



Birch Creek Community Plan

2015



Contents

Resolution	4
Vision	5
Assets	6
Values	6
Executive Summary.....	7
Community Profile.....	8
History	9
Location & Climate	9
Population & Demographics	10
Governance & Public Administration	10
Tribal Council.....	10
Law Enforcement & Justice	10
Regional Corporation: Doyon	10
Regional Non-profit Corporation: Tanana Chiefs Conference.....	11
Village Corporation.....	11
Land Status	11
Birch Creek Community Health & Wellness.....	13
Birch Creek Health & Wellness Priorities	13
Economy	14
Birch Creek Economic Development Priorities.....	14
Education	32
Birch Creek Education Priorities	33
Infrastructure.....	34
Water & Sewer	34
Landfill.....	35
Communication	35
Energy	35
Public Facilities & Services	37
Clinic.....	37
Washeteria.....	37
Transportation	38
Birch Creek Infrastructure Development Priorities	39

Birch Creek Housing40

 Birch Creek Housing Priorities40

References.....41

Appendices42

Resolution



Birch Creek Tribal Council

P.O. Box 71502

Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 374-9925

Resolution #15-11 Adopting Community Plan

Whereas, this Community Plan is important to the future growth and development of Birch Creek; and,

Whereas, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community; and,

Whereas, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community; and,

Whereas, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service delivery; and,

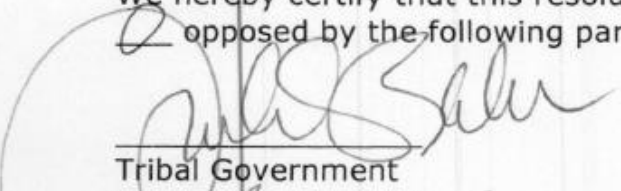
Whereas; it is understood that this document was created for public use and will be made publically available and,

Whereas, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision express in this plan.

Certification

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed and approved 4 in favor,
0 opposed by the following parties:


Tribal Government

12-3-15
Date


12-3-15
Date



Vision

Birch Creek is a thriving, healthy, safe community that values our culture and traditions while pursuing and encouraging sustainable economic and personal growth opportunities.



Assets

Elders
Subsistence
Church
Water
Family/People
Culture

Values

Safety
Family
Acceptance
Helping Each Other
Respect
Community Engagement
Communication

Executive Summary

In August of 2015 the Birch Creek Tribal Council held a community planning meeting in coordination with Tanana Chiefs Conference Planning Department and the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG). Through the continued community planning efforts, the people of Birch Creek were able to successfully define their vision, assets, values, and goals for the future. The Birch Creek Community Plan is a reflection of their effort and is intended as a tool to guide future development.



Community Profile

History

The Dendu Gwich'in traditionally occupied much of the Yukon Flats south of the Yukon River, including portions of the Crazy and White Mountains. Semi-permanent camps existed near the present village. The first written reference to a settlement in the Birch Creek area was in 1862 by a Fort Yukon clergyman who visited a camp established to provide fish for Hudson's Bay Company in Ft. Yukon.

Some anthropologists believe that this band was annihilated by scarlet fever in the 1880s, though there are ethnographic accounts of the use of this area from 1867 onwards. Birch Creek Jimmy was the founder of Birch Creek and was great chief among the chiefs in his days. He built a cabin in 1898 at the site of the Hudson Bay fish camp. Several years later, he was joined by other extended family members.

Around 1916, the group moved three miles upstream to the site of the present village. It was used as a seasonal base for harvest activities until the early 1950s, when the establishment of a school encouraged village residents to adopt a less nomadic way of life. The first airstrip was constructed in 1973.



Birch Creek Jimmy's home. Taken August 2015

Location & Climate

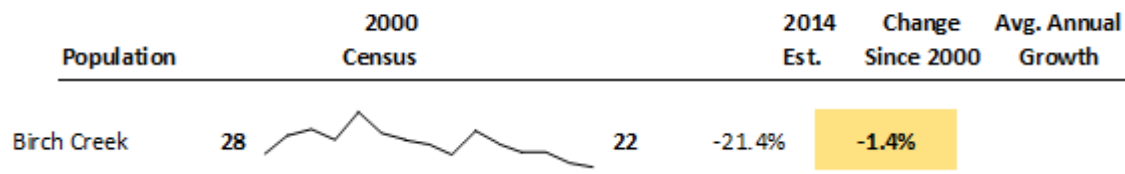
Birch Creek village is situated along Birch Creek approximately 26 miles southwest of Fort Yukon. The Dendu Gwich'in, "foothill mountain people", reside in this village and actively follow subsistence practices. Salmon, whitefish, moose, black bear, waterfowl and berries provide most of the food sources for the Dendu Gwich (International, 2009).

Birch Creek has a continental subarctic climate, characterized by seasonal extremes of temperature. Winters are long and harsh, and summers are warm and short. The average high temperature during July ranges from 65 to 72 °F. The average low temperature during January is well below zero. Extended periods of -50 to -60 °F are common. Extreme temperatures have been measured, ranging from a low of -71 to a high of 97 °F. Annual precipitation averages 6.5 inches, and snowfall averages 43.4 inches per year. Birch Creek is ice-free from mid-June to mid-October.



Population & Demographics

Figure 14: Historical population trends by community, 2000-2014



The current population of Birch Creek is 25.

Governance & Public Administration

Native Entity Within the State of Alaska	Borough/Census Area	Native Village Corporation	Native Regional Corporation	Community Name
Birch Creek Tribe	Yukon-Koyukuk	Tihteet'aa Inc.	Doyon Limited	Birch Creek

Tribal Council

Birch Creek's Native population is represented by a seven-member traditional council. The Birch Creek Tribe, also known as the Birch Creek Tribal Council or Denduu Gwich'in Tribal Council, is a federally recognized tribe in Alaska (<http://birchcreektribe.org>). It is eligible to administer a variety of federal programs, including local health care, employment assistance, social services, and tribal operations. Currently there is not a tribal office located in Birch Creek. The Tribal Administrator is currently located in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Law Enforcement & Justice

Currently there isn't a physical presence of law enforcement in Birch Creek. The Alaska State Troopers would be contacted if situations arise. Birch Creek does not have a tribal court.

Regional Corporation: Doyon

Doyon, Limited, the Native regional corporation for Interior Alaska, is a for-profit corporation with more than 19,000 shareholders. Established under the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Doyon is the largest private landowner in Alaska, with more than 12.5 million acres allocated to the corporation under ANCSA.

