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Year-Round Traffic Data and AMHS Expansion:

Cross-Border Traffic via Dalton Cache: In 2023, 34,548 vehicles entered the U.S. from Canada through the Dalton Cache border crossing, representing a 32.45% increase from 2022. This steady flow is not limited to peak seasons; travelers from Alaska, Canada, and beyond rely on Haines as a year-round transit hub. The consistent vehicle traffic supports local businesses, making it essential for our dining establishments to offer a full range of services, including beer and wine. This data has been compiled with the support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Statistics Canada.

Economic and Community Benefits of Additional Licenses: The sustained traffic, amplified by enhanced AMHS service, reinforces Haines as a critical access point and economic center in Southeast Alaska. Additional beer and wine licenses would empower our local eateries to accommodate this growing demand, supporting local economic stability and resilience. With expanded licensing, Haines can better meet the needs of year-round residents, service members, and other travelers relying on our community's dining options. As of 2022, Haines Borough, Alaska, had an estimated year-round population of approximately 2,079 residents, according to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development projects population growth of 25% by 2030 to 2,600 residents which is indicative of the need for additional beer and wine licenses.

Conclusion: The increased investment in AMHS, coupled with Haines' unique position on the road system, is expected to bring continued traffic growth and economic opportunities. To support this upward trajectory, we respectfully request additional beer and wine licenses, which will enable our community to serve both residents and travelers more comprehensively.

Thank you for considering this request to support the needs of our community.

Rebecca Hylton, Haines Borough Tourism Director