

Summer 2026

MANH CHOH NEWSLETTER

2026 Mining Operations Update

Mining activities in 2026 focused on completing mining in the North Pit while preparing for the transition to North Pit backfilling operations. Mining in the North Pit has now been successfully completed. Progress was slower than originally planned due to challenging weather conditions and the identification of additional ore beneath the original pit design. While these factors extended the mining schedule, they also resulted in increased ore tons.

Despite these challenges, operational performance has remained strong throughout the year. Ore production exceeded budget during the second quarter, reflecting the team's continued focus on safely and efficiently delivering the mine plan.

As the operation transitions into sustained North Pit backfilling and increases mining activity in the South Pit, the outlook for the remainder of 2026 remains positive. With strong coordination across all mining business partners and a continued commitment to safety, productivity and operational excellence, the site remains well-positioned to achieve its mining objectives.



Restoring the Land for a Stronger Future

by Brent Culleton, Environmental Superintendent

As mine life is fast approaching and reclamation efforts begin, the goal is not just to restore the appearance of the land, but to rebuild a healthy, functioning ecosystem that can thrive on its own. A key part of achieving that goal is biodiversity, the variety of plants, animals and microorganisms that live and work together in a natural environment. When biodiversity is prioritized in reclamation, it helps transform disturbed ground into a stable and self-sustaining landscape. Diverse native plant communities improve soil health, strengthen root systems and reduce erosion, while also creating the foundation for wildlife to return and re-establish habitat. These living systems play an important role in filtering water, supporting clean air and maintaining overall environmental balance.

Biodiversity also increases the resilience of reclaimed areas, allowing them to better withstand environmental stress such as changing weather conditions or natural disturbances. Rather than requiring intensive and long-term maintenance, biodiverse ecosystems are more capable of adapting and sustaining themselves over time.



This is essential for ensuring reclaimed lands remain productive and environmentally sound well into the future. By focusing on biodiversity, reclamation efforts go beyond short-term fixes and instead create lasting environmental value for local communities, for wildlife and for future generations.

Employee Spotlight: Barrett McCumby, Mine Engineering Intern



Meet Barrett McCumby, mine engineering intern at Manh Choh!

Barrett was born and raised in Fairbanks, and will be a junior in the mining engineering program at UAF this fall. He worked last summer as an intern in the environmental

department at Fort Knox and said he was so fortunate to have started his mining career in environmental, which he says gave him a better understanding of the entire mine site and compliance requirements related to mine operations.

In the 4th grade, Barrett participated in a mine tour of Fort Knox and he knew then that he wanted to work in the mining industry ever since that time.

Barrett works on short-range engineering projects such as daily mine planning, drill and blast and assisting with reclamation planning. He really enjoys the people at Manh Choh and the campus lifestyle.

Barrett loves river rafting, hunting, fishing and enjoying all the outdoor activities that Alaska has to offer.

Welcome back to Mahn Choh!

Ore Transportation

Summer operations are underway with a strong focus on safety while continuing to meet operational targets. Warmer temperatures have helped improve round trip times, but increased traffic and road construction remain key factors at this time of year.

Safety remains our top priority as highway traffic increases during the summer. Extended daylight hours can affect normal rest cycles and contribute to fatigue, making it important for all drivers to stay aware of their level of alertness and take breaks as needed. Higher volumes of tourism traffic can also create changing road conditions, including varying speeds and sudden stops. Staying patient, attentive and driving defensively is key to safe travel for everyone on the road.

Transportation performance remains in line with seasonal expectations, with overall efficiency improving under summer conditions. Warmer weather and better road conditions have supported more consistent cycle times. Continued attention is being given to maintaining steady flow across transportation routes, reducing delays at key points and minimizing idle time to support safe and reliable operations.

The accelerated transport effort continues to be successful and has delivered positive results through strong teamwork across the operation. It has been working well because teams continue to keep operations moving safely and efficiently every day.

As summer continues, the focus remains on teamwork to keep operations safe, productive and consistent.



Health and Safety

Risk Reduction in the workplace is the focus for Manh Choh in 2026.