Regional Non-profit Corporation: Tanana Chiefs Conference

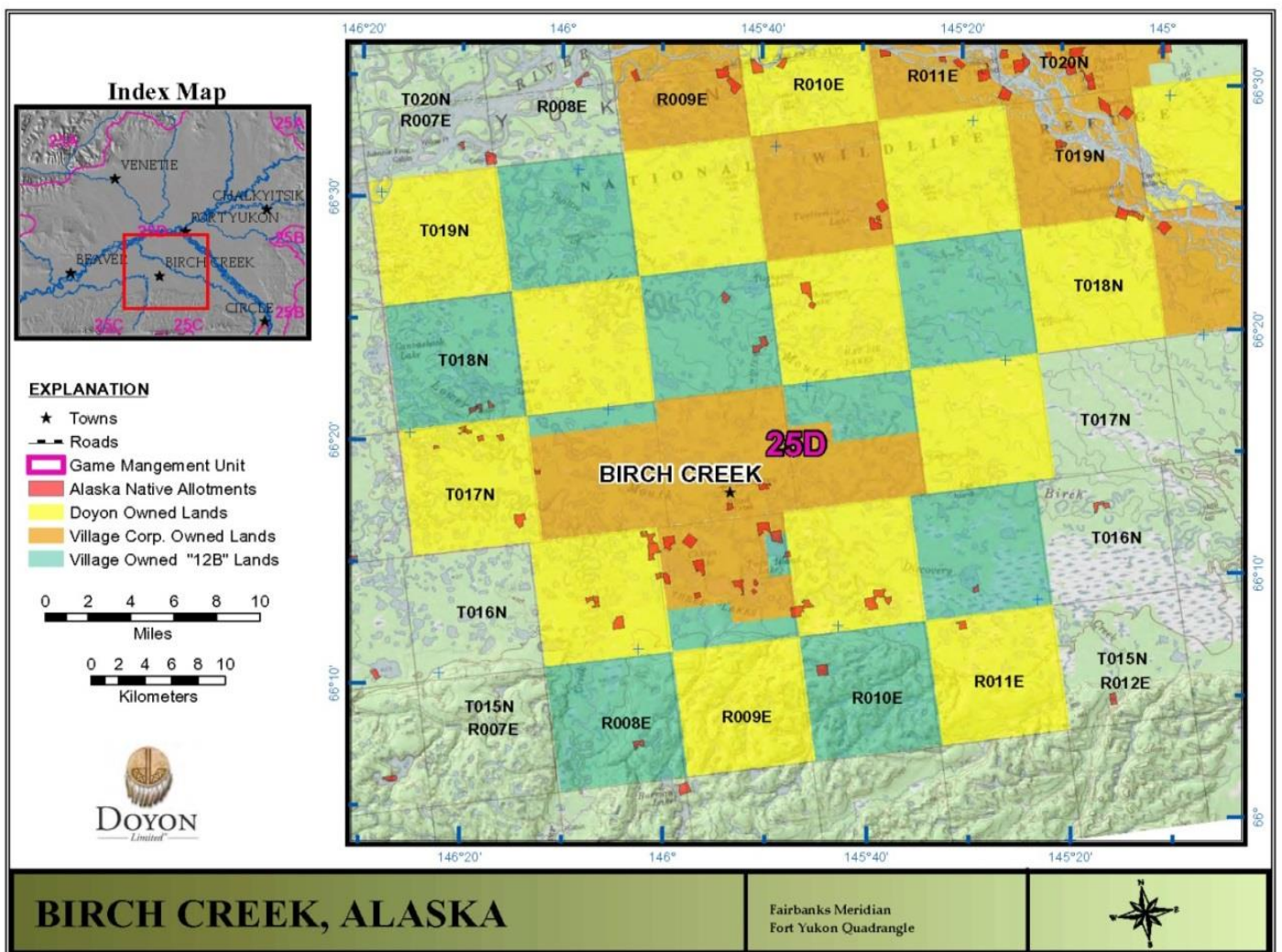
Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is the regional non-profit corporation for the Interior Region of Alaska. Established in 1962, the organization provides services to meet the health and social service needs of tribal members and beneficiaries of the 42 tribal communities in Alaska's interior (About Us, 2015).

Village Corporation

Tihteet'Aii Inc is the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act village corporation for the community. The corporation is governed by a President, Vice President, and number of board members.

Land Status

The Birch Creek Tribe owns 63,070 acres of surface estate within the core township surrounding the Village. That land was transferred to the Tribe from the Tihteet'Ali, Inc. village corporation in 1987. Additionally, the Tribe owns approximately 20 lots within the Alaska Native Townsite, totally around 15 acres.



Top Community Priorities

A community planning meeting was held over the course of two days in August 2015. During this planning session the community members of Birch Creek identified their top 5 priorities. These priorities include the following:

Employment, Education, and Training
Communication (Internet and Phone Access)
Grant Writing and Grant Management
Develop Infrastructure
Cultural Wellness and Sustainability

Birch Creek Community Health & Wellness

Birch Creek Health & Wellness Priorities

Priority: Keep our future healthy and safe by providing support and healthy alternatives.

Objective #1: Hire a Village Health Aide through collaboration with Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments (CATG).

Objective #2: Behavioral health workshops through collaboration with CATG.

Priority: Encourage engagement in the church.

Objective #1: Renovate housing for a priest.

Objective #2: Encourage and support others to attend the local church.

Priority: Increase community engagement through recreational nights.

Objective #1: Hold a monthly community game/movie night.

Objective #2: Engage in more subsistence activities as a group such as berry picking.



Economy

The economy of Birch Creek is based upon a mixed cash and subsistence economy. Salmon, whitefish, moose, black bear, waterfowl and berries provide most food sources. Wage income opportunities are extremely limited; there aren't many employment opportunities in Birch Creek. Most positions are through the Tribal Office and are currently being held by community members.

Birch Creek Economic Development Priorities

Priority: Create sustainable jobs within the community that utilize the skills and talents of residents. This will be very important in regaining the population needed to reopen the school

Objective #1: Support new, innovative ideas to build the local economy.

Objective #2: Explore opportunities to develop natural resources.

Priority: Utilize resources to develop economic growth for our community through collaboration and partnership.

Objective # 1: Encourage community engagement by holding more community events.

Objective #2: Collaborate with CATG to develop an environmental tech coordinator to help maintain the landfill.

Priority: Encourage local businesses

Objective #1: Research holding a small business and business financing requirements class.

Objective #2: Research the startup and operation costs for a local store.

Objective #3: Research possible small business opportunities such as a bed and breakfast.

Education

The school was closed in 1999 due to insufficient students. Children who wish to remain in the village must be home schooled or leave to attend school elsewhere. The Birch Creek School is a member of the Yukon Flats School District.

Closed School Gym, 2015



Old School Building, 2015



Closed School Common Area, 2015



Closed School Kitchen, 2015



Closed School Hallway, 2015



Birch Creek Education Priorities

Priority: Support residents in acquiring training and identifying job opportunities.

Objective #1: Support residents in identifying and enrolling in training opportunities

Objective #2: Ensure there is community participation in promoting and developing workforce development trainings.

Objective #3: Communicate and coordinate with proper organizations in identifying and marketing job opportunities available locally.

Priority: Reach out to organizations such as Interior Aleutian Campus, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and CATG to offer local courses and trainings. Many community members are interested in technical, behavioral health, and safety related trainings.

Objective #1: Reach out to the organizations and other appropriate organizations listed above and keep a list of available programs, trainings, and funding opportunities related to education and training.

Objective # 2: Better advertise education assistance programs and scholarships to encourage more residents to seek a higher education.

Priority: Leadership through mentorship and role modeling.

Objective #1: Promote and participate in community planning and infrastructure development.

Objective # 2: Foster rural development, mentoring with community leaders, and Alaska Native History.

Infrastructure

Water & Sewer

There is no running water or sewer available in Birch Creek. Community members have residential outhouses available to them.



The tribe operates a watering system that supplies potable water to residents to self-haul.

CampWater Industries provided and installed a CampWater model MA-1 Nanofiltration water treatment unit.



Landfill

The Birch Creek Landfill is a class III municipal solid waste disposal facility. The fencing around the landfill is deteriorating and should be replaced.



Communication

A landline phone system operated by United Utilities is available; however, there is no cell phone coverage. United Utilities is a GCI company. Limited internet access is available through some providers.

