

# The Tripod



PO Box 2323  
Seward AK 99664  
IditarodHTA@gmail.com  
<http://www.Iditarod100.org>

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



### The Trail for all Seasons

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the Trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.



### New Mural in Seward

Seward, the "Mural Capital of Alaska," gained a new mural this summer. IditaRide Sled Dog Tours put an Iditarod Trail mural on its office in the Seward Boat Harbor, Mile 1.5 on the Iditarod National Historic Trail.



You can learn more about IditaRide at its website: [www.iditaride.com](http://www.iditaride.com)

### National Trails Conference

The Partnership for the National Trails System and River Management Society will host co-located events in Vancouver, Washington from October 22-25, 2018 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Trails and Wild & Scenic Rivers Systems Acts.



These side-by-side events will bring together private and public organizations and federal agencies dedicated to the preservation of the nation's wild, scenic and historic places. Trail conference and river symposium themes and tracks will differ, however, there will be several joint sessions offered.

For more information about the conference go to [www.pnts.org/new/nts50/](http://www.pnts.org/new/nts50/) and click on the Trails50 tab and 2018 Conference.

Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.  
John Muir

**From the past...**

"Iditarod Pioneer" June 29, 1918

**SUSPENSION**

With this issue the Iditarod Pioneer will cease publication under the present management. The printing plant of the outfit is for sale at a very low price.

With a total absence of suds-like verbosity, the Pioneer's publisher wishes to sincerely thank all readers and patrons of it advertising columns for past support and extends heartfelt wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

After resting for a few days, (in order to better enjoy the big Fourth of July celebration at Flat City) the publisher will assemble his scanty "gatherings" of fifty years, and "beat it" along the lines of least resistance.

1919, but after a few issues he became ill and in September ended the "Pioneer" for good. He was confined to his bed most of that winter and he died in June 1920.

Stroller White, who had known Arbuckle since 1898, wrote in an editorial in the "Douglas Island News:" "No better, no more eccentric, no better groucher, and no bigger hearted man than Buck ever joined the everlasting throng in the early-day rush to Alaska - or since. He was true blue and lacked but a few inches of being a yard wide."

**National Trails support in 2017**

The Partnership for the National Trails System Gold Sheet for 2017 lists the contributions made in 2017 to support the National Trails System by National Scenic and Historic Trail organizations. The totals for the 27 National Scenic and Historic Trail organizations were: volunteer hours:

1,046,194, value of volunteer hours: \$25,796,531 and private contributions: \$14, 485,936.

The leader in all three categories was the Appalachian Trail Conservancy: 239,798 volunteer hours, worth \$5,920,612 and private contributions of \$7,002,690.

The Iditarod Trail Alliance figures were 15,000 volunteer hours worth \$370,350 and private contributions of \$5,400.

The organization with the least volunteer hours was the Nez Perce Trail Foundation with 1,700 volunteer hours worth \$41,973. The organization with the least private contributions was the Anza Trail Foundation, \$900.

**Donlin Gold Mine project**

The Tuluksak Native Village Council passed a resolution opposing the Donlin Mine project. The village is about 120 miles downriver from the proposed mine.

Middy Peter, the village council president said the mine would disrupt subsistence, which the majority of Yukon-Kuskokwim residents practice. "It would most significantly dwindle our fish habitat," Peter said. He also said the health risks are too high to support Donlin.



"Iditarod Pioneer" Office  
(Alaska State Library Collection)

**Note:** The publisher of the "Iditarod Pioneer" who wrote this suspension notice was George "Buck" Arbuckle, who started the "Pioneer" on July 10, 1910.

According to "Bent Pins to Chains - Alaska and its Newspapers" by Evangeline Atwood and Lew Williams, Jr., Arbuckle resumed publication of the "Pioneer" in the summer of