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November 26, 1999
Re: McCarthy Road Right-of-Way

Stephen Syren
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Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Mr. Syren,

I have been asked to respond to the Maintenance and Operations concerns listed in your letter to Pat Thayer dated September 29, 1999. Please accept our delayed response to your letter, but our resources have been strained. I would like to address each concern in the order listed in your letter.

1. The state right-of-way on the McCarthy Road is 200 feet. Both the Tram Station and the Potato Head Restaurant are on the highway right-of-way. I personally spoke to the operators of the restaurant and informed them to move their operation in August. Unfortunately I was not able to return later on to ensure they moved. I will check again next summer to make sure they are not operating a business on the right-of-way. The Tram Station, which was built using timbers taken from the Nizina River Bridge, needs to be moved off the right-of-way as well if the rules are enforced. Parking is allowed on the right-of-way as long as it does not block traffic or access.
2. I am not aware of misinformation disseminated by DOT/PF personnel. Since there are no specific allegations, I am unable to address your concern.
3. Parking is at a premium in this area. Cal Datta pushed some boulders out of the way to decrease congestion at the bridge.
4. Your allegation that Mr. Datta left the toilet holding tanks half full of sewage and then backfilled them with gravel is untrue. Mr. Datta moved the toilets at your request through your agent R. Elliott. The toilets were pumped by Copper Basin Sanitation just before they were moved.

I know we have a difference of opinion concerning this matter. I would like to work with you on the parking situation at the road end. The volume of traffic continues to increase each year and more improvements are definitely needed to accommodate the visitors. Please give me a call at 834-1039 if you would like to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,
George Levasseur
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District Manager, Maintenance and Operations

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