

# Section VI

## Vision, Goals, Objectives and Strategies

*Where we are going*

Regional Vision Statement  
Regional Goals, Objectives and Strategies  
Sub Regional Priorities

## VI VISION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

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### REGIONAL VISION STATEMENT:

The Copper Valley will be a place where cultural and ethnic diversity shall be embraced, and where a subsistence and rural lifestyle will be maintained and strong healthy family values cultivated. Any economic growth will be balanced with our desire to protect the environment and retain our current lifestyle. Our communications will foster greater ties between private and public entities to create a cohesive region in which partnerships and collaborations are encouraged. The Copper Valley will become an attractive and inviting place to live, work and play.



**REGIONAL GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:**  
**Presented in Order of Priority**

**Regional Strategies Common to All Goals and Objectives**

At every meeting held by CRNA, a common theme implementing the strategies identified below was expressed. A majority of the participants wanted to maintain their existing rural lifestyle. The residents expressed the desire to accomplish these goals through volunteerism (local community action committees), working with existing state and federal organizations and the help of organizations like CVDA, Kenny Lake Community League, McCarthy Council, Native Corporations, etc.

<i>Utilities/Potable Water</i>			
<b>Goal: All residents will have access to Commercial utilities that are affordable and reliable. All residents who so desire will have access to potable water.</b>			
<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Provide and maintain more public rest areas with restroom facilities and refuse disposal.	Encourage and support the Department of Transportation to increase the amount of rest area on Copper Valley Road systems.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, DOT, DNR, NPS, AI
Provide reliable, clean safe water that is more accessible to remote areas	Encourage and support villages, communities and Tribal Governments in their efforts to install community wells.	FY 10	AVSW, CVDA, CRNACVRC&D, DOT, DNR, NPS, AI
Local Piped Water Supply	Encourage and support villages, communities and Tribal Governments in their efforts to install community piped water systems.	FY 10	AVSW, CRNA CVDA, CVRRC&D

***Analysis of Utilities and Potable Water:***

**Economic Advantages:**

- On the road system to Anchorage
- Crossroads to many travel destinations within Alaska

**Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:**

- Rural character associated with bush, but not a road-less community, therefore not eligible to participate in programs designated for road less communities.
- Lack of potable water and drilling of wells is an expensive and risky proposition, and maintenance is costly during cold temperatures due to the high cost of power and fuel.

**Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:**

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- ⇒ Niche Agricultural markets and agricultural development

## *Education and Youth Opportunities*

**Goal: To Create a qualified future workforce by offering quality education and adequate recreational opportunities for the youth of the Copper Valley**

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Encourage long term plan to provide mobile school rooms to address the fluctuating enrollment in various communities.	Support communities and Copper River School District in efforts to maintain portable buildings for the use of classrooms.	FY 10	CRSD, CRNA, AI Sanford Tribal
Students shall learn skills that will prepare them vocationally and academically for future employment	• Support educators in program development for more vocational and technical curriculum.	FY 10	CRSD, BLM, CRNA, AI
	• Increase intern and mentoring programs.	FY 10	
Meaningful opportunities for employment and recreation will be offered to the youth of the Copper Valley by its businesses, industries, communities and governments.	Support local business, industry, communities and government in offering divergent and meaningful employment and recreation opportunities to Copper Valley Youth	FY 10	CRSD, BLM, CRNA, AI
Insure that education will produce literate functional and productive citizens.	Support educators in program development for more vocational and technical Curriculum.	FY 10	CRSD, BLM, CRNA, AI

### *Analysis of Education and Youth Opportunities:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Low school enrollment for core school opportunities and programs.
- Lack of adequately trained work force.
- Limited childcare and after school programs available for children of working parents
- High substance abuse rate

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- ⇒ Mining
- ⇒ Oil and Gas Development
- ⇒ Forestry

