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**ASTAC brings faster Internet to Alaska's oil patch.
ASTAC launches its first LTE wireless site at Kuparuk and Deadhorse**

Prudhoe Bay, Alaska – Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) recently turned up its first three LTE wireless sites in Kuparuk and Deadhorse, vastly improving Internet speeds. ASTAC will be upgrading additional sites to 4G LTE across the North Slope over the next year, specifically, in Prudhoe Bay, Utqiagvik, Point Hope, Nuiqsut and Wainwright. Additional LTE sites are planned for new coverage along the Dalton Highway.

LTE is part of many people's lives and the ability to utilize and experience the Internet in quicker; richer ways opens new possibilities for both people and businesses. From streaming videos to online classes at universities; oil field analytics to near instantaneous medical information, users will improve how they connect with the world by experiencing data speeds up to eight times faster.

"ASTAC is committed to closing the technology gap across the North Slope to enhance our membership's experiences and improve safety in some of the most remote places in Alaska. 4G LTE is a big part of that and a real game changer in the region," said Jens Laipeniks, ASTAC CEO/General Manager.

ASTAC provides Broadband Ethernet and Internet, 4G wireless as well as local and long distance services across the North Slope. Additionally, ASTAC offers a Nomadic WAN and Internet service using the North Slope's only private LTE network covering the oil fields. For more information, visit www.astac.net.

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