Energy

The tribe owns and operates the electric utility in Birch Creek. The Tanana Chiefs Conference, Information Insights, and WHPacific Inc. developed an Interior Alaska Regional Energy Plan that is part of a statewide effort led by the Alaska Energy Authority to “identify energy projects and priorities that will reduce the long-term cost of energy and dependence on fossil fuels in Alaska. The process is designed to look at the total mix of energy needs in rural Alaska, including electricity, heating and transportation, and consider all local and regional energy resources as well as energy efficiency and conservation (Interior Alaska, Regional Energy Plan, 2015).” The plan produced the following information regarding Birch Creek:

Table 1: Heat recovery systems completed or in development

Status	Community	Lead	Project Description	Next Step
Operational	Birch Creek	Birch Creek Tribal Council	A small waste heat recovery system was installed in the power module built by ESI, it heats the water plant and is not currently operable	Needs Repair

Phase I of the Regional Energy Planning process included an inventory of all potential energy resources in the Interior region. In Phase II, a preliminary assessment of resource potential was performed for each community. The goal was to develop a consistent set of criteria for rating resource potential that could be applied across communities and regions. This assessment looks at the potential for energy savings from additional project development based on available information¹.

		Resource Potential			Legend
		Low	Med	High	
Certainty	Low	LL	ML	HL	
	Med	LM	MM	HM	
	High	LH	MH	HH	

Birch Creek	H	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	H
	Biomass	Heat Recovery	Hydro	Wind	Energy Efficiency	Coal	Oil & Gas	Geothermal	Solar

Organization	Subregion	Timing	Priority
Birch Creek	Yukon Flats	Short	Installing a solar PV-diesel hybrid system with battery storage to serve small electric demand

¹ Energy information retrieved from Interior Alaska Regional Plan (2015).

Public Facilities & Services

Clinic

The clinic building in Birch Creek is old and could use repairs. The community is interested in starting the planning process in developing a multipurpose building that can house a new clinic area. CATG sends health aides to Birch Creek periodically.

Washeteria

The washeteria is no longer functional and has foundation issues. CATG has shown interest in sending down their staff for feasibility testing.



Transportation

Access to Birch Creek is primarily by the state-owned airstrip. Air services are usually provided by Wright's Air without a set schedule. Birch Creek is accessible by river boat in the summer and snow machine in winter to Fort Yukon. The main mode of transportation within the village is ATV and snow machine. No one in the community owns a car or truck.

When the water is high enough waste is removed and fuel is delivered by barge; however, this is not a consistent form of transportation or delivery.



Birch Creek Infrastructure Development Priorities

Priority: Multipurpose Building.

Objective #1: Research grant opportunities for a multipurpose building with running water.

Objective #2: Coordinate with CATG for a feasibility study on potential buildings for multipurpose building.

Priority: Look into getting access to running water.

Objective #1: Reach out to appropriate organizations for a feasibility study.

Objective #2: Research water and sewer funding opportunities.

Priority: Research funding opportunities to repair and purchase equipment.

Objective #1: Inventory current working/ nonworking equipment available.

Objective #2: Research funding opportunities to help repair available equipment.

Objective #3: Research funding opportunities to help purchase new equipment.

Priority: Research funding opportunities for Energy Assistance.

Objective #1: Reduce heating costs.

Objective # 2: Start the planning process in installing a solar PV-diesel hybrid system with battery storage to serve small electric demand.

Birch Creek Housing

All of the households in Birch Creek consist of Alaska Native or American Indian people who fall under a low income status. According to Interior Regional Housing Authority (IRHA) there are no current or new construction projects for 2015. There have been twenty rehab projects and one self-help in Birch Creek since 1998 according to IRHA records. According to TCC's records the TCC housing department has completed 13 weatherization projects in Birch Creek between 2007-2014.

Birch Creek Housing Priorities

Priority: Birch Creek is a place where residents and newcomers can find affordable housing that suits their needs.

Objective #1: Research and pursue grants that can support the construction and maintenance of housing.

Objective #2: Look into using unutilized funds through Interior Regional Housing Authority appropriately.

Objective #3: Research the pros and cons of operating an internal housing program.

Objective # 4: Improve communication and coordination with Interior Regional Housing Authority and Tanana Chiefs Conference Housing department.

Priority: Encourage and seek educational, employment, and training opportunities related to housing.

Objective # 1: Research and pursue educational opportunities in construction and other technical trainings that can help in the constructions and maintenance of housing.

Objective # 2: Encourage local hire in the construction and renovation of Birch Creek Housing.

References

International, G. C. (2009). *Gwich'in Council International*. Retrieved July 17, 2015, from The Gwich'in: <http://www.gwichin.org/gwichin.html>

About Us. (2007). Retrieved from <http://intranet.tananachiefs.org/about-tcc/>.

Home. (2015). Retrieved from <http://birchcreektribe.org/>

Interior Alaska Regional Energy Plan. July 2015

Appendices

Contact Information

Denduu Gwich'in Tribal Council Office

3202 Shell St.

Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: 907-455-8484

Fax: 452-5063

Website: <http://birchcreektribe.org/>

Birch Creek Clinic

Phone 907-221-2537

Fax: 907-221-2536

Tihteet'Aii Incorporated

P.O. Box 71372

Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: 907-455-8484 ext: 104

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

Phone: 1-800-478-6682

Counseling Center

Phone: 1-800-478-4741

Main Office

Phone: 1-800-478-6822

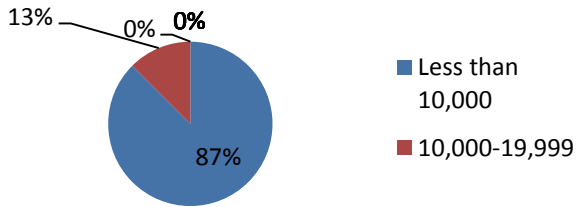
Yukon Flats School District

P.O. Box 350

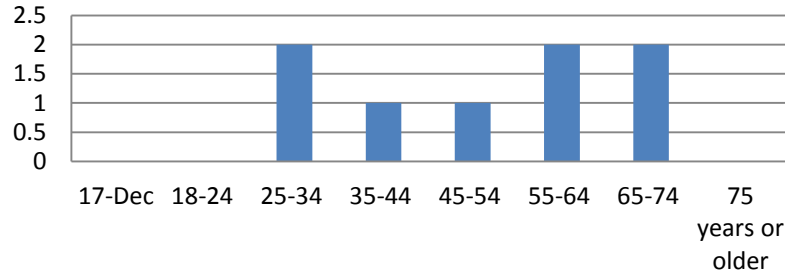
Fort Yukon, 99740

Housing Survey Data

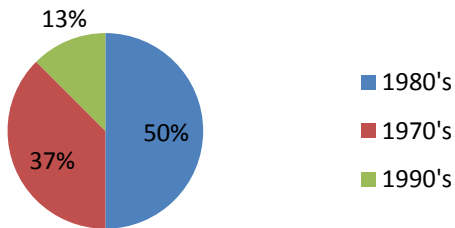
What is Your Household Income?



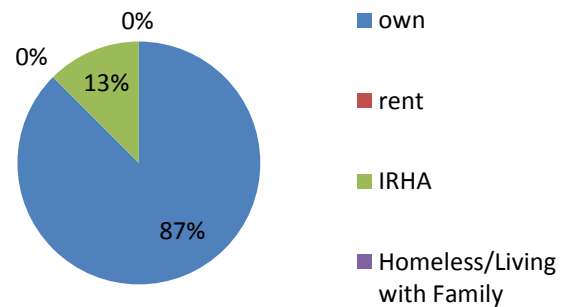
What is your age?



