UAF Toolik Field Station Lease Information Item

BACKGROUND
The Toolik Field Station was established by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Institute of Arctic Biology in 1975 as a site for integrated research in arctic atmospheric, aquatic, and terrestrial systems on federal land. UAF Researchers chose the site for its unique access to different arctic tundra and aquatic environments. A 20-year lease between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the University of Alaska was entered into on June 28, 1994 and will terminate June 28, 2014. The lease area encompasses approximately 26.84 acres and a nominal fee of $53.68 per year is paid for the lease. The lease may be renewed upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Access to the Toolik Field Station lease site is via a 3,960 feet road extending west between Milepost 284 and 285 of the Dalton Highway. Construction and use of this road is authorized by Right-of-Way issued by BLM. The Right-of-Way expires a day earlier than the lease on June 27, 2014 and will be renewed at the same time as the lease.

PROJECT UPDATE
Following BLM process, the lease renewal process will begin no earlier than 6 months prior (December 28; 2013) to the termination date of the lease term.