## *Resource Utilization and Conservation*

**Goal: Resources will be used in an environmentally responsible way by all Copper Valley industries.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Public lands will be open and accessible to responsible and environmentally sound extraction of natural resources.	Support the development of mining, petroleum and logging	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, BLM, DNR, NPS, AI
Government and industry will work together on projects to utilize and conserve resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness of recycling through education and PSA.</li> <li>Support the efforts of locally driven recycling program (R.O.A.R.)</li> </ul>	FY 10 FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, BLM, DNR, NPS, AI
State and federal agencies will be sensitive and open to the regions use of its natural resources through community forums.	Support the development of inventories of renewable resources and non-renewable resources to help development strategy.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, BLM, DNR, NPS, AI
A coalition or organization of regional individuals who have an interest in the responsible development of Copper Basin Resources will be formed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster improved communications between entities involved for best conservation and utilization of resources.</li> <li>Assist communities in junk and abandoned car removal.</li> </ul>	FY 10 FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, BLM, DNR, NPS, AI, DC, EPA

### *Analysis of Resource Utilization and Conservation:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor
- Access to Copper River and fish resources

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Low forest productivity
- No access to natural gas reserves
- Lack of private land

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- ⇒ Mining
- ⇒ Oil and Gas Development
- ⇒ Forestry
- ⇒ Niche agricultural markets and agricultural development

## *Emergency Preparation and Response / Public Safety*

**Goal: Residents and industry in the Copper Valley will be better equipped to handle emergency situations.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Make available and house in a common location, educational materials on existing resources and services to reduce duplicative services.	Encourage coordinated services and communications between federal, state and local emergency organizations.	FY 10	CVDA, LEPC, FEMA, CRNA, Ahtna
Increased communication and coordination both legislatively and statewide.	Support the development of state –wide and region-wide coordinated FEMA response teams from communities.	FY 10	CVDA, LEPC, SERC CRNA, Ahtna Inc.
Have a higher number of certified Volunteer Fire Departments.	Identify existing stations and units, educate the public and support efforts towards more certification.	FY 10	CVDA, LEPC, SERC CRNA, Ahtna Inc.

## *Analysis of Emergency Preparation and Response / Public Safety*

### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor

### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Limited health care facilities
- Limited access to news outlets and mass communication
- High cost of homeowners insurance for fire protection
- Lack of availability of homeowners insurance

### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

# Transportation

**Goal: The Copper Valley will be a safe and attractive place to live, work and play.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Performance Measure/ Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Maintain and improve safety of existing roadways, trails, paths and facilities.	Support the Department of Transportation in their efforts to maintain and improve Copper Valley Roadways.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D NPS
Provide and maintain public restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and solid waste disposal services.	Support public and private agencies in their construction and maintenance of public restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and solid waste disposal.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D CRNA, Ahtna Inc.
Community aviation plans with essential protected air services.	Support efforts to establish aviation plans with essential protected air services.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D
Make the McCarthy Road a priority in the DOT budget and construction plans.	Support the Department of Transportation in their efforts to maintain and improve the McCarthy Road.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D
Encourage DOT to clean up and do revegetation with Native plant materials on all disturbed soils for roads, paths, and trails.	Maintain and improve safety of existing roadways, trails, paths and facilities.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D
Solve access issues in gateway communities to Wrangell St. Elias National Park	Encourage and facilitate dialog between gateway communities and Wrangell St. Elias National Park.	FY 10	DOT, DNR, CVDA, CVRC&D

## *Analysis of Transportation:*

### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor
- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads to many travel destinations within Alaska and Canada
- 110 miles from ice free port

### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Rural character associated with bush, but not a road less community, therefore not eligible to participate in programs designated for road less communities.
- Winter road conditions
- Distance to markets and ports

### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of resident

## *Small Business / Agriculture Development*

**Goal: The Copper Valley will be a safe and attractive place to live, work and play.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Diversification of economy by promoting cottage resource based industry, responsible natural resource development and Eco-Tourism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and provide small business development educational opportunities to assist area businesses with developing their resources.</li> </ul>	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVC DCED, CRNA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and encourage the Copper Valley Development Association, Inc. in their efforts to do a feasibility study and build a multi-purpose community building for the Copper Valley.</li> </ul>	FY 10	
Development of local Copper River based products and their sale in local, statewide and national markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and promote a Copper River Niche market.</li> </ul>	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVC DCED, CRNA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue production of Copper River Valley Business &amp; Community Directory.</li> </ul>	FY 10	
Establish a community based entity to encourage the state to make more lands available for resource development and private enterprise.	Encourage and support the development of agency dedicated to acting as liaison to the State of Alaska in dispersing State lands for resource development and private enterprise.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVC DCED, CRNA

### *Analysis of Small Business / Agricultural Development*

#### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor
- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads to many travel destinations within Alaska and Canada
- 110 miles from ice free port
- No sales or income tax
- No property tax

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Too close to Anchorage to develop local economies
- High cost of power
- Lack of adequately trained work force
- Limited business opportunities due to proximity of communities to large urban markets
- Limited options for financial lending
- Limited office and retail space available

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- Tourism
- Small Manufacturing
- More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- Forestry
- Mining
- Gas and Oil Development
- Niche agricultural markets and agricultural development

## Recreation

**Goal: The Copper Valley will become a destination for tourists and residents alike. The youth of the area will have safe and wholesome recreational opportunities.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Develop eco-friendly cultural recreation opportunities that promote local essence.	Support the development of a local identity.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, DCED, CRNA, AI
Develop activities for youth that utilize local resources and culture to help prevent drug / alcohol / violence.	Support and encourage educational opportunities to youth and youth programs for the prevention of drug use/alcohol and violence.	FY 010	CRSD, CRNA, AI
Identify, publicize, protect and maintain a diverse system of trails.	Promote the development and maintenance of trail systems.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, DCED, NPS, DNR, E

## Analysis of Recreation

### Economic Advantages:

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- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads to many travel destinations within Alaska and Canada
- 110 miles from ice free port

### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Rural character associated with bush, but not a road less community, therefore not eligible to participate in programs designated for road less communities.
- Winter road conditions
- Distance to markets and ports
- Low population and density
- High substance abuse rates

### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

## Community Atmosphere and Culture

**Goal: The Copper Valley residents will have and appreciation and awareness of our richly diverse natural and cultural histories and pass this on to future generations and offer our visitors an appreciation of the copper Valley.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Retain rural lifestyle with no large scale developments.	Support the community wishes of no large scale development.	FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D
Chose community projects on a basis of community support and availability to financially support them.	Encourage the use of published community planning efforts by any agency, community or organizations projects.	FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED
There will exist a positive understanding and ongoing dialog between Native and Non-Native populations.	Encourage and support the dialog between Native and non-Native populations.	FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED
The Copper Valley will be a place of natural beauty with a marketable identity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote community clean-up and beautification.</li> <li>Encourage the development of a community identity.</li> </ul>	FY 10 FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED
Develop and maintain local historical and cultural features and sites, in particular Kennicott Mill Site, area museums, Ahtna Historical Village.	Support the development of historical and cultural sites within the Copper Valley, especially the Kennicott Mill Site, area museums, and the Ahtna Heritage Foundation's Historical Village.	FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED
Preserve unique diversified culture while promoting self-reliance and individualism.	Encourage and support any project promoting culture, self reliance and individualism.	FY 10	CRNA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED
Encourage communities to work together in harmony for the common good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the development of networking opportunities for communities to work together and maintain an ongoing dialog.</li> <li>Support community planning processes.</li> </ul>	FY 10 FY 10	CNRA, AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED

### *Analysis of Community Atmosphere and Culture:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor passes through the Copper Valley en route to Valdez with the potential for access to natural gas if it is transported along this corridor
- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads to many travel destinations within Alaska and Canada
- 110 miles from ice free port
- No property tax
- No income or sales tax

Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Distance to markets and ports
- Low population and population density
- High substance abuse rates
- Limited access to news outlets and mass communication
- Cost of living
- Limited professional services
- Limited business opportunities
- Lack of adequately trained workforce

Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

## Health and Social Services

**Goal: Everyone in the Copper Valley will have access to health and social services needed to maintain a quality of daily living that is consistent with communities elsewhere.**

Objective	Strategy	Beginning Timeline	Potential Partners
Continue to support Copper River Regional Health Network; a communication forum to improve coordination of services between entities to reduce duplicative services and meet needs of all in the Copper Valley.	• Support and participate in the Copper River Regional Health Network to continue working together and reducing duplicative services.	FY 10	CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, DC, CRNA, AI CRMC
	• Encourage health providers to offer services to all Valley residents.	FY 10	
Have a professional assessment done to address regionally stated concerns of the aged population, youth needs, special needs and solid waste.	Support the feasibility studies and their outcomes for an assisted living facility and other services for area seniors. Support the study of youth opportunity programs.	FY 10	CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, DC, CRNA, AI CRMC
The residents of the Copper Valley will be self-sufficient.	Encourage self-sufficiency with education and lower the need for social services	FY 10	CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, DC, CRNA, AI
All residents of the Copper Valley will have improved medical response times to major urban hospitals.	Support the development of increased air rescue services. Support the development of new facilities for local health care services	FY 10	CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, DC, CRNA, AI CRMC
Improve delivery of medical services to all area residents	Support the development of additional medical providers in our region	FY 10	CRNA, MSTC CRMC

### *Analysis of Health and Social Services:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads of many travel destinations

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Limited access to news outlets and mass communications
- Limited professional services
- Limited health care facilities
- Limited home health care providers
- Limited low cost housing

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

# Tourism

## Goal: The Copper Valley will become a tourist destination.

Objective	Strategy	Beginning Timeline	Potential Partners
Increased tourism in a manner which protects our environment and lifestyle.	Encourage and support projects and education for environmentally safe tourism markets.	FY 10	AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, EPA
The regions niche markets will be identified and promoted making the region a recognizable and marketable destination.	Encourage and support the identification and marketing of Copper Valley's unique niche markets.	FY 10	AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, EPA
Road Travelers will be aware of indiscriminate littering and improper land use.	Encourage and support education for making visitors aware of indiscriminate littering, and improper land use.	FY 10	AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, EPA, DOT
The Copper Valley will provide roadside services to travelers in our region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support roadside facility development for trash and restroom facilities.</li> <li>Encourage the development of access points for tourists so trespass is reduced</li> </ul>	FY 10 FY 10	AI, CVDA, GCVCC, CVRC&D, DCED, EPA, DOT

### Analysis of Tourism:

#### Economic Advantages:

- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads of many travel destinations
- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park world heritage site
- Access to Copper River and other fish sources
- 110 miles from ice free port
- No property taxes
- No sales or income taxes

#### Economic Disadvantages/economic factors affecting performance Objective/Strategy would overcome:

- Limited access to news outlets and mass communications
- Limited professional services
- Limited health care facilities
- Limited home health care providers
- Limited low cost housing
- Winter temperatures and darkness
- Poor winter road conditions
- Not linked to state rail system
- Lack of private land
- High fuel costs

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- ⇒ Niche agricultural markets and agricultural development

## Employment

**Goal: The Copper Valley will have quality employment opportunities.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Local recruitment and apprentice programs for federal permanent jobs.	Support and promote existing mentorship programs and educational opportunities for federal jobs.	FY 10	DOL, BLM, NPS, CRSD, PWSCC, CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVCC, DCED, CNRA, AI
Development of cultural tourism employment.	Encourage organizations to take advantage of resources and local opportunities.	FY 10	DOL, BLM, NPS, CRSD, PWSCC, CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVCC, DCED, CNRA, AI
Creation of more locally developed enterprises that employ local people.	Promote partnerships between public schools, trade unions and industries to provide education that is applicable to employment.	FY 10	DOL, BLM, NPS, CRSD, PWSCC, CVDA, CVRC&D, GCVCC, DCED, CRNA, AI