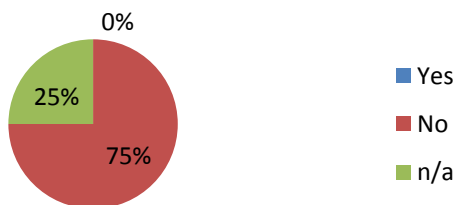
When Was Your Home Originally Built?



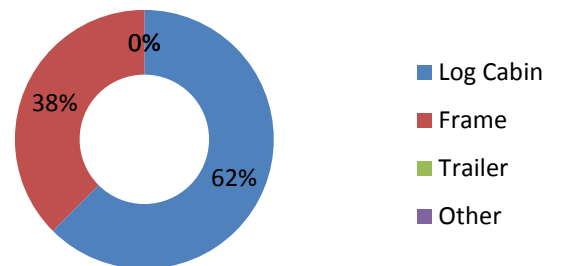
Home Owner Status



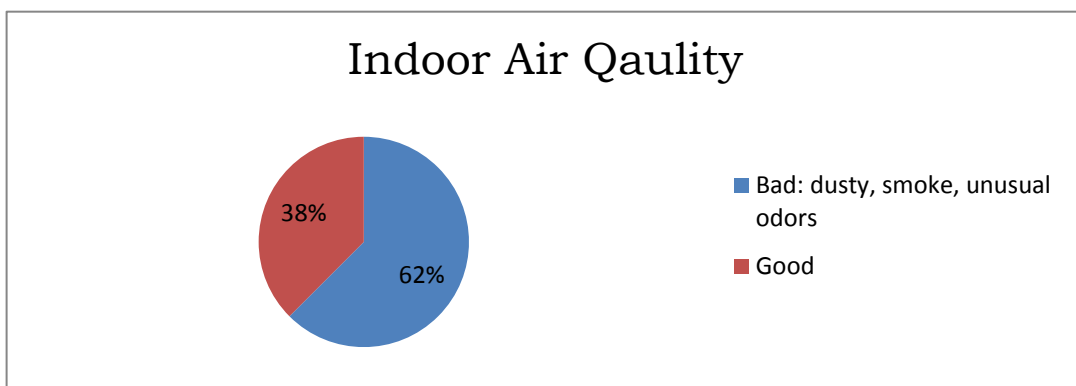
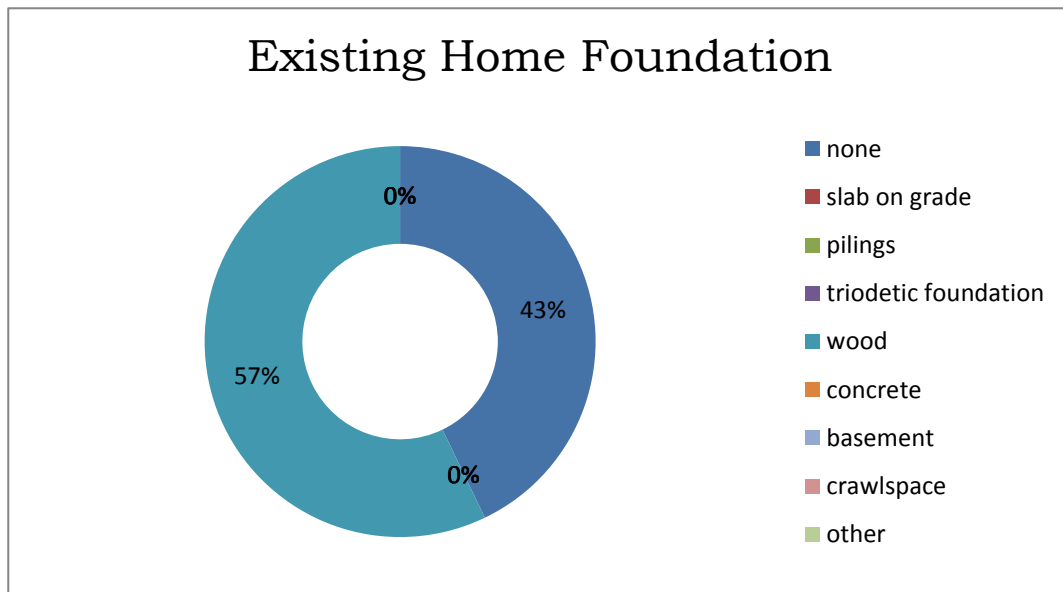
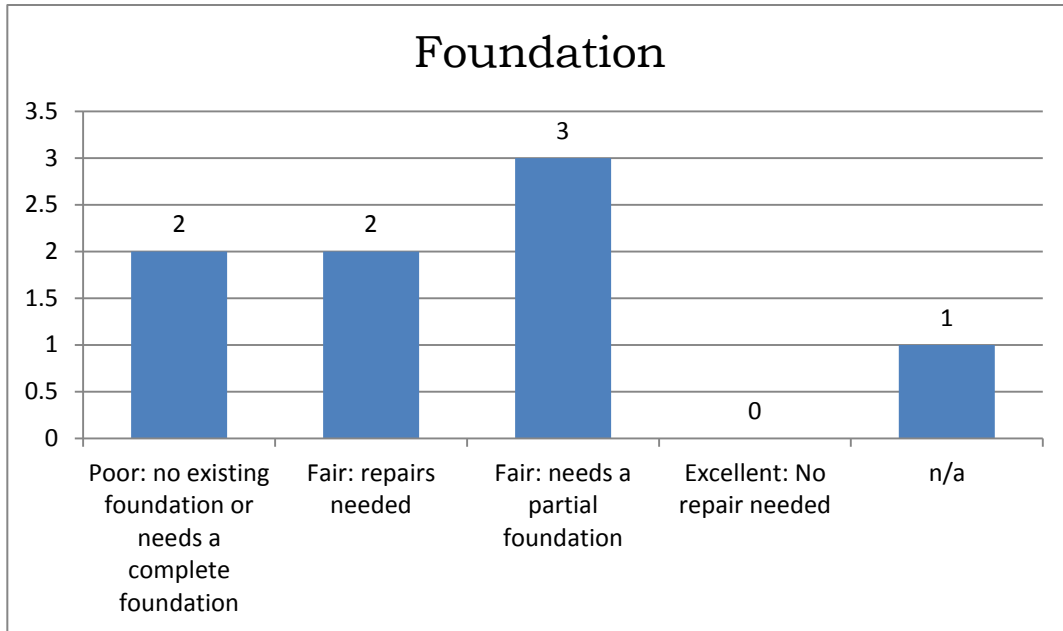
If you own your home do you have proof of ownership?



