

U.S. President Travels to Alaska for Trip Focused on Climate Change



Anchorage, August 31 (RHC)-- U.S. President Barack Obama is in Alaska today for a three-day visit, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to travel to the Arctic.

Obama is expected to emphasize the impact of climate change on the heels of his administration's decision to allow Shell to resume oil drilling in the Arctic, a move environmentalists warn will fuel climate change.

On the eve of his trip to Alaska, Obama announced the name of North America's tallest mountain peak will be changed from Mount McKinley to Denali—its traditional Alaska Native name. Ohio's congressional delegation had fought to defend the name McKinley, which honors former President William McKinley, who was from Ohio. But Alaska Natives have long viewed the name as imperialist.

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