### *Analysis of Employment:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads of many travel destinations
- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park world heritage site
- Access to Copper River and other fish sources

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Low school enrollment for more school opportunities and programs
- Lack of adequately trained work force

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ Tourism
- ⇒ Small Manufacturing
- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

## Housing

**Goal: The Copper Valley will have adequate and quality housing to meet its labor force and infrastructure needs.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
Increased housing available through private enterprise.	Support efforts to bring more private enterprise to the area or efforts to build rental housing.	FY 10	DCED, CVDA, HUD, Private CRNA, AI, CVRC&D, Industry,
Increased rental properties available	Support housing development projects.	FY 10	DCED, CVDA, HUD, Private CRNA, AI, CVRC&D, Industry,
Build housing with shared infrastructure on suitable terrains.	Encourage and support the development of agency dedicated to acting as liaison to the State of Alaska in dispersing State lands for resource development and private enterprise. Encourage land owners to transfer land to private ownership for development	FY 10	DCED, CVDA, HUD, Private CRNA, AI, CVRC&D, Industry,
	Support and encourage projects within the Copper Valley that promote shared infrastructure on suitable terrains.	FY 10	DCED, CVDA, HUD, Private CRNA, AI, CVRC&D, Industry,

### *Analysis of Housing:*

#### Economic Advantages:

- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads of many travel destinations
- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park world heritage site
- Access to Copper River and other fish sources
- No property taxes
- No sales or income taxes
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor

#### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Difficulty in installing approved septic and sewage treatment systems, lack of piped systems in outlying areas
- Lack of private land
- Limited low cost housing
- Limited housing meeting AHFC loan requirements
- Limited local options for financial lending
- High cost of homeowners insurance for fire protection
- Lack of availability of homeowners insurance

#### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

- ⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents
- ⇒ Gas and oil development
- ⇒ Mining
- ⇒ Forestry

## *Communication Between Government Agencies and Community*

**Goal:** The Copper Valley will have a network of communication between all Tribal, State, Federal, and private organizations creating a cohesive community.

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Beginning Timeline</i>	<i>Potential Partners</i>
The Copper Valley will have a readily available emergency and mitigation plan in place.	Continue to support the efforts of the Copper River Emergency Planning Committee in writing and publishing a living document for emergency planning and mitigation.	FY 10	CVDA, LEPC, ADES, FEMA
Increased communications between communities.	• Encourage participation in local community events to foster information exchange.	FY 10	CVDA, CVRC&D, PWSCC, CRNA, AI, AHF All Community Agents
	• Support networking projects such as the Roundtable Discussion group.	FY 10	

## *Analysis of Communications between Government Agencies and Community:*

### Economic Advantages:

- On the road system with easy access to Anchorage
- Crossroads of many travel destinations
- Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park world heritage site
- Access to Copper River and other fish sources
- No property taxes
- No sales or income taxes
- Trans Alaska Pipeline corridor

### Economic Disadvantages and economic factors affecting performance the Objective and Strategy would overcome:

- Low population and population density
- Not linked to state rail system
- Limited access to news outlets and mass communication, Internet, especially in outlying communities

### Economic Opportunities objective and strategy would affect:

⇒ More local services that economically fit the needs of residents

## Potential Partners Key

<b>AHF:</b> Ahtna Heritage Foundation	<b>CVEA:</b> Copper Valley Electric Company	<b>GCVCC:</b> Greater Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce
<b>AI:</b> Ahtna Inc.	<b>CVTC:</b> Copper Valley Telephone Coop	<b>LEPC:</b> Local Emergency Planning Committee
<b>ASFG:</b> Alaska State Fish and Game	<b>DC:</b> Denali Commission	<b>ADES:</b> Alaska Division of Emergency Services
<b>AVSW:</b> Alaska Village Safe Water	<b>DCED:</b> Department of Community and Economic Development	<b>DOL &amp; WD:</b> Department of Labor & Workforce Development
<b>BLM:</b> Bureau of Land Management	<b>DNR:</b> Department of Natural Resources	<b>PWSCC:</b> Prince William Sound Community College
<b>CRNA:</b> Copper River Native Association	<b>DOT:</b> Department of Transportation	
<b>CRSD:</b> Copper River School District	<b>EDA:</b> Economic Development Agency	
<b>CVDA:</b> Copper Valley Development Association, Inc.	<b>EPA:</b> Environmental Protection Agency	
<b>CVRC&amp;D:</b> Copper Valley Resource Conservation and Development	<b>NPS:</b> National Park Service	

