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Not surprisingly, several family members, and current/former staff own land at the ferry’s destination.

The worst part is that this isn’t the first time tax dollars have paid for this ferry service. Even after the Navy rejected his boat as “impractical”, the undaunted Sen. Stevens continued to solicit funding to build it; earmarking nearly $50 million from 2002-2006.

After his infamous bridge idea, I guess we should at least be grateful this ferry service has a destination.

Editors Note: *The "Ferry to Nowhere" runs between Anchorage and the Knik Arm.*