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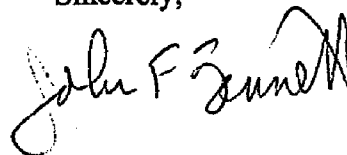
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Attn: C. Russell Lewis

Re: Chitina - McCarthy Road  
Public Records Request  
Your File No. 99092.2

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter of October 13, 1999 reached us on October 19, the same day we sent you a letter responding to your August 16, 1999 letter. In my undated response to your initial letter, I requested that you narrow the focus of your request. Your October 13 letter narrowed the request to "that portion of the Chitina-McCarthy road within a two mile distance on either side of the Kennicott River." In recent years we have had two fairly significant construction projects within those limits; the McCarthy Airport and the McCarthy Footbridge. The combination of those projects along with other historical data have resulted in a substantial collection of plats, plans & title documents that relate to the McCarthy road right-of-way. All of these documents are readily available for your inspection. As we do not have the in-house capacity to copy large quantities of maps, we commonly suggest that the requestor open an account at one of the local reprographics firms in order to expedite the process. In this situation, the local firm could pick up the maps and documents, copy them and then bill you directly. In either event you would have to decide whether you wish to have one of our staff right-of-way engineers review each map and document to determine its relevancy to the Chitina-McCarthy road and therefore limit the number of documents produced, or have our entire map and document files for the area copied and allow you to determine their relevancy. I am certain that the staff research time and the copy charges for this request would exceed \$250. I will not proceed with any review or copying of files until you have had an opportunity to respond to my October 13 letter. I suspect that you might have a specific question regarding the Chitina-McCarthy right-of-way that could be easily addressed if you give us the opportunity. The ambiguous nature of your current request, however, does not allow us to efficiently respond.

Sincerely,