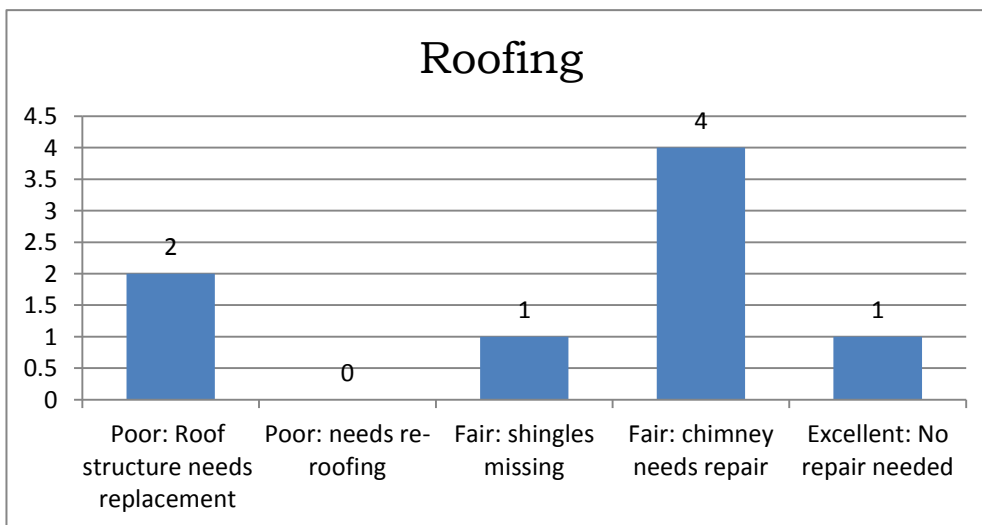
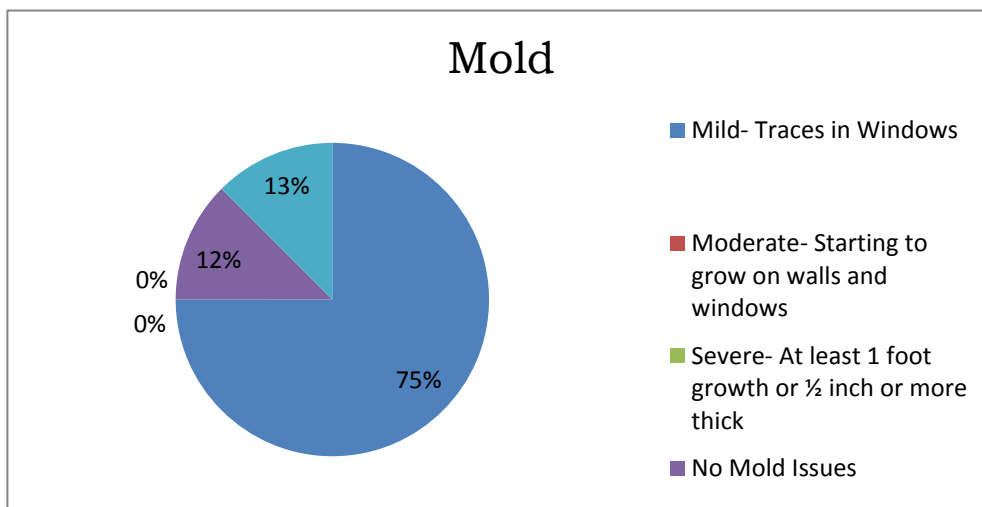
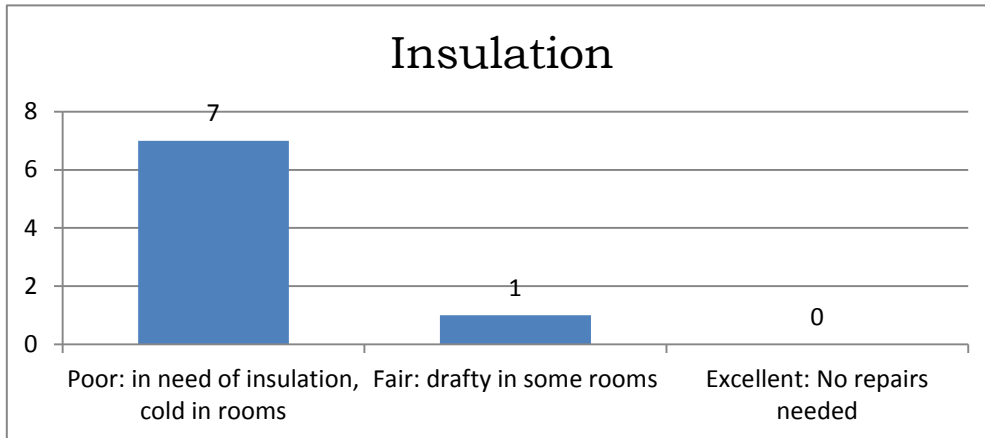
Structure of Home



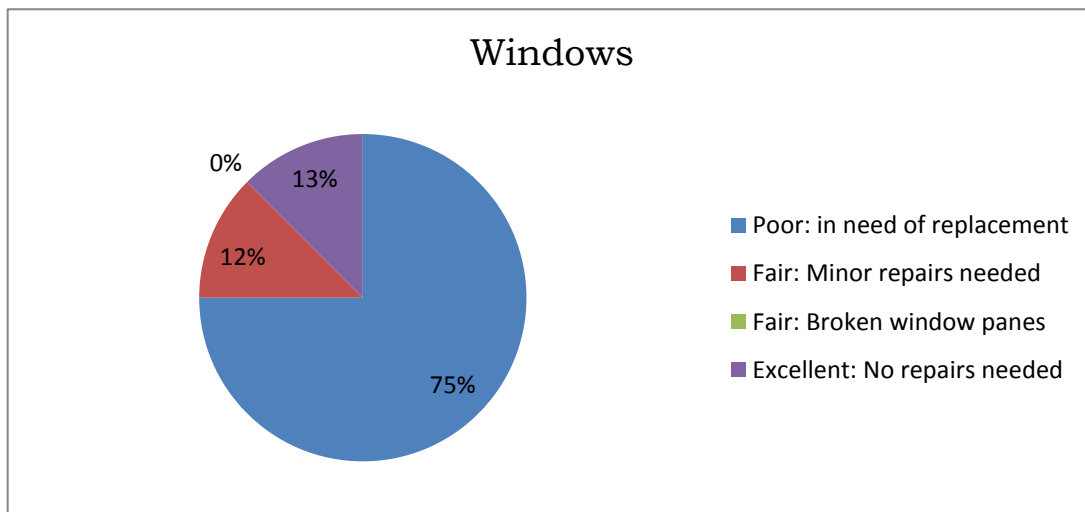
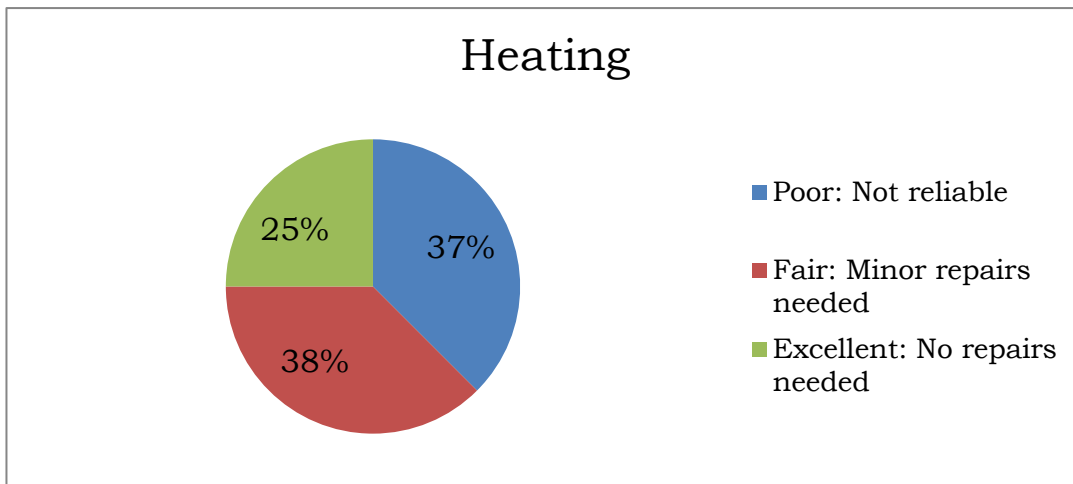
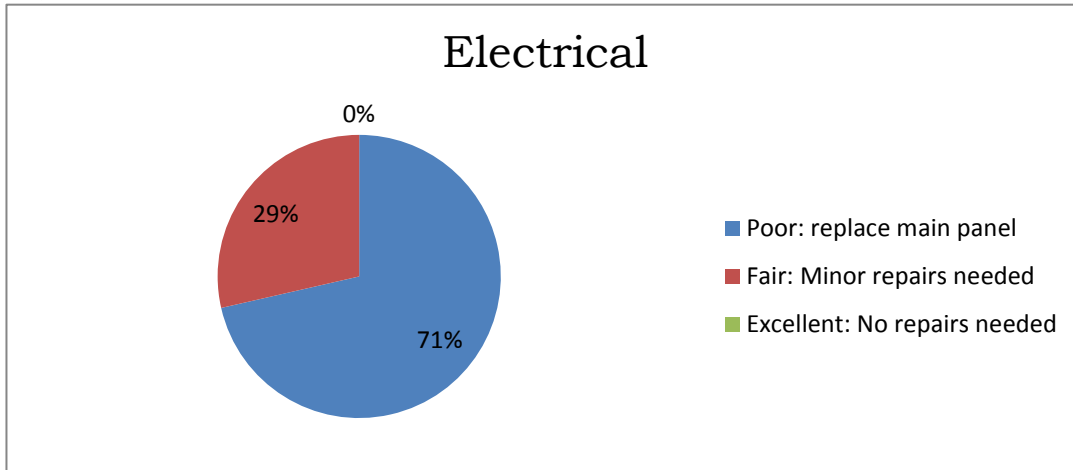
Housing Survey Data Continued



