



# Communication with users

Toolik Steering Committee

2 meetings this year

Thank you for your time and assistance!

Three User Forum meetings at TFS

Several Title IX outreach sessions at TFS

Also introduced mandatory TFS Title IX training and waivers of confidentiality so that information can be sent to NSF

Personal contacts with concerned individuals

# Promoting scientific collaboration

Toolik sessions at AGU to promote  
collaboration 3<sup>rd</sup> year

tomorrow!

# Toolik Steering Committee

Provides input to IAB and NSF on the management and operations of the Toolik Field Station, including the services that we offer under our Cooperative Agreement (CA) with NSF

Supported by the CA

Provides input on development of the station, and how it can best meet needs of a broad community of scientists using TFS as a research & education platform

Helps facilitate site selection of research plots (if there is a conflict)

Provides input on issues related to coordination of science support services & other issues

# Toolik Steering Committee

## Members:

Steve Oberbauer (co-Chair)

Breck Bowden

Gus Shaver

Michelle Mack

Mike Weintraub

Ian Billick

Dan White

Helen Chmura

Faustine Bernadac

Donie (co-Chair), Brian, Mike, and Brett

Meets at TFS in summer, in Fairbanks (or Portland) in winter, as desired in between by teleconference

# User Forum comments

## On-site user concerns & comments:

Common use equipment requests; binoculars, another networkable printer (lab 2), boardwalk buggy, more garden carts, more bicycles of a range of sizes (fit large and small people)

Small upgrades: more coat hooks in the dining hall, furniture, shelving in new ATCOs, motion-detector lights in outhouses

Pad/road grading would be helpful

More lab space would be helpful

Discussion about safety training: more on-site resources, more training made available ahead of time

Degraded plot markers: tundra trash and rebar that is hard to see

Discussions about managing storage

Discussion about possible future enhancements for research: growth chambers, satellite camps, but perhaps less demand for on-site N and P determination

Lots of use of the suggestion box, primarily in relation to food (comments were mostly positive this year)

# Appreciation

On-site staff very helpful

EDC, GIS, Chad, kitchen staff are fabulous

Kudos for the website, and its ease of use

European visitors (INTERACT groups, Ellen Dorrepaal) appreciate TFS support

EDC data is very useful

Consider adding advanced data products for both EDC and GIS

lapse photos)

EDC help provided to projects is very useful

GIS department help with permitting, maps is greatly appreciated

# Frustrations

Continuing frustration with internet connectivity

Less frustration than in previous years but still some complaints

Connectivity in new ATCO dorms was poor (partially solved with another AP), and residence side of camp not as good as lab side

Need to complete fiber upgrade

Vehicles - more for common use, need to replace long-haul vehicles (issues with old trucks out of service parts of this summer), and for LTER

Maintain summer DHE service



# Issues

Less discussion of permits, but BLM permitting continues to be perceived as challenging and expensive

Switching over to Right-



# Issues

Desire to coordinate and integrate scientific research and measurements

Preserve legacy of institutional knowledge as PIs retire

Toolik Field Station searchable on-line database of Toolik publications updated this year, merged with LTER publication database

TFS will expand Toolik Information System with metadata on projects and links to data; possibility of archiving data for non-LTER projects, if not archived elsewhere

