

## WHAT FUNDING CACFA DOES FOR ALASKA AND ALASKANS

CACFA is the only body in state government wholly dedicated to providing a knowledgeable resource for individual Alaskans trying to navigate the complex and highly discretionary federal statutes, regulations and policies which impact their livelihood.

CACFA has the necessary institutional knowledge and carefully crafted relationships with federal agencies that give Alaskans the means to effectively advocate for their interests and uphold the promises and guarantees provided by federal law on federal lands.

CACFA protects our economic future and sovereignty by monitoring and preempting prohibitive actions and designations which could thwart revenue generation.

CACFA hosts three public hearings annually - one each in Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage - where the public can become informed about and participate in the dialogue regarding federal land management in Alaska.



CACFA publishes a regular newsletter on actions taken and contemplated on public lands in Alaska. CACFA also submits comments on those actions, develops educational materials and participates in workshops and meetings to advise and safeguard Alaskans.

For more information on these activities, including newsletter, correspondence and meeting archives, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/cacfa/>

## CACFA's Efforts Result in Meaningful Change and Issue Resolution

CACFA has been commenting and working on wilderness issues since 1982. When the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recommended almost the entire Arctic National Wildlife Refuge be designated Wilderness, CACFA quickly, efficiently and thoroughly advised state leadership on what that meant, where that authority came from and whether it was consistent with the law.

Inholders have a right of access to their properties and interests over and across federal lands, including designated Wilderness, even for strictly economic purposes. CACFA works with individual inholders and federal agencies to protect, guarantee and secure this right of access in a meaningful and lasting way, using procedures CACFA helped put into place.

When BLM policies served to prohibit trapping cabins on public lands in Alaska, CACFA worked with the BLM to create Alaska-specific policies to enable authorization of winter-use trapping cabins throughout the state. CACFA continues to work with BLM on making this policy practical and useful for Alaska trappers.

CACFA has been commenting for decades on the federal government's reticence to lift millions of acres of archaic land use withdrawals which interfere with the State's ability to receive high quality lands as part of its statehood entitlement. When BLM started using these withdrawals to impose anti-development restrictions in the interior, CACFA was there to shine a spotlight on this strategy and keep vast areas of land from being unceremoniously removed from possible ownership, resource development and access.

CACFA advised BLM it was incorrectly interpreting federal statutory allowances for mineral entry in the White Mountains. BLM acknowledged the oversight and issued a supplemental to its management plan.

When the Forest Service proposed to relocate a public use cabin and remove a bathhouse (because of its location in designated Wilderness), CACFA worked with local users and helped gather affidavits demonstrating its use as a public safety shelter, which resulted in a successful appeal. The bathhouse was rebuilt in 2013.

## CACFA is a Resource and Investment in Alaska Worth Maintaining

CACFA is consistently on the ground and in the mix, making it a one-stop shop for understanding federal land management issues and enabling effective resolutions. The public and state officials know they can turn to CACFA to immediately become informed on the regulatory environment and historical context.

Regardless of land ownership, the federal government exercises control over resource and infrastructure development through its permitting and regulatory authorities which can quash projects and stifle investment. Additionally, through its ability to manage and designate its own lands, scattered throughout the state, it can sever access potential and make any approved project uneconomical. CACFA is constantly monitoring and preempting overzealous exercises of these authorities before discrete projects must face them.

**CACFA houses and puts to use an unparalleled historical understanding of engagement between federal and state agencies and the public with respect to the management of federal lands in Alaska. CACFA provides a forum for the public, an educational resource for agencies, a constant and informed monitor of federal actions and a solid foundation on which to protect Alaskan interests and prevent decisionmaking which could put our social and economic future at risk for decades, if not longer.**