Some of the summer focus areas include:

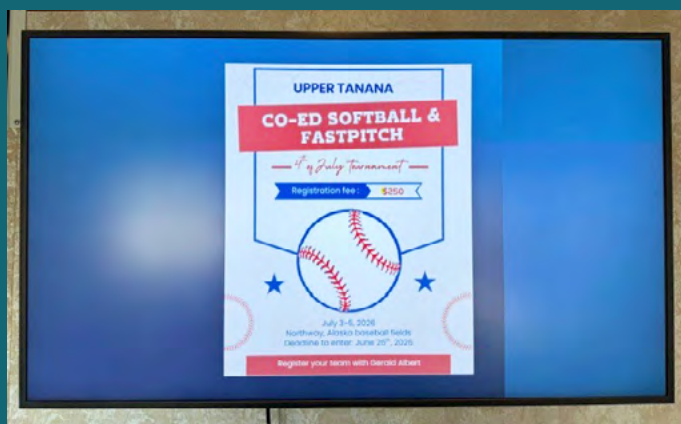
Critical Risk Management and Verification of Controls training for Kinross management at Manh Choh. Manh Choh staff participated in training with Fort Knox staff provided by NeuroLead and Forwood focusing on leadership skills, risk identification and verification of effective controls.

Fire Safety: Hands-on fire extinguisher training was provided by State Fire and available to all employees at the Manh Choh mine site and Campus. Employees were instructed on the P.A.S.S. method (Pull the pin, Aim the nozzle, Squeeze the handle, Sweep the base of the fire) and safe approach techniques and egress routes. After training was completed, a fire simulator with controlled flames was utilized to allow individuals to use an actual handheld fire extinguisher to extinguish a real fire.

Not only is fire safety important to Manh Choh operations, the skills learned can also be taken home and shared with their families.



Manh Choh Campus Enhances Communication to Include Local Area Events



The Manh Choh Campus continues its efforts to strengthen communication and engagement across its workforce and surrounding communities with the digital readerboard located at the East entrance to Manh Choh Campus. This system provides a centralized platform for sharing timely information, ensuring that employees and visitors remain connected and engaged during their time on campus.

The readerboard is managed through an internal content system that allows campus administrators to upload and schedule a variety of materials, including PowerPoint slides, images and announcements, which can then be displayed in rotation. This flexibility enables quick updates and ensures that messaging remains current and relevant to daily operations.

A key improvement with the new readerboard is the expanded scope of content. In addition to traditional company updates such as safety reminders, operational notices and campus guidelines, the display now features local area events and community activities sent to Manh Choh from local partners in the area. There are displayed lists of local self-help meetings, faith-based organizations, as well as community meetings and contact information for medical and emergency services. This shift reflects Manh Choh's broader commitment to maintaining strong ties with nearby communities and fostering a sense of shared connection.

Recent outreach efforts highlighted our employees' desire for meaningful community engagement. Highlighting these events such as local barbecues, markets and seasonal celebrations can bring together employees and residents in Tok and surrounding areas. By incorporating these types of events into the readerboard rotation, Manh Choh ensures that employees are aware of opportunities to participate and connect outside of work responsibilities.

Overall, the readerboard, along with direct employee and business partner email notifications, represent a practical yet impactful enhancement to campus life. By incorporating these types of events into the readerboard rotation, Manh Choh ensures that employees are aware of opportunities to participate and connect outside of work responsibilities. One that is not only aware of operational priorities, but also of the vibrant community in which it operates.

Please send any upcoming events to Jill Yrjana, Administrative Services Coordinator, (jill.yrjana@kinross.com).

Community Relations: A Busy and Productive Second Quarter

The Community Relations team had an active and rewarding second quarter, strengthening connections with our neighboring communities through education, volunteerism and outreach.

Education continues to be a priority at Manh Choh. We hosted a luncheon honoring Tetlin graduates and their families, celebrating this important milestone and recognizing their achievements. To support their continued education and future success, each graduate received a laptop as a graduation gift.

Throughout the quarter, our team remained committed to community service by providing volunteer support at the local Bike Rodeo and partnering with Alaska Resource Education to assist with its hands-on educational programs at the Mentasta School's Summer GAP Program and Delta Elementary School. We also supported youth athletics by providing and delivering three dinners for participants at the Tetlin Basketball Camp.

Our annual summer community barbecues and outreach events were another highlight of the quarter. Despite rainy weather, we welcomed record attendance at our events in Tok and Delta, followed by our participation in the Salcha Fair just a few days later. We look forward to continuing these community connections at the Fox Community outreach event on August 8. These gatherings provided an opportunity to share updates on the Manh Choh reclamation process as we continue progressing toward our closure plans while engaging in meaningful conversations with community members.

