

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Mining, Land and Water

APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT
AS 38.05.850

ADL# **234755**
(to be filled in by State)

Applications that are submitted with unfilled sections or inadequate explanation and/or without application fees, a location figure and/or a completed Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) Environmental Risk Questionnaire will be deemed incomplete. Incomplete applications will be returned without review. See DMLW's current fee regulations (11 AAC 05) and associated Director's Fee Order for applicable non-refundable fee amounts. The filing of an application does not guarantee processing or approval of the requested authorization.

Applicant: Calista Corporation, Kathy Moran CFO Doing Business As: N/A
Agent: (if applicable; attach record of authorization to represent) See Attachment 1 - Development Plan
Mailing Address: 5015 Business Park Boulevard, Ste 3000 Email: kmoran@calistacorp.com
City/State/Zip: Anchorage, Alaska, 99503
Primary Phone: (907) 275-2800 Alternate Phone: _____
General Location: Lower Kuskokwim, 9 navigable waterbodies Municipality: N/A
Section(s): See Table 1 Township: _____ Range: _____ Meridian: Seward
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Attach a location figure, plan drawing or survey that shows the detailed location of the requested easement in relation to adjoining property boundaries and reference points. All features must be labeled.

Dimensions requested: _____

1. Length: 9,471 feet (total) Width: 30 feet

2. Area: 6.5 acres Are units in ☐ square feet or ☒ acres?

Term requested and rationale: Indefinite. See Attachment 1 - Development Plan for rationale.

Are you applying for a ☒ public or a ☐ private easement? Rationale:

Installation of a telecommunication line that provides broadband services to multiple communities.

Development plan summary/specific purpose of easement: Prop. install along river, fiber optic cable from bridge
providing internet, phone & TV service to communities This information will be used to determine the scope of use of the easement.

Calista is proposing to provide broadband internet service to seven communities along the Kuskokwim River. The purpose of this easement is to connect approximately 881 households in underserved, predominantly Alaska Native communities to a reliable and affordable high-speed broadband network. DNR-managed lands along the proposed alignment is limited to the subsurface lands below navigable waterbodies. Horizontal directional drilling would be used to install a fiber optic cable. New casings and conduit would be bored a minimum of 10 ft below the bottom of the streambed or riverbed with no impact to the watercourse. Please see Attachment 1 - Development Plan for additional information.

Is this an existing use? ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, explain extent and duration of use to date:

N/A

Describe plans for initial construction. Be detailed. Include a list of authorizations for portions of the project that are proposed for construction on adjoining lands, other permitting, and/or third-party non-objections: (Use extra sheets as needed)

A federally required EA is currently being developed and will be released for public review prior to construction. Installation of fiber to the premise in each of the communities and HDD activities under the Kuskokwim River are anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2026. Construction of the fiber mainline between the communities is anticipated to occur during the winter of 2026/2027. Frozen ground conditions will be required to install the fiber mainline, subsurface, between the communities.

Consultation with federal, state, and local agencies is on-going. Federal permitting includes consultation with the USACE, USFWS, and NMFS. State permitting includes consultation with the ADF&G, DNR DMLW, DNR OHA, DOT&PF Utilites, and DOT&PF Aviation Leasing. Consultation with adjacent land owners to obtain rights of way is occuring concurrently with the submittal of this application.

Anticipated construction timeframe: May 2026 to December 2027

If this authorization is granted, I agree to construct and maintain the authorized improvements in an acceptable manner, and to keep the area in a neat and sanitary condition; to comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining thereto; and provided further that upon termination of the easement for which application is being made, I agree to remove or relocate the improvements and restore the area without cost to the State and to the satisfaction of DMLW.

Applicant's Signature Kathleen Moran Date: 11/13/2025

This form must be filled out completely and submitted with the applicable fees. Failure to do so will result in a delay in processing. AS 38.05.035(a) authorizes the director to decide what information is needed to process an application for the sale or use of state land and resources. This information is made a part of the state public land records and becomes public information under AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 (unless the information qualifies for confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8) and confidentiality is requested, AS 43.05.230, or AS 45.48). Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 44.99.310, by giving a written description of the challenged information, the changes needed to correct it, and a name and address where the person can be reached. False statements made in an application for a benefit are punishable under AS 11.56.210.

In submitting this form, the applicant certifies that he or she has not changed the original text of the form or any attached documents provided by the Division. In submitting this form, the applicant agrees with the Department to use "electronic" means to conduct "transactions" (as those terms are used in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, AS 09.80.010 – AS 09.80.195) that relate to this form and that the Department need not retain the original paper form of this record: the department may retain this record as an electronic record and destroy the original.

