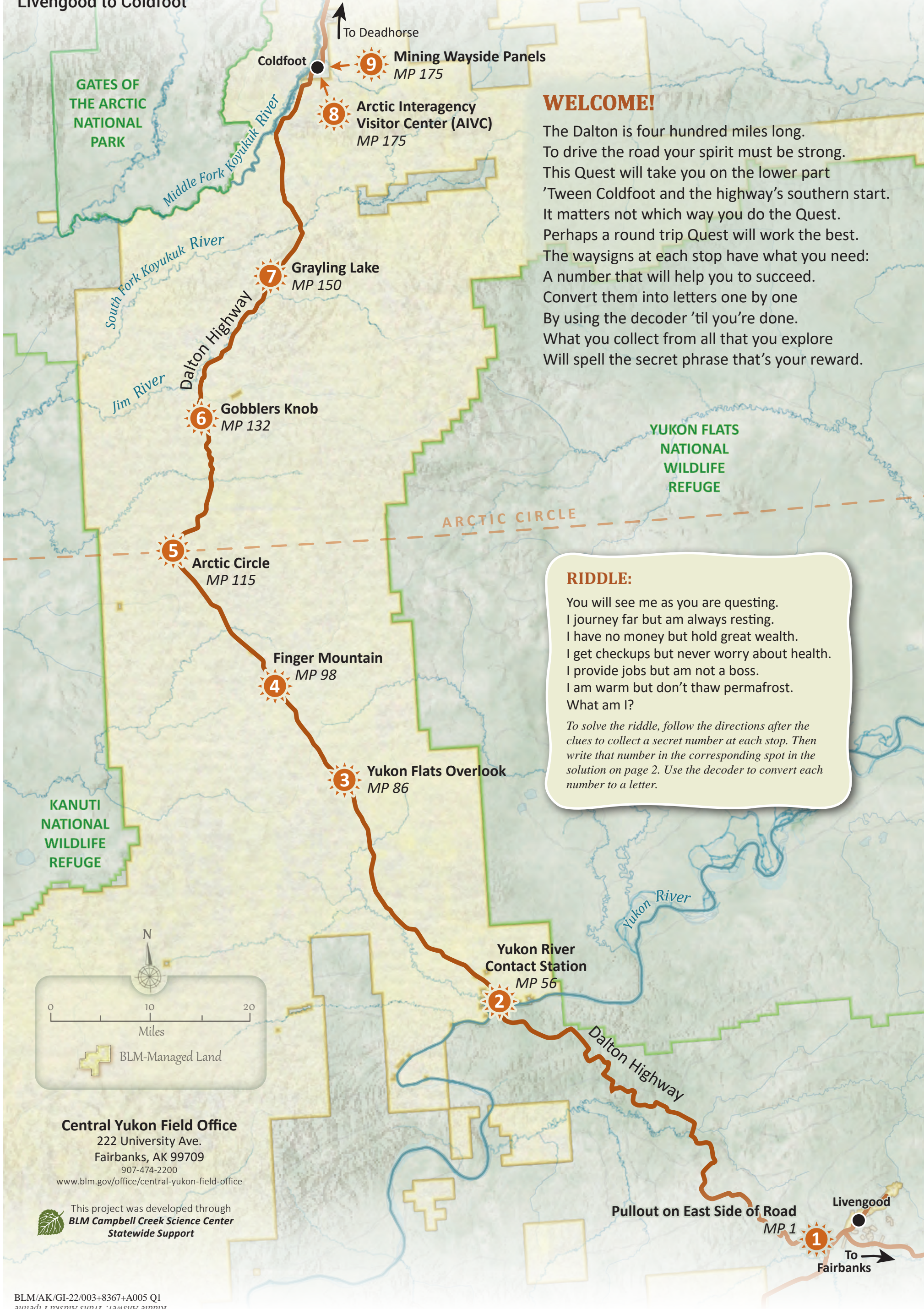




Dalton Highway Quest

Livengood to Coldfoot



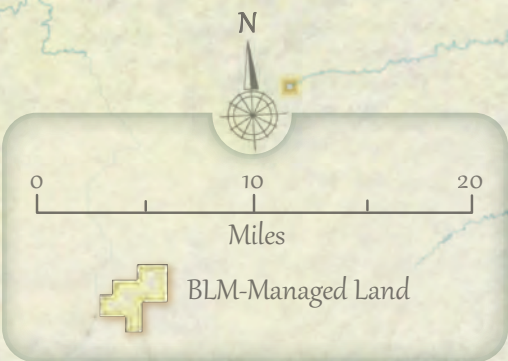
WELCOME!

The Dalton is four hundred miles long. To drive the road your spirit must be strong. This Quest will take you on the lower part 'Tween Coldfoot and the highway's southern start. It matters not which way you do the Quest. Perhaps a round trip Quest will work the best. The waysigns at each stop have what you need: A number that will help you to succeed. Convert them into letters one by one. By using the decoder 'til you're done. What you collect from all that you explore Will spell the secret phrase that's your reward.

RIDDLE:

You will see me as you are questing.
I journey far but am always resting.
I have no money but hold great wealth.
I get checkups but never worry about health.
I provide jobs but am not a boss.
I am warm but don't thaw permafrost.
What am I?

