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LOCAL TOUR COMPANY TAKES OVER MANAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE MINE STATE HISTORICAL PARK

Salmon Berry Travel & Tours has been awarded a contract to oversee summer operations at one of Southcentral Alaska's most popular destinations. Independence Mine State Historical Park, located at Hatcher Pass, features historic mine buildings, interpretive sites, and trails within the Alaska State Parks system.

To further enhance recreational opportunities for visitors to the site, Salmon Berry Travel & Tours plans to offer guided walks and hikes, equipment rental, and scheduled family-friendly activities for local Alaskans and visitors alike. The company also plans to increase offerings in Bunkhouse #2 which will act as a check in location for tours and house the small snack shop.

Independence Mine State Historical Park facilities are tentatively scheduled to open Thursday, June 18, 2020, and remain open through September 30, 2020. The gate to the upper parking lot will be open at 9:00am and locked at 7:00pm daily. Visitors should check the Department of Natural Resources Division of Outdoor Recreation website for current conditions and opening status at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm

"We are excited for this new opportunity to share the rich history & recreation of the park," said Mandy Garcia, co-owner of Salmon Berry Travel & Tours. "We are busy getting the mine buildings cleaned up and ready for the public. The Manager's House, Bunkhouse #2 and the Assay office buildings will all be open to the public at no additional charge.

About Salmon Berry Travel & Tours Salmon Berry Travel & Tours (SBT) is a year round, female-owned day tour company providing daily guided tours in southcentral Alaska.

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