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# Global Conversations

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## *Conversations with the Field - Alaska*

Below is an email dialogue with one of PNE's partners, Andrew Smith:

**Audrey:**

*I only have a few brief moments of internet access here in Kaktovik, Alaska, but I wanted to send a warm thank you [to PNE] for your support of our project. Just minutes ago we finished the first of two economic development seminars with native Inupiat who are seeking to start their own eco-tourism guiding services. Currently, about 95% of the working population depends on oil industry money -- there is a long road ahead but we're starting to plant the seeds for sustainable economic alternatives. We will do everything that we can to build relationships with the people here while nurturing good energy back down in the lower 48.*

*Your support is immensely appreciated by the entire team.*

*We look forward to seeing you back in Colorado and sharing some of the experiences and work that you help to fund.*

*Best,  
Andrew F. Smith  
Executive Director - Treasure America Project  
[asmith@treasureamerica.org](mailto:asmith@treasureamerica.org)*

**Dear Andrew:**

*Your communication from Alaska was deeply appreciated. It's smart of you to stay connected with other people who share the same commitment. Otherwise it can often feel like you're alone facing an insurmountable project. The nature of the kinds of projects we're all committed to require magnanimity of spirit that can't be delivered on by an individual's ego trying to do good in the world. It demands synergistic partnerships and an openness to miracles. That phenomenon where results come your*

*way and you can't explain how they happen, but your commitment is so big that you are willing to receive them even if you can't understand their origin.*

*Do you remember that I talked to you about the power of LISTENING? Do you have any feedback on applying that practice while planting seeds in Alaska? You can't talk into a cup that's already full. Whether you know it or not, you're in the consciousness raising business, and the tipping point for raising consciousness is LISTENING.*

*If you're on track, you'd ask me "what am I supposed to be LISTENING for?"*

*Thank you for your reports from the field. They are valuable and we will put some of them in PNE's (Paradigm Nouveau Enterprises) newsletter.*

*You're a beautiful man with a beautiful soul and a beautiful vision.*

*I'm a stand for you to deliver on your mission.*

*Rock on!*

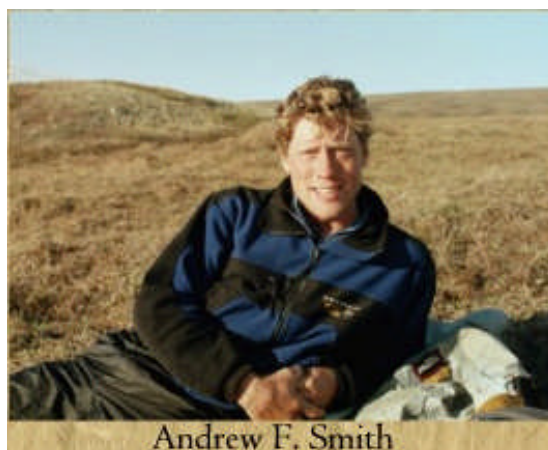
*Love, Audrey*

The Treasure America Project, a part of Natural Capitalism Solutions, is an intensive two month effort to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling by demonstrating how the American public, indigenous peoples, Alaskan citizens and corporate America can profit from protecting the Refuge in its pristine state.



*Dinner at the Levines' home May 20, 2005, with Natural Capitalism Solutions, Treasure America and PNE staff. Andrew is pictured on the far right next to Audrey.*

## ***Conversations with the Field - Courageous Win for Alaska***



Andrew F. Smith

Below is an email dialogue with one of PNE's partners, Andrew Smith:

**Dear Audrey:**

As you know, my Treasure America Project (TAP) was an intensive five-month effort during 2005 to promote sound energy policy and the preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

With the guidance of Natural Capitalism Solutions and the support of Paradigm Nouveau Enterprises, the TAP team contributed to a major win for the United States economy and the environment. Right before Christmas, Congress stripped a provision to open the last pristine five percent of the American Arctic to oil drilling.

The TAP team informed the Arctic drilling debate in two ways. The team produced the documentary film "Drawing the Line: The Fiscally Conservative Argument for the Preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" (available online at [www.treasureamerica.org](http://www.treasureamerica.org)) and helped the indigenous community of Kaktovik, Alaska find economic alternatives to leasing ancestral lands to industrial development. The team distributed the documentary to congressional leaders; professors are using the film in college classrooms; President Carter, an avid supporter of the Refuge, complimented the film. The work in Kaktovik resulted in the development of the "Kaktovik Guides" website which helps visitors to northern Alaska find native guides with whom to explore the natural wonders of the Refuge. The team was thrilled to contribute to an intense national debate within such a short time period.

So what happens next? The project founders have decided to establish an annual grant program which builds on the project's success to-date. Each year, a board of advisors will select and raise funds for one project which furthers the objectives of the original Treasure America Project: to promote sound energy policy, constructive dialogue, and the preservation of pristine places for generations to come.

Best,  
Andrew F. Smith  
Executive Director - Treasure America Project  
[asmith@treasureamerica.org](mailto:asmith@treasureamerica.org)

**Dear Andrew:**

Congratulations!

It's true that in the end "it is the courage of conviction that moves things, that makes all change possible."

While we are not at an end with our Alaska project, we clearly are at a win. And I know a lot of it had to do with your courage and conviction to the Treasure America Project.

I vividly remember you in my living room giving a presentation on Alaska to a distinguished group of people. We were all inspired and encouraged by your leadership. It's amazing what one person's devotion to a project can ignite in others.

Thank you for 'staying true' to your commitment to Alaska ...

Thank you for GOING FOR IT!!!

We are still behind you 100%.

With respect,

Audrey James Levine

CEO, Paradigm Nouveau Enterprises

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**Audrey & Andrew, 2005**