



Alaska Communications Brings 3G Coverage to Prince of Wales Island

Network Upgrade Expands Alaska's Smartest Network

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 26, 2011 – Residents and visitors in Prince of Wales Island will now enjoy access to 3G data speeds thanks to Alaska Communications' wireless network expansion, announced today. The expanded network brings new opportunities for those in Craig, Klawock and Thorne Bay to access the web, email, video and other feature-rich applications while on the go.

"The demand for wireless data is growing at a rapid pace. While we work to bring our 4G LTE network to Alaska, we are also expanding our 3G network to bring an unparalleled experience to our customers. Whether it's streaming music or capturing pictures and video, we want to help connect Alaskans and Alaska visitors with friends and family," said Matt Peterson, Alaska Communications vice president of engineering. "We're proud to connect more Alaskans on the state's smartest 3G network."

The network enhancement, which upgraded the island from wireless voice service to 3G CDMA EVDO, is part of Alaska Communications' multi-million dollar network investment to stay ahead of the growing demand for mobile data services. The company was the first provider to offer Alaska high-speed mobile data through its 3G CDMA EVDO network in 2004. It is now the largest 3G CDMA network in the state, covering more than 75 percent of Alaska's population from the Southeast to the North Slope. The company also announced earlier this year that it will be the first to bring 4G LTE to Alaska later in the year.

With the dependability and coverage of Alaska Communications' wireless network, customers on Prince of Wales Island and throughout Alaska will appreciate the best possible mobile device experience in the state. Additionally, with its roaming partner in the Lower 48, Alaska Communications customers experience the fastest and broadest 3G coverage when traveling outside of Alaska.

About Alaska Communications

Headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. through its subsidiaries provides Alaska Communications services and is a leading provider of high-speed wireless, mobile broadband, Internet, local, long-distance and advanced data solutions for businesses and consumers in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. The Alaska Communications network includes the most advanced wireline and wireless data and voice networks and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. For more information, visit www.alaskacommunications.com, call 1-800-808-8083 or visit Alaska Communications on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). For investor information, visit www.alsk.com.

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