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**Potential Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget**

As many of you know, earlier this week Governor Dunleavy set forth a proposed state budget with drastic cuts for a variety of programs and resources that impact people all over Alaska. The UA system alone would be looking at a drop of \$134 million, approximately 41 percent of its current budget from the state.

We're also aware that rural areas would be hit hard. In particular, the Chilkat Valley community would certainly be affected by the sharp cuts for the ferry system. The potential cuts to public radio would adversely affect KHNS too.

"In light of all of this, the UA Lands office remains committed as ever to being good neighbors. We know this means maximizing revenue for Alaskan students. Through the timber sale, we want to provide economic opportunity for Haines, and academic opportunity for students coming from the Chilkat Valley region," said Laura Carmack, regional resource manager for the UA Lands office.

"As the University President said this week, 'students come first in everything we do.' We will keep moving forward full steam ahead at the UA Land office to benefit students and communities," said Elaine Main, business manager for the UA Land office.