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George, over the last week it seems that I have been on the phone a couple times a day regarding McCarthy and the parking situation. We received an e-mail from a Pete Sennhauser and had phone conversations with Mike Brewster both who live up at Kennicott. Both complained of harrassment and alleged vandalism to vehicles belonging to people who park at the footbridge by Steve Syren. We have had conversations with Syren and his attorneys over the past year regarding the width of the ROW (200' wide through the McCarthy West subdivision), however he does not accept this nor does he accept that parking is allowed in this particular public right of way. He apparently tries to coerce people to park in his lot and pay a parking fee. Vehicles including a state rig taken up by Jerry Rafson and Crissy Storey last week are blocked in by Syrens vehicles and flagged with what Jerry calls a "parking citation". This "citation" states that payment is required to park there and that no parking is allowed in the ROW corridor. Brewster claimed his car was blocked in by derelict vehicles and that two of his tires were flattened.

I spoke with Glennallen Trooper sergeant Dial this morning. He was contacted by Brewster this week and is aware of ongoing problems in McCarthy. He intends to go there in the next few days as time allows. Clarence mentioned that you had also planned a trip there in the next week. Although recognizing the difficulty of synchronizing schedules, Dial thought it would be advantageous if you and he could coordinate your trips. His office number is 822-3263. His e-mail is rodney_dial@dps.state.ak.us

Dial was also aware of the missing bollard problem and was wondering why DOT had not reported it to the Troopers. Dial says the problem with him enforcing the ROW/Parking issue is that the ROW limit is not clearly defined. He believed that if it was marked and documented as being managed by DOT, he would be able to deal with Syren. A discussion with Dave McCaleb and Bill Townsend resulted in the direction to use some of our project funding to contract with a surveyor to locate, mark, brush and map the ROW in the vicinity of the McCarthy West subdivision and the bridge. Unfortunately, given the contracting process, this may take a bit of time to get fired up. Dial stated that if necessary, he would accompany the surveyors if there was any problem with Syren.

So, if you get up to McCarthy with our without Trooper Dial, we will be interested in hearing your report, particularly if you get a chance to speak with Syren. If you have an opportunity to take pictures while you are there, we would also appreciate copies. Thanks, JohnB

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