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# Section VII

## Documentation of Process

Community Participation  
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Concerns  
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## VII DOCUMENTATION OF RESOURCES

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### **Community Participation Methodology and Disclaimer**

This report contains a summary of the results of public meetings, surveys, and feedback administered between Feb. 2009, and May 2009. The five (5) community Workshops and two (2) Regional community workshops were advertised in the Copper Valley Bi-Weekly Newspaper, KCAM Radio Station, KCHU Radio Station and a mailing campaign to every box holder in the Copper Valley.

At the community workshops, the participants were asked to voice values and concerns that were then written on a flip chart and then vote for the items the group felt was most important. The results of the highest priority items are contained within this document. Every attempt to include all opinions shared has been made to include in this document. Those that have been left out are the concerns, opinions, or suggestions that Copper River Native Association has no power of authority to initiate or complete.

The summary contained within is not scientific. The quantitative responses have been tabulated and presented as a percentage of the total respondents within each area of interest presented within the survey and public meetings.

While these tables represent the views and opinions shared during the community workshops, not all views are recorded within these tables because they were held by only a few individuals. It was also determined that some of the opinions from Regional Workshops were best expressed and documented within the Regional Goals, Objectives and Strategies, rather than in the table below.

Complete lists of the comments, in their entirety, are available upon request from the Copper River Native Association for use in community specific plans.

The following tables represent the community specific values and concerns.

