

# **Toolik Steering Committee Research Assistants/Technicians**

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# RA Survey

List of emails associated with RA reservations supplied by Brett.

81 surveys sent

13 responses

# Resources

5 respondents reported using EDC equipment

- 5 used GIS/Spatial Analysis Support

- 3 used EDC Environmental Data

- 3 used Science Support

# EDC Equipment

microscopes, balances, hydrolab, incubation chambers, pipettors, drying ovens, ect

Most popular item balances and request was made for more of them to be available, especially during plucks.

Equipment was in good condition and no complaints about quality.

# GIS and Remote Sensing

Services and products used:

Bathymetric maps

Drone imaging

Online maps

GPS instruments    a respondent noted that quality of the instrument was great

No complaints about quality or service

# EDC Environmental Data

Weather station data very commonly used  
The lakes groups commonly uses ice cover records in the Naturalist Log and website webcams.

# Science Support

Science support was critical to many projects.

Delivering Boats to remote lakes

Lake Warming Project

Met stations and pulling data loggers

Fishscape Project

# Transportation

3 respondents reported using a CPS Truck,

4 used NSF Truck

2 used MBL Truck

3 used MBL/Toolik Boats

Complaint that it was unclear if you could sign up a NSF truck ahead of time. Also that there were a couple of times that a signed out truck did not start.

A respondent commented about the helicopter pilot gave a thorough orientation and safety briefing, and was clearly experienced and flew expertly



# Logistical and Facilities Support

Everyone Compliments the Kitchen

There were compliments for the beds, linens, labs and other facilities

Easy access to a wide variety of tools

General appreciation for cleanliness and upkeep

The orphan science equipment tent was appreciated

# Working Conditions

Most respondents reported Toolik as a positive work environment

Many comments praising the easy access to equipment and expertise

Shipping/receiving efficient

Most felt that it was a safe working environment

# Living Conditions

The general impression is that Toolik place to visit.

The kitchen's efforts to satisfy gluten-free folks were greatly appreciated.

There were many compliments about the cleanliness of bathrooms and shower module.

Lots of positive comments about social and recreational opportunities.

One report of dangerous, drunken behavior but that it

# Title IX

There was a consensus that Title IX was well explained in orientation and the quiz.

The on site poster were appreciated and useful.

There was a criticism that people, both scientist and staff, were joking about Title IX, and that the issue should be taken more seriously.

Someone overheard another person drunkenly make inappropriate comments about their and other womens bodies after sauna.

# Sauna

Many people reported enjoying the sauna

There were reports of inappropriate behavior,  
drunk and disorderly

Also some people were spending hours in the  
sauna

## Suggestions

- ask people to limit their time in the sauna

- make it clear that inappropriate behavior will result in loss of  
sauna privileges

- sauna should not be go

# Equipment Request

There was a request that more Sat Phones be available to sign out.

There was a request for a few more camp bikes.

More battery powered drills and large mallets.

# Other Comments/Concerns

the sauna should be thoroughly explained and enforced

Use of flush toilet should be discouraged.

People drive too fast.

Locks on Weatherports

# Not sure what to do with

I was at the field station, I became depressed and wrote a message on the community board identifying how the small community made me feel excluded at the time. In retrospect, my time at Toolik has served my memory as one of the best experiences of my life so far. I hold a great deal of regret for penning that message. I hope that I am able to return to Toolik sometime in my life to lend myself to the research initiatives ongoing. Although this is faceless, I would like to extend my sincerest apology to everyone who read that message. I was wrong to be accusatory and my assessment was shortsighted and ill-informed. My time at the station has caused a great deal of emotional and intellectual growth in myself, so I am forever thankful



# Shout Outs!!!

Brie, Jeb, Justin, Emma, Chad, Molly,  
Travis, Kristen, Juliette, Jeremy, John,  
Fay, Ian

Rae and Helo crew

Trivia Group

Polar Services

Kitchen Crew

EDC & GIS Staff

Toolik Staff as a Whole!