To solve the riddle, follow the directions after the clues to collect a secret number at each stop. Then write that number in the corresponding spot in the solution on page 2. Use the decoder to convert each number to a letter.



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DALTON HIGHWAY QUEST STOPS

1 **Milepost 1**
Pullout on East Side of Road

When crude oil was found in Prudhoe Bay
People decided to create a way
To move the oil from deep under ground
To tankers down south in Prince William Sound.*
They planned a pipeline and first built a road
To haul equipment and important loads
Four hundred miles to Alaska's North Slope
And did it in five months—No, that's no joke!
Now truckers haul freight on the road year round.
In summer, visitors often abound.

**The southern end of the pipeline is on Prince William Sound in Valdez, Alaska.*

Riddle Number: The Alaska Legislature gave the Dalton Highway its name in __81.

2 **Milepost 56**
Yukon River Contact Station

Now gaze around: What wonders do you see?
A mighty river flowing to the sea!
The Yukon River rends the state in two,
From inland mountains to the ocean blue.
What tales abound from this vast riverway,
From generations past and folks today?
Some Native tribes have long fished on its course,
And miners panned to find gold at its source.
Today, of course, the tourists will explore
The waterway and mountain views galore!

Riddle Number: The day of the month that oil first entered the pipeline.

3 **Milepost 86**
Yukon Flats Overlook

This vista shows a very special place:
A landscape made of puddles, ponds, and lakes.
Each spring brings in a flood of ducks and geese
That come for space and food on which to feast.
They make their nests among the tundra grass
And by late June small chicks will start to hatch.
The chicks will gorge upon insects and seeds.
They must grow fast, for soon they have to leave.
When August comes the ducks and geese take wing,
And fly south to await the north's next spring.

Riddle Number: How many different stages of plant growth after fire are shown on the sign? Multiply that number by 3.


4 **Milepost 98**
Finger Mountain

Along this stretch of highway you will see
Some rocks that rise up higher than the trees.
Geologists call these formations "tors."
They offer clues to how things looked before.
Way back one hundred million years ago,
A blob of magma slowly came to grow.
While up above the Arctic dinos walked,
Below, the magma cooled to granite rock.
Then elements wore softer stone away
Exposing tors that stand here still today.
Though glaciers turned some tors into debris,
These tors still stand 'cause this land stayed ice-free.

Riddle Number: The number of airplanes on the "Welcome to Finger Mountain" sign.

5 **Milepost 115**
Arctic Circle

Above the Arctic Circle you may see
The summer sun that stays up endlessly.
And in the winter this land also knows
The nights that never end amidst the snows.
When winter dark gives way to increased light,
The rate of change is really quite a sight.
Each day may gain eight minutes at the peak.
That adds an hour to the day each week!



Riddle Number: The number of birds on the "spring" interpretive sign.

6 **Milepost 132**
Gobblers Knob

The North Slope's crude is from a place remote:
A spot not eas'ly reached by truck or boat.
To transport oil safely to the south
Created problems hard to figure out.
The Trans Alaska Pipeline was the fix.
The builders used some engineering tricks:
It zigs and zags to flex in an earthquake
And sits up high for permafrost's own sake.
The caribou can walk beneath the line,
So as to not disrupt migration time.

Riddle Number: Peaks in the Brooks Range can be over __000 feet high.

7 **Milepost 150**
Grayling Lake

Come stretch your legs and give yourself a break
And view the calm and graceful Grayling Lake.
And as you gaze upon the peaceful scene,
Think back in time, right to the Pleistocene.*
For people since that time have hunted here
And used the hills to watch for game that's near.
Their hunting tools turned into artifacts
While sitting by the lake for years intact.
Though slowly they were buried underground,
Through archeology they were re-found.

**The Pleistocene ended about 11,700 years ago. There is archaeological evidence that people have been in Alaska for at least 15,000 years.*

Riddle Number: Jim River experienced a huge rockslide in 20__.

8 **Milepost 175**
Arctic Interagency Visitor Center (AIVC)

This land is home to creatures big and small,
So go inside to learn about them all,
From grizzly bear to tiny dusky shrew,
And ungulates like moose and caribou.
Hear stories of the crafty Arctic fox,
And read about the tactics of musk ox,
Who form a ring to fend off an attack
When herds come face to face with a wolf pack.
Stay vigilant with readied camera lens:
You share this place with furred and feathered friends!

Riddle Number: On the "Living with Winter" panel inside the AIVC, the number of hours a ground squirrel sleeps every few weeks all winter long.


















9 **Milepost 175**
Mining Wayside Panels

A century ago, in days of old,
Some miners struck it rich with Coldfoot gold.
When gold ran out, the boom became a bust.
Most people left; the town began to rust.
Though Coldfoot shrank, those left behind still thrived;
With skills and friends, they found they could survive.
Outsiders came to find prosperity,
But found their wealth was in community.
So walk and tour this place of mystery;
The signs share more of its rich history.

Riddle Number: On the Community Golden Hearts sign, what number is Martin Slisco on the list of Wiseman old timers?

Decoding the Riddle

First fill in the numbers you collected in the number row below the corresponding Quest Stop. Then use the Decoder to find the letter each number represents. Note: Some numbers appear more than once in the riddle answer!

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Decoder

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