Area	Community Specific Comments
Chistochina / Slana / Mentasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better radio and television reception</li> <li>• Solid waste management</li> <li>• Youth center</li> <li>• No industrial tourism industries</li> <li>• Mom and pop type restaurant</li> <li>• Clinic</li> <li>• High School</li> <li>• Ambulance service closer to Slana</li> </ul>
Gulkana, Gakona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Community water / sewer systems</li> <li>• Build Head start and child care facility in area</li> <li>• Enhance partnership with local school district</li> <li>• Start an all ages after school program</li> <li>• Build post secondary and vocational &amp; technical center</li> <li>• Find balanced approach to Economic Development</li> <li>• Involvement in local emergency preparedness planning</li> <li>• Enhance involvement of all Community groups</li> <li>• Work with local mapping to quicken Emergency Response Times</li> <li>• Youth training opportunities to develop Future EMS and Fire crews</li> <li>• Develop flexible schedules for local law enforcement (VPSO)</li> <li>• Expand local transit system to provide increased frequency and hours of operation</li> <li>• Need for local fuel station</li> <li>• Develop bike path and foot bridge for river crossing</li> <li>• Improve and develop waysides on Highways</li> <li>• Management plan for trail use along the Gulkana River</li> <li>• Paved roads in Gulkana Village</li> <li>• Create market survey for small business development/Demand for service</li> <li>• Start Alternative Energy business in wood products (pellet stoves)</li> <li>• Identify year around Employment Opportunities</li> <li>• Build local Arts &amp; Crafts Co-Op</li> <li>• Develop and maintain Trail System for hiking, Cultural tours and Eco-tours</li> <li>• Develop local Social Services(Food Bank, Fee Agent)</li> <li>• Upgrade clinic staffing to include Physician Assistant</li> <li>• Build more housing that is affordable and energy rated</li> <li>• Establish opportunities for home ownership</li> <li>• Enhance Weatherization Program awareness and utilization</li> <li>• Build local assisted living facility</li> <li>• Need for local public laundry, shower, drinking water facility</li> <li>• Build refuse and septic dumping station</li> <li>• Improve Regional communications with School District, local Service providers and agencies</li> </ul>
Tolsona, Mendeltna, Nelchina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulate run off from way station near Mendeltna Creek</li> <li>• Re-open Lottie Sparks School</li> <li>• Volunteer Fire Department for Nelchina – Mendeltna</li> <li>• Trail management</li> </ul>
Copper Center, Tazlina, Glennallen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Well House with quality water</li> <li>• Establish piped local water distribution system</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create elder and youth programs</li> <li>• Provide regular transportation to enhance Boy's and Girl's club program</li> <li>• Provide transportation for after school activities and sports</li> <li>• Find funding to build vocational &amp; technical training center</li> <li>• Establish Copper Center Alumni Association to help with mentor programs for youth</li> <li>• Create a 13th year mentoring and prep. Program for village to city training</li> <li>• Incorporate more Alaska Native Teachers and Counselors into schools</li> <li>• Green alternative energy development</li> <li>• Identify opportunity sectors &amp; provide training for Natural Gas pipeline</li> <li>• Improve emergency preparedness and response times</li> <li>• Develop locally owned Medivac aircraft service</li> <li>• Improve road transport services</li> <li>• Support local law enforcement programs (VPSO)</li> <li>• Complete structuring of Emergency Response system for disaster</li> <li>• Increase communication with established (LEPC)</li> <li>• Train and supply new recruits for volunteer firemen</li> <li>• Get youth involved in EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement</li> <li>• Find ways to combat high cost of rural transportation</li> <li>• Expand local transit system and increase its service area and frequency of routes</li> <li>• Funding for small business development</li> <li>• Training for small business management and financial skills</li> <li>• Develop Guidelines and regulations for Recreational Access</li> <li>• Local level recreational fee management</li> <li>• Limit and control access to preserve Resources</li> <li>• Develop public road and trailside restrooms and garbage collection</li> <li>• Build local RV dump stations</li> <li>• Improve local and State waysides</li> <li>• Develop Partnerships with private &amp; public landowners for Economic development</li> <li>• Develop Community/Regional Pride with area wide Activities</li> <li>• Build new health clinic with community wide usability</li> <li>• Increase level of health practioners</li> <li>• Provide assisted living for elders and handicapped residence</li> <li>• Provide local Laundromats and Well Houses</li> <li>• Improve Transportation for Health Services and Urgent Care Transport to Anchorage</li> <li>• Encourage Local Industry to hire and train within the region</li> <li>• Develop Self Improvement skills training</li> <li>• Prepare youth in job and life skills to compete with urban workforce</li> <li>• Educate and Train current workforce and youth for future job skills</li> <li>• Promote Local Opportunities</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>Chitina , Kenny Lake, McCarthy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular trash dumps</li> <li>• Local owned Game processing facility</li> <li>• Community wells</li> <li>• Electrical intertie</li> <li>• Library funding</li> <li>• Teen programs</li> <li>• Elementary School in Chitina</li> <li>• Enhanced education and science activities in McCarthy</li> <li>• Protection of McCarthy Creek</li> </ul>

- Improved road maintenance on Old Edgerton Highway
- Improvements to McCarthy Road
- Bike path in McCarthy
- Trail management and development
- Health care in Kenny Lake
- Welcome to Kenny Lake sign
- Visitor information center in McCarthy
- Safe community water source in McCarthy
- Community brochure for McCarthy
- Acquisition of public lands for community use

## **Community Resources**

Copper Valley Electric Association  
 Copper Valley Development Association  
 Chitna Electric Inc.  
 Alaska Power & Telephone  
 Wrangell St. Elias National Park  
 Alaska Department of Transportation  
 Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
 Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
 Copper River Native Association  
 Cross Roads Medical Center  
 Glennallen Chiropractic Center  
 USDA Resource Conservation & Development Council  
 US Bureau of Land Management  
 Glennallen Improvement District  
 Copper Basin Sanitation Services Company  
 Prince William Sound Community College  
 Alaska Bible College  
 Copper Valley School District  
 Native Village of Gakona

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