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Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
D. Lance Mearig, P.E., Southcoast Region Director
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Dear Mr. Mearig:

I would like to thank you for the quick response to assist us prevent future damage caused by flooding events. I recognize that this work was not in the budget and appreciate the efforts that will greatly improve flood protection for much of the town when the Salmon River overflows in large rain events. The City is also investing heavily in improvements to roadside ditches within our City-maintained easements and I appreciate the partnership with ADOT. The work by your Gustavus Operations Manager, Jeff Jarvis, on the eastside airport ditch has made great progress as you can see by the photo's below. Mr. Jarvis' work is matched by his positive attitude and communication. The City Administrator reports that Mr. Jarvis is always helpful in addressing road questions or concerns with a pleasant and professional demeanor.

I understand the ADOT/ADEC concerns and the temporary restrictions around the potentially-PFAS-contaminated ditch locations. I am encouraged that ADOT will continue to clean and excavate those sections that are not red-lined for the east side and west side airport ditches and Glens Ditch. The capacities of the ditches will be maximized when they are eventually cleaned for their entire length.



Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

Cc: Governor Dunleavy
Alaska State Senator Jesse Kiehl
Alaska State Representative Sara Hannan
DOT&PF Commissioner John MacKinnon