Shishmaref, Alaska

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"…because we've lost too much land…"

The Need for a New Runway

A long time ago we used to have a north-south runway for planes. When larger planes wanted to land, we found out that our runway was too short. Other villages just lengthened their runways, but we couldn't because we've lost too much land off the north shore due to the erosion caused by global warming. The Alaska Department of Transportation built us a new one. Now the runway is better because it is long enough for planes to land on. We are using the old runway to put houses and storage vans on it because it is still solid, for now.

— Brandi "Iyahuq" Nayokpuk

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