As the quarter came to a close, we also recognized two valued members of our team. We extend our sincere appreciation to Shane Parrow and Meadow Riedel for their dedication and contributions to Manh Choh. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

Employees participated in and volunteered at the Tok community's annual Fourth of July celebration by helping prepare and serve food for attendees. During the parade, employees handed out Otter Pops to community members, helping create a fun and welcoming atmosphere. At the fairgrounds, they cooked and served hamburgers

and hot dogs at the community barbecue, contributing to a successful event and demonstrating the organization's commitment to community engagement and volunteer service. 185 meals were served and \$2,220 was raised to fund the community's activities.



Manh Choh Community Fund Recipients

Congratulations to our Spring Cycle recipients of the Manh Choh Community Fund:

Cornerstone Global Youth Foundation, Cub Scout Pack 2-865

Project: Tok Scouts Pack 2-865

Awarded: \$3,000

Alaska Gateway School District

Project: Project P.A.W. (Providing Animal Wellness)

Awarded: \$5,000

Community Christian Fellowship, Inc.

Project: Multipurpose Building

Awarded: \$5,000

Delta Junction Trails Association

Project: Delta River Walk Park Shelter

Awarded: \$5,000

Civil Air Patrol, Tok Composite Squadron

Project: Tok Civil Air Patrol Hangar Construction

Awarded: \$5,000

University of Alaska Foundation - College of Indigenous Studies

Project: Upper Tanana Dene UAF CIS Art Classes

Awarded: \$4,851

Northway Village Council

Project: Northway Culture Camp

Awarded: \$5,000

Alaska Building Arts & Sciences (ABAS)

Project: ABAS Remote Workshops & Training Equipment Project

Awarded: \$5,000

Mukluk Ministries @ Mukluk Land

Project: Mukluk Family Fun Center

Awarded: \$5,000

Delta Community Library

Project: Plant a Seed, Read Summer Program

Awarded: \$2,000



Community barbecue in Delta Junction



Community barbecue in Tok



Employee volunteers at Tok's Fourth of July celebration

Manh Choh Community Fund Recipients *(continued)*

Mentasta Lake Katie John School / AGSD

Project: Enhancing Speech and Social-Emotional Learning Spaces for Student Success

Awarded: \$5,000

Mentasta Traditional Council

Project: Batzulnetas Culture Camp

Awarded: \$5,000

Tok School - AGSD

Project: Auto Belays for Rock Wall

Awarded: \$5,000

Tok Community Library Association

Project: Printer & Children's Programs

Awarded: \$5,000

Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo #19

Project: Gazebo Cover for Pioneers Columbarium

Awarded: \$2,505

Tok Trap Club

Project: Bike Rodeo / Trap Kitchen

Awarded: \$2,600

Tok Chamber of Commerce / Visitor Center

Project: Tok Chamber / Visitor Center

Awarded: \$5,000

Tetlin Tribal Council

Project: Cleanup project for the Rockhill Warehouse Site

Awarded: \$5,000

Big Delta Rescue

Project: Emergency Medical Service Ambulance Response Delta Junction

Awarded: \$5,000

Rural Deltana Volunteer Fire Department

Project: Volunteer Firefighter PPE

Awarded: \$5,000

Our upcoming Fall 2026 grant cycle will open August 31, 2026.
Visit <https://manhchoh.com/mccf/> to learn more.



Building the Future in Tetlin: Four Years of Growth On and Off the Court

by Coach Bobby Moore

Four years ago, I packed my bags and headed to Tetlin on a mission with NBC Basketball Camps. Having coached athletes for the last 18 years across rural Alaska, I knew that the fundamentals of basketball were universally understood, but I also knew that the hardwood is the ultimate classroom. Today, looking out at the youth in this incredible community, I can confidently say that the hard work is paying off.

The "Right Here, Right Now" Mentality

When we first arrived in Tetlin, it was easy for the kids to get distracted by what was happening off the court, or to let a missed shot dictate their entire game. We preach a "Right here, right now" attitude. We teach our athletes to clear their minds of past mistakes and future anxieties, focusing entirely on the task at hand.

Over the years, this has translated into a profound shift in their daily lives. These young players have learned to be fiercely present, bringing that same focused, purposeful energy to their classrooms, their families and their community.

Hard Work Pays Off

There are no shortcuts to becoming a great basketball player, just as there are no shortcuts to building a stronger community. Our second pillar at NBC Basketball Camps is simple but uncompromising: "Hard work pays off."