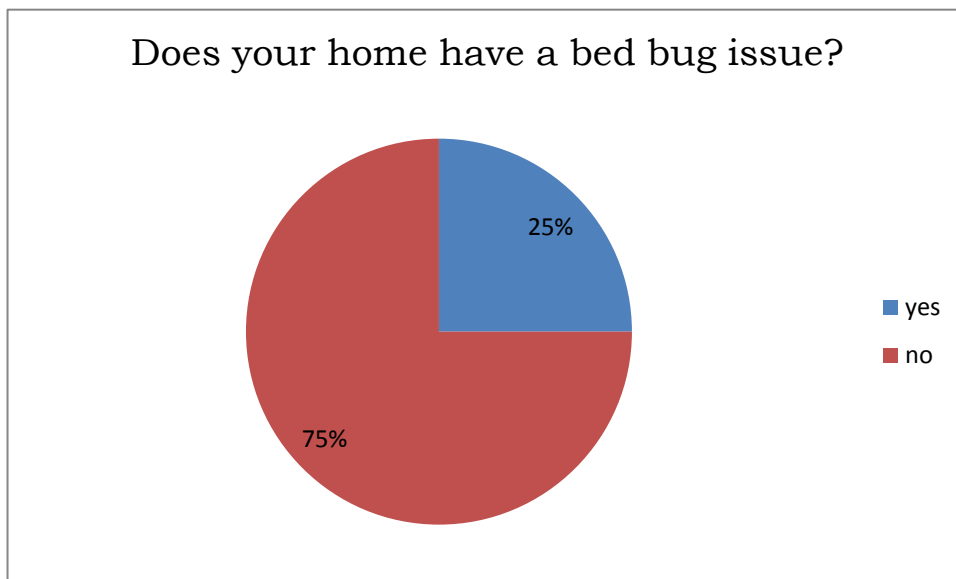
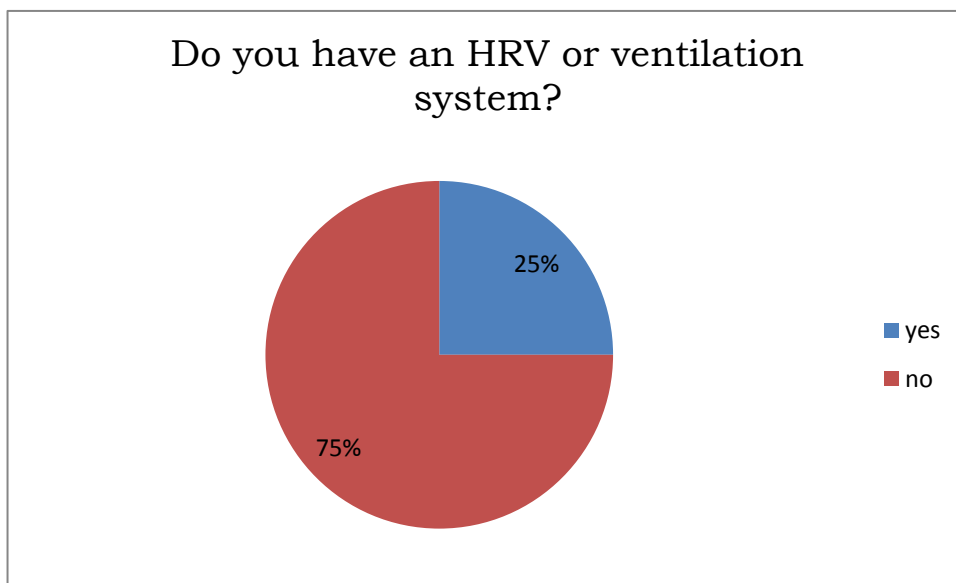
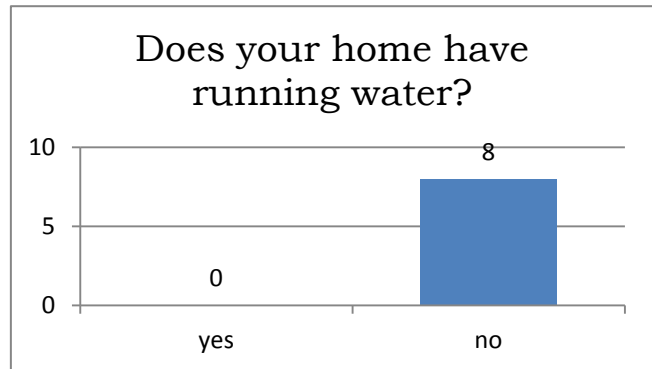
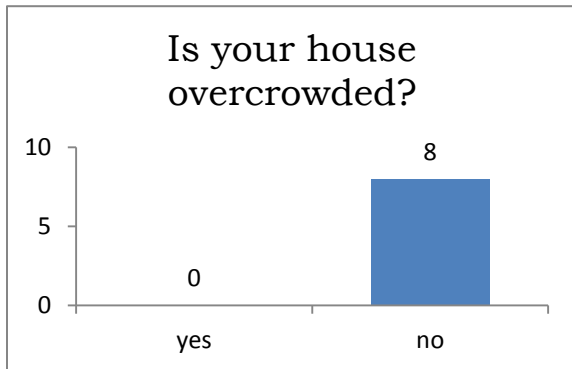
Housing Survey Data Continued



Housing Survey Data Continued



Housing Survey Data Continued



Community Survey Questions and Results

1. What do you like most about living in Birch Creek?

- Quiet and peaceful
- Do small project at home.
- Simple but can get very busy
- Cooking out
- Get away from city life, love it.
- Good hunting grounds, fishing.
- A lot of cultural activities that we could make happen.
- Subsistence Lifestyle
- Being with my partner
- Camping
- Boating
- Peaceful
- Everyone knows me and I know everyone
- The land
- Family
- The food we gather
- Living with family and Mother Nature
- Peace
- Nice and quiet
- No trouble
- Family quiet
- My dog
- No bills
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Camping
- Cranberry picking
- Four-wheeler rides along trails like fox-ten
- Trapping
- Grew up here so everything

