

From: Arctic Rivers Project <arcticrivers@colorado.edu>
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Subject: Upcoming survey invitation
To: Patricia White <pwhite@deltajunction.us>

Dear Patricia White,

I am writing to you today to let you know of an upcoming opportunity to provide input to the Arctic Rivers Project by responding to a survey. The Arctic Rivers Project will produce a model of possible future climate for most of the state of Alaska and the Yukon Territory of Canada. We will be sending you a survey where you can tell us your concerns about how climate change may impact your community. The survey is intended to be completed by the governing bodies of a community – Tribal or Traditional Council or First Nation Government, City Councils, and Indigenous organizations that assist communities in planning for adaptation to climate change. The survey will be released and emailed to you at the beginning of May. If you would prefer a paper version of the survey, please respond to this email and let us know. Please consider completing this survey as a group during a council meeting for example and coming to a consensus on your answers to the survey questions. We request that you complete the survey by Friday July 16th.

Your responses to this survey will help us to create climate information that will be made freely available to your community. Your feedback will help us produce climate information that may be helpful to address the concerns of your community. The climate data and information this project produces will not answer every question from every community. For example, while our estimates of future climate may help us understand if the soil will become drier or wetter in the future, we will not be able to answer whether specific types of plants will become more or less abundant. We can share our data with other scientists and specialists who focus on plants and they may be able to answer that question. Because we cannot answer questions about specific types of plants and animals, the questions in the survey are broad. Please know that we are interested in understanding your community's concerns in depth and there will be many opportunities to provide in-depth information as part of this project.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and help us create climate data and information that will be most useful for your community to plan for the impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

Nicole Herman-Mercer, on behalf of the Arctic Rivers Project Team