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Re: Chitina - McCarthy Road

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We have received your letters dated August 16, 1999 and September 22, 1999 requesting information regarding the Chitina-McCarthy right of way. As our office has been in active consultation with the Attorney General's office regarding the status and width of the Chitina-McCarthy road, you letters were forwarded to their Fairbanks office for review. We expect a response shortly that will advise us on how to proceed.

I can tell you, however, that we do have a substantial amount of information on the Chitina-McCarthy road including maps and title documents for the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad and current DOT&PF projects. Given that these records cover 58 miles of road, it is reasonable to assume that the copying charges will be far in excess of \$250. It would be very helpful and would expedite the research and copying of this information if you could focus your request to a specific area. However, once we receive direction from the AGO, we will produce the materials for the entire length of the road unless you subsequently modify the scope of your request.

Sincerely,

John F. Bennett, PLS, SR/WA

Chief, Right of Way

Cc: Mason Damrau, AGO