2. What do you feel is needed the most or the most important concern in your community?

Jobs to sustain buildings and village

- Housing for single/families- new subdivision- II
- We always worry about how we are going to buy space or fuel next time
- Need more people.
- Communication
- More meetings and working together
- Education
- Jobs
- We need to get the church together- get a lay reader, have services on Sunday- even just singing songs, getting everyone together.
- Lodging (Birch Creek Inn)
- Burn Barrel at the dump
- Access and basic needs such as food, water, and hygiene
- Priest
- Education and training
- School for young kids
- School
- Clean up dump
- Recycle
- Clean energy-solar
- Church priest

3. What would you like to see happen in your community in the next 15 years?

Economic Development

- Facilities for training, heavy equipment, etc.
- More meetings and community involvement
- Cleaner environment
- Dumpsite
- Need big storage place
- Arcade center
- Growth of the people and job and education for everyone
- More people- houses that they can stay in for a week or so
- Employment opportunities
- Post office building
- Store
- Cleaner dump site as new dump site
- Steady employment
- Working washeteria
- Post office
- See people working
- Grow bigger
- More people
- I would definitely love to have spirituality back in the community going to church.
- Need a school because my son lives here most of the time
- Make a move to clean up our land-dump site

4. Is there enough housing available in Birch Creek? Is the housing adequate?

- No, need more adequate housing-8
- A few more would be nice, people would come
- Advertise
- Need new housing (expanding)
- Yes, if there were any more people going to live here there needs to be more
- There is not enough houses here, need to build more houses, need some rehab on houses.
- We have a lot of houses for people to live in but not enough for too many visitors. Some housed need to be fixed up badly.

5. Do you feel that the Health and Mental Health services provided to you are adequate? If no, what can be improved?

- Nope- out of 10 villages we get the short end of the stick. We are the smaller and other villages get more attention.
- Need a good health aide, good clinic
- NO, need providers to come in often
- Need year round health aid/residential aid
- No they are not adequate, there needs to be at least EMT or health aide.
- More services
- Need health aide
- We need health aide, mental health.
- Need help from CATG to get started for the winter.
- There is no health people on site 24/7, and it can be a hassle trying to get paperwork ready and completed over the phone

6. What suggestions do you have for subsistence and cultural activities for the children in Birch Creek?

- Lots- there are potential to learn, never ending to it.
- We have a lot of land for activities.
- Good hunting grounds
- Teaching children as they go along (skinning moose, tanning, sewing ect.)
- Need more elders to give their input/knowledge to younger generation.
- Camping out, fishing, picking berries, socializing
- Boating
- Games
- Teaching how to fix fishnets
- Classes such as carving, hat making, and birch bark basket making ect.
- Gas for the kids to go boating
- We need more activities for children/Youth Camp
- Take kids out camping and need some gas and oil
- Tanning
- Dance group with regalia
- Snow shoe making
- Sewing
- Gun education
- Drum making
- Bow and arrow making

7. What environmental concerns or issues do you have in your community pertaining to the air, water, land and natural resources?

- Dumpsite (scrap metals, old batteries, keep other types of metal into one place)II
- Clean water maintenance
- Tribal Building water/sewer system
- A good working fuel delivery system for village
- Electrical upgrade
- Housing safety
- People to move back home.
- Less burning, no dumping waste in water. Keep land, trash clean, and recycle waste.
- Burn barrel for dump site
- There is no running water for shower
- Remove this equipment from village site, the ones that don't work
- Need/Clean new dump site-III
- Clean energy-solar
- Filtered water
- Land: recycle, dump clean up,
- yearly garden for vegetables

8. How do you currently provide for your family in Birch Creek?

- Work as TFYS since September 1922 and before that at other local and government jobs.
- Subsistence- berries, trapping, snaring, shooting duck and water fowl.
- Subsistence off land.
- Unemployment and to buy nonfood items, have to buy food with unemployment. Have no quest card.
- I work in Ft. Yukon for 1 week.
- Work at airport strip, at the water plant, part time at the generator house
- Help out here when I can. I don't live here since I go to college in Palmer AK
- Live off of the land
- Nothing much now
- Current go to school, living in Fairbanks most of the time. I depend on scholarships and a part-time job with dividends like PF or Doyon

9. What subsistence activities does your family participate in and do you feel that this is a major part of your necessary food supply?

- | | |
|--|---|
| • Hunting game | • Geese hunting |
| • Gathering berries | • Moose hunting |
| • Always have subsistence on our minds. | • Black duck hunting |
| • Moose Meat | • Cranberry picking |
| • Dry Meat | • Getting wood for fire |
| • Dry fish | • Moose |
| • Grouse | • Fishing |
| • Ptarmigan | • Berries |
| • Rabbits | • Herb |
| • Kids watch us taking care of our native food and we talk explain how to put away food correctly. | • Moose |
| • No waste. | • Bear |
| • Picking berries | • Fish |
| • Gardening | • Birds |
| • Subsistence | • Beaver |
| • Moose hunting | • Grow some more garden for the village subsistence is most our food supply |
| • Fishing | • Major supply of food is moose meat and I participate in as much as I can. Other |
| • Duck hunting | |
| • Than that I fish for pike and trap in the winter. | |

10. What type of employment and business opportunities would you like to see in the future?

- Like to see a store
- Like to see a barge business
- Like to see gas station of some sort
- Need more jobs, training, GED, interested in cooking school
- More leaders who encourage the people to finish school/go all the way to finish everything.
- All we need is gas
- Post office
- Store
- Gas station
- Part- time/full-time employment that is year round or seasonal.
- Business opportunities.
- Store
- Store
- Post office
- Need store and hardware store
- Need more employment in the village
- Laborer work with construction jobs for equipment operator.
- Person to do recycling
- Tourism business

11. Which two economic development opportunities do you believe are the most critical to the future of Birch Creek's economy?

- Fuel is the most important problem to get either personally or business. We need to look into this more- too expensive.
- Logging, oil drilling
- Water. Land
- Gas
- More work
- Anything can provide employment right away
- We need a road
- School
- Tribal building
- More houses build for family
- More people move here
- Need more land lots of survey here
- Church/priest- need reminder to love, not judge and forgive

12. What is the MOST SIGNIFICANT barrier to economic development in Birch Creek?

- Background checks-need waivers
- Alcohol usage
- Boredom in some people.
- Housing
- gold mining
- no workers.
- No people.
- Education
- Not having proper education/ training for jobs
- Jobs
- Need better transportation, maybe with a barge cost lots
- Background checks
- Alcohol/drugs
- Low population
- Our people aren't educated

13. What improvements to community infrastructure would you MOST like to see happen?

- Everyone getting together like this- not just when visitors are here.
- Upgrade tribal building and clinic
- Access to local tv/network and technology
- Building, moving people in
- Commitment to finish the goals.
- Heavy equipment building
- The school
- Get the tribal building up and going.
- More workers
- Need gas station here, hard to get gas and oil here, cost too much with plane.
- More group get together for activities like potlucks or dance
- Communication
- Teamwork

14. What new community infrastructure would you MOST like to see happen?

- Encouragement
- Garage to house community equipment and to work on small engines.
- Activities (sewing, carving, basket making, and tanning)
- Make the school into the community building, set up computers for everyone to use the internet
- Community hall building
- The school
- Get jobs going and people working together
- More houses
- We need some surveyor come here to survey. Corporation land, so more people could build their house or cabin on survey lots.
- Once every month or every couple of months we have a guest speaker flown in to talk to us about many things: religion, politics, teachers, and new economical movements.