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Receipt Types:

- ☐ 13A Pipeline Easement
☐ 13 Other Easement

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APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL RISK QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help clarify the types of activities you propose to undertake. The questions are meant to help identify the level of environmental risk that may be associated with the proposed activity. The Division of Mining, Land and Water's evaluation of environmental risk for the proposed activity does not imply that the parcel or the proposed activity is an environmental risk from the presence or use of hazardous substances.

Through this analysis, you may become aware of environmental risks that you did not know about. If so, you may want to consult with an environmental engineer or an attorney.

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Describe the proposed activity:

Calista, in coordination with ACS and the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA), proposes to install approximately 125 miles (mi) of new FOC from Napakiak (southern terminus) to Upper Kalskag (northern terminus). The proposed project crosses a number of navigable waterbodies under DNR's jurisdiction including the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used to cross under these navigable waterbodies.

Please See Attachment 1 - Development Plan for additional information.

In the course of your proposed activity will you generate, use, store, transport, dispose of, or otherwise come in contact with toxic and/or hazardous materials, and/or hydrocarbons? ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, please list the substances and the associated quantities. Use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

No toxic, hazardous, or hydrocarbons will be stored on DNR-managed lands.

If the proposed activities involve any storage tanks, either above or below ground, address the following questions for each tank. Please use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary, and, where appropriate, include maps or plats:

a. Where will the tank be located?

N/A

b. What will be stored in the tank?

N/A

c. What will be the tank's size in gallons? N/A

d. What will the tank be used for? (Commercial or residential purposes?)

N/A

e. Will the tank be tested for leaks? N/A

f. Will the tank be equipped with leak detection devices? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, describe:

N/A

Do you know or have any reason to suspect that the site may have been previously contaminated? ☐ Yes ☒ No.

If yes, please explain:

N/A

I certify that due diligence has been exercised and proper inquiries made in completing this questionnaire, and that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Table 1. List of Navigable Waters^{1,2}

Sheet Reference (Appendix A)	Waterbody Name	MTRS ³	Lat/Long (centered)	Approximate Bore Diameter (inches)	Approximate Distance (feet)	Adjacent Landowner	Season of Installation
Sheet 1	Gweek River (Xing A)	T9N, R69W, S5	-160.68695/61.33515	6	983	Akiachak, Limited	Winter
Sheet 2	Kuskokwim River (Xing A)	T9N, R69W, S25, 26	-160.72674/61.32779	8	1,020	Kwethluk, Incorporated	Summer
Sheet 2	Kuskokuak Slough	T9N, R69W, S36	-160.74351/61.31129	8	1,498	Kwethluk, Incorporated	Summer
Sheet 2	Kwethluk River	T8N, R69W, S5	-160.79451/61.28193	6	696	Kwethluk, Incorporated	Winter
Sheet 3	Kuskokwim River (Xing B)	T12N, R66W, S21, 22, 27	-160.84754/61.21739	8	3,180	Tulkisarmute, Incorporated	Summer
Sheet 3	Tuluksak River	T12N, R66W, S27	-160.98242/61.10811	6	346	Tulkisarmute, Incorporated	Winter
Sheet 4	Gweek River (Xing B)	T13N, R65W, S13	-160.97158/61.09774	6	214	Tulkisarmute, Incorporated	Winter
Sheet 5	Unnamed Slough of Kuskokwim 1 (Xing A)	T14N, R64W, S20	-161.45697/60.84184	6	98	Tulkisarmute, Incorporated	Winter
Sheet 6	Unnamed Slough of Kuskokwim 1 (Xing B)	T14N, R64W, S10	-161.54786/60.89429	6	90	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Winter
Sheet 6	Israthorak Creek	T14N, R64W, S3	-161.43866/60.83023	6	343	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Winter
Sheet 6	Unnamed Slough of Kuskokwim 2 (Xing A)	T15N, R64W, S36	-160.66807/61.34289	6	323	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Winter
Sheet 7	Unnamed Slough of Kuskokwim 2 (Xing B)	T15N, R63W, S6	-160.65350/61.41517	6	485	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Winter
Sheet 8	Mud Creek	T16N, R63W, S1	-161.64761/60.87958	6	195	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Winter
				Total distance	~9,471 feet (~1.8 miles)		

¹ Source: DNR Navigable Waters Mapper [Alaska Mapper - Navigable Waters](#); ² Unnamed Slough of Kuskokwim 2 Crossings included in RDI for the Kuskokwim River issued June 12, 2013; ³ Seward Meridian