Oh how I miss it now. If anything it should be expanded and improved. I'm sure 1000's of people use it. With all the water problems in the borough, Fox Water is a priceless asset.</p>
<p>I understand that the state probably doesn't have funding to keep maintaining the Fox spring so if it is sold to a private entity I wish they keep the price for free from a local citizens out in the bush to really rely on those water</p>
<p>Keep Fox Spring public!!</p>
<p>How many of your parents or grandparents use to get water from Fox well. How would you explain to them you can't or won't do anything to save a landmark?</p>
<p>I use fox water because I can't afford to drive to far to get free water!!!</p>
<p>I am a former Fairbanks resident who relied on Fox water. The spring is an important affordable resource, as well as a local cultural institution. Thank you.</p>
<p>please reconsider this budget cut. So many of us rely on and love this water and would hate to get into private hands.</p>

Don't sell it maintain it.
Let the marijuana tax pay for it!!
I was a resident of Alaska for many years, and I got my water from the Fox Water Spring many times. When I returned to Alaska for a visit, I made it a point to go to the Fox spring, and remember what a beautiful, natural gift it was to me. It is a monument to the simple life style I once lived in Alaska, and I personally would be deeply saddened to see the younger generations deprived of something so simple and beautiful. With all the funds that Alaska has generated through oil, and dividend checks going out to residents, I find it hard to believe that \$50,000 a year can't be generated to maintain and protect this wonderful natural resource. I hope you find a way. I plan to visit again someday, and would love to drink that pure clean water!!
I believe this well is very useful to the people of Fairbanks and it's tradition of remaining free should continue.
FREE THE WATER!
I get all my drinking water here because I'm allergic to chlorine
I was raised since 1950 on the Fox Spring Water. My Father, Raymond Mark, helped fix it up once back in the 1990's. My husband and I still haul water to our house in town for drinking. It is such wonderful water.
This watering hole is a godsend for those in the area who have no water access... For those who desperately seek cold crisp natural wAter. We need the Fox Watering Hole.
Please keep Fox Spring open and maintained. I know it is an expense the state would rather not bear, but it serves so many and is a fond landmark for all that come through this part of the state.
Don't destroy something that is so beneficial and helpful to many. Big Money needs to quit sabotaging the well being of it's own community and the citizens that vote them into power. If you pay taxes, you should have a say in the budget, and I for one and many do not want to see this going away. I pray and put positive thoughts out to anyone that may read this, to do the right thing and keep this very beneficial water station available to it's people and as a site for tourists to visit.
Please don't sell the spring!
Fairbanks and our outlying communities have depended on the Fox spring as a clean, reliable source of drinking water. It is one of very few public resources we see that benefits a large and diverse group of people. It would be a shame to lose this resource, that for all things considered, is reasonably cheap to maintain.
This is not the state's to sell, it was developed by the residents and taken over by the state, Closing this spring will bring a lot of problems to the community, manage your budget more efficiently .
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PLEASE REINSTATE THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET, WE NEED YOUR HELP, THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ALL THE PEOPLES. THANK YOU FOR BUDGETING THE CONTINUATION OF OUR

WATER. THANK YOU.

Don't sell the spring please

Save Fox Spring!