In Tetlin, we enforce a strict standard of discipline, accountability and grit. Every drill, every line sprint and every film session is designed to show these young athletes that their effort directly correlates to their results. Watching these kids realize that they have the power to shape their own destiny through hard work has been one of the highlights of my coaching tenure.

Positive Change in the Community

Basketball is just the platform for "Lifeball." The real victory is what happens when the camp ends and the players go home. Over the last four years, the transformation in Tetlin has been inspiring. We have seen a visible increase in young leadership, resilience and mutual support among the youth.

The kids are taking ownership of their town. They are stepping up to help their neighbors, holding themselves to a higher standard, and proving that the core values of NBC Basketball apply just as much to life in rural Alaska as they do anywhere else in the world.

Every summer, when I step into the gym in Tetlin, I am reminded of why I became a coach. We are building more than just basketball players here; we are building strong, dedicated leaders who are ready to face life head-on. The future of this community is incredibly bright, and it has been an absolute honor to be a part of their journey.

A Brighter Horizon

Watching the young athletes of Tetlin over the last four years, I see a direct parallel between what we teach at camp and what this community is doing. The students are applying that same "Hard work pays off" discipline to their education, leadership and futures. With the economic foundation being built by the Manh Choh project, these young leaders are stepping into a future full of real opportunity.

I am endlessly proud of the progress in Tetlin. These young people are living proof that when you treat every student like a miracle, teach them to be present and show them the value of hard work, they can change their world.

And a special thanks to Manh Choh for partnering with us to ensure this mission continues!

Tetlin Youth Program by Patricia Young

The Tetlin Youth Program has hosted the Tetlin NBC Basketball camp for the last four years at Tetlin School, with camp funding from the Native Village of Tetlin's DOJ OJJDP CTAS Purpose Area 9 Grant Award. In 2025, Lisa Conrad from Manh Choh approached the Tetlin Youth Program to inquire about the basketball camp and how everyone could work together. The Manh Choh Kitchen began to supply dinners to the youth and Lisa would drive the food to Tetlin. In 2026, Manh Choh supplied dinners throughout the week, and the potato bar continues to be a favorite with the participants. Also, this year Manh Choh provided financial assistance to support the camp. The Native Village of Tetlin is grateful to partner with Manh Choh to ensure participants are well fed after a long day of basketball and self-improvement.

Tetlin Youth Program is looking forward to continuing to host the basketball camp and finding ways for the community to come together to support the Youth.

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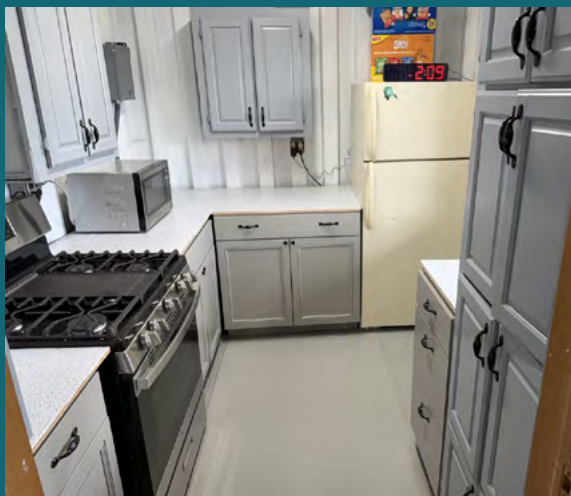
Tok Wolverine Trap - Connex (Kitchen) *by John Rusyniak*

Just a year and a half ago, the Tok Wolverine Trap Team had an 8' x 10' clubhouse with a single layer of plywood walls and no insulation or heat. Today, thanks to the generous support of Manh Choh and many others, we have a warm, welcoming 45' x 9' heated and foam-insulated clubhouse that includes a 10' x 9' storage area, a fully equipped 10' x 9' kitchen and a 25-foot meeting and warm-up area for our youth.

This incredible transformation would not have been possible without the generosity of community-minded companies like yours. Your investment is much more than a building, it is an investment in the lives of young people. It provides a safe place where they can learn, grow, build friendships and develop responsibility and confidence for years to come.

Today, the Tok Wolverine Trap Team proudly serves 21 young shooters, and our clubhouse has become a valuable community asset. In addition to trap team activities, it is used for Hunter Education classes, public turkey shoots, community gatherings and private events.

Thank you for believing in our kids, our program and our community. Your generosity has created opportunities that will have a lasting impact for many years to come, and we are sincerely grateful.



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