15. What efforts can be made to revive the community of Birch Creek and what can be done to get Tribal Members to move home?

- Collaborate with TCC, CATG, ANTHC, FTC, and whoever got the funding to want to help us, recruit people to tell them people to move home.
- Building houses for people that want to move back home.
- Store-2
- Clinic
- Post office-2
- A lot of people can't come home due to sickness.
- Travel funds for ticket for shareholders only
- Respect
- Communication
- Employment-4
- Housing -4
- School -3
- We need to make this place an actual village/community that people want to live in- housing, tribal office, jobs, school, store, washeteria. Need constant reminder to stay busy because boredom leads to alcohol/drugs and it tears us apart by gossip, judging, not sharing, and hatred.

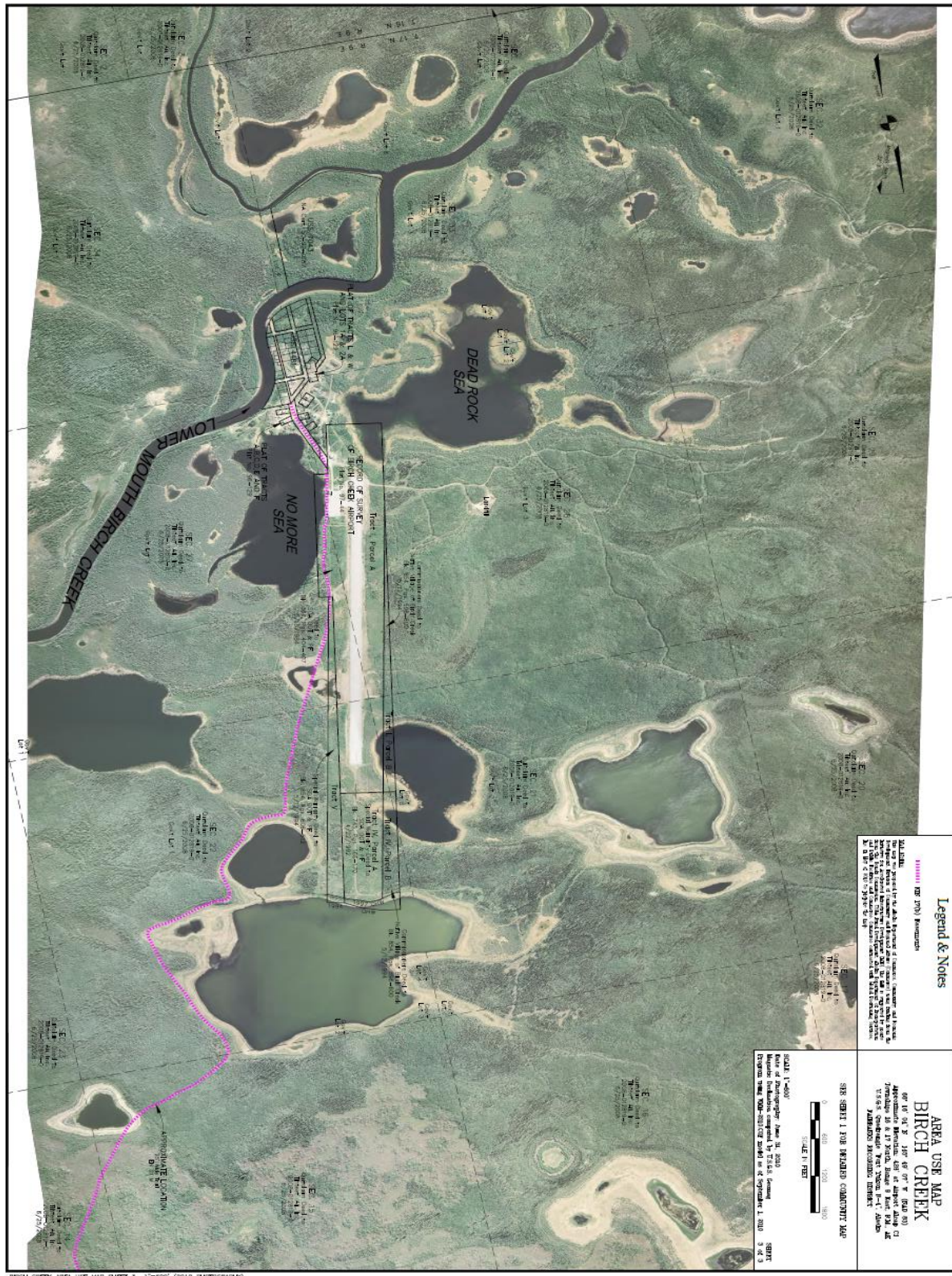
Community Planning Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Sign In Sheet	
Print Name Please	
1	Victoria Baalam
2	Angelica Baalam
3	Kelda Britton CATGNR Dept.
4	Nedine Carroll
5	Maury James (Kissu)
6	Lawrence James
7	Eddie James SR
8	Valene Englishoe
9	JACKIE BAALAM
10	OSKAR JAMES
11	Venness Joseph
12	Vincent Williams
13	Winston James
14	Joyce Hughes
15	Milly Clara James

Community Planning Meeting Sign-In Sheet

8/18/15 Sign-In Sheet

- ① Kelda Britton
- ② Naeline Carroll
- ③ Joyce Hughes
- ④ ~~Vernant Williams~~
- ⑤ Tennessee Joseph
- ⑥ Winston Jr
- ⑦ Dakota Joseph
- ⑧ Winston Sr
- ⑨ Eddie James SR
- ⑩ VALERIE ENGUSHOE
- ⑪ Joe Gislengyi
- ⑫ JACQUE BAALAM
- ⑬ Angelica Baalam
- ⑭ Victoria Baalam





Birch Creek 2010 Sht 2 Map



Equipment List

Equipment Type	Known Issues	Notes
US Army Dump Truck	Starter Headlights	Has been used for fuel runs to the airport.
Village Blue Small Truck	Wiring Battery	Has been used for airport transport to haul items/boxes.
Village White Truck GMC (Regular Size)	Battery Spark Plugs and Wires Fan Belt	The company that worked on the lagoon left this vehicle behind.
Village Black Truck	Transmission Battery Tires	Used to be in Fairbanks for City Transport
Village Dozers (2)	Refuel Fuel Pumps Batteries Hoses Fluids Oil Air Filters Diesel	
Grater 740 Champion	Need to install headlights Batteries Fluids Transmission	
Village Backhoe	Overhaul Pistons Gaskets Spark Plugs Tires Batteries Seat Padding	
DOT Village Loader	New Windshield Base Gasket Filters Belt Water/Fuel Separator Leaks Oil	In front of Washeteria
Empty Diesel Tanks		Located in the common dump area
450 Dozer		Backhoe attachment is good. Tractor can (add-on) should be good- glass may be an issue
Tin Metal Roofing		Available for the community
Dump Truck	Gasoline	Unknown Issues

Equipment List Continued

Equipment Type	Known Issues	Notes
Sawmill	Bands Blades Spark Plug Water Container	
Red Connex		Fire Department
Village Blue Tank (water)		
Dump Truck Tires		Good Condition
Dump Truck (White)		Unknown
Unusable Frame		No Longer Usable After Fire Damage
Well (To School)	Electrician needed to set up heat for it.	
Internet Satellite	Disk is Operable	