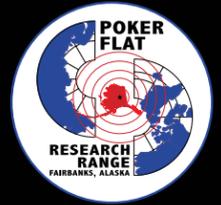




NASA Sounding Rockets Program Poker Flat Research Range



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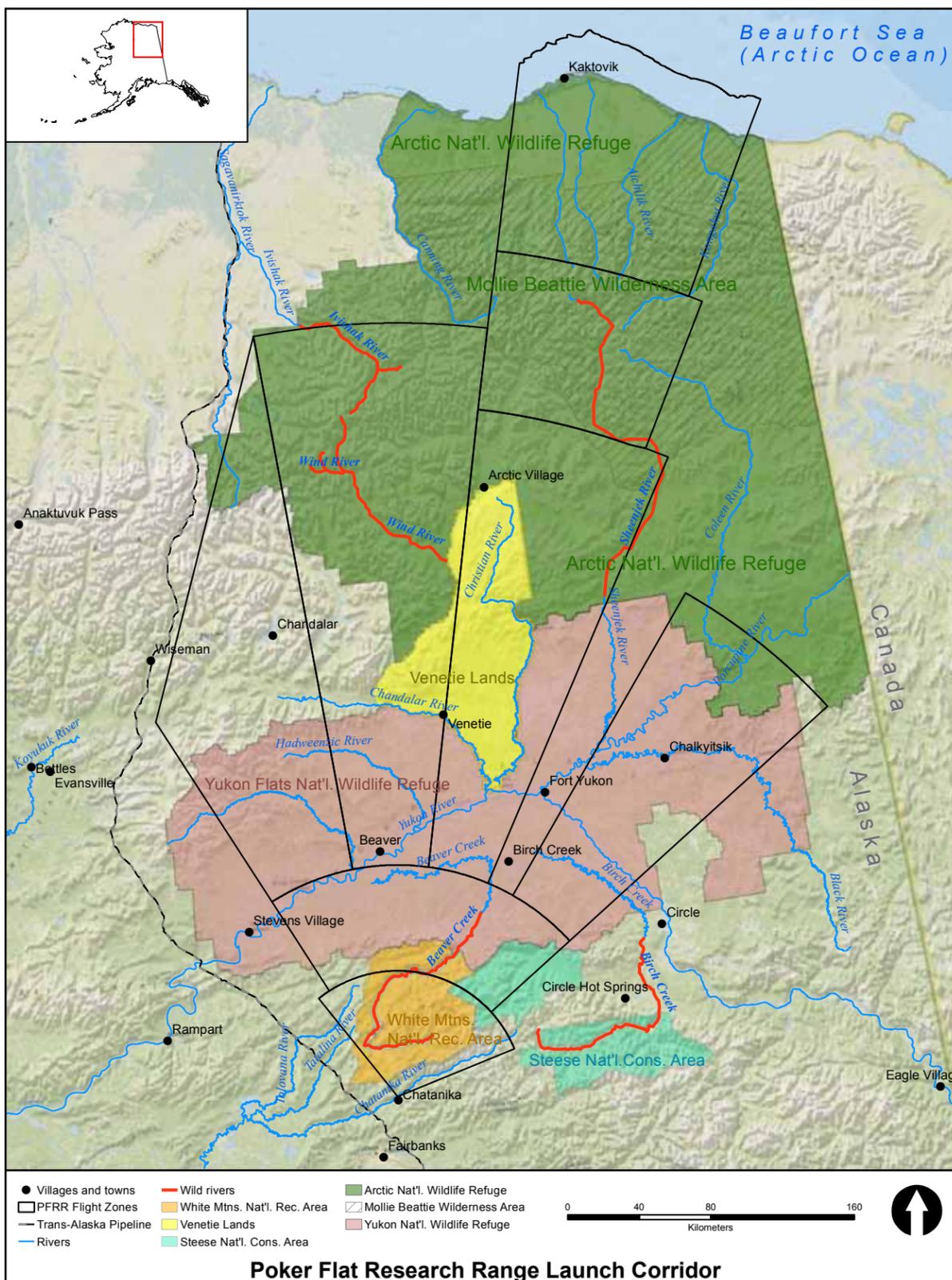
Public Meetings - Please Attend

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for its Sounding Rockets Program (SRP) at the University of Alaska Fairbank's (UAF's) Poker Flat Research Range (PFRR) 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Owned and operated by UAF since 1968, the PFRR is a launch facility for sounding rockets, which carry scientific instruments into regions of the upper atmosphere and space that are inaccessible by other commonly used observation methods (e.g., satellites and balloons). The primary types of missions conducted by NASA at PFRR are in partnership with university scientists who study the Earth's atmosphere and its interaction with the space environment.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Draft EIS evaluates the effects of NASA's continued operations at PFRR. The Draft EIS addresses a range of action alternatives as well as a No Action alternative.

NASA is hosting public meetings to provide further information regarding NASA's Sounding Rocket Program and to request input from the public and government representatives regarding the Draft EIS. All interested parties are invited to attend.



Public Meetings

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012
6 - 8 p.m.**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Alaska Region Office
1011 East Tudor Road
Anchorage, AK 99503

**Thursday, October 25, 2012
6 - 8 p.m.**

Bureau of Land Management
Fairbanks District Office
1150 University Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Please submit comments on the Draft EIS by **November 28, 2012** to:

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A toll-free telephone number, (800) 521-3415, is also available for persons outside the local calling area. When using the toll-free number, please follow the menu options and enter the "pound sign (#)" followed by extension numbers "2319."

If you require special assistance to attend the meetings, please contact Joshua Bundick at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

Additional information may be found on the internet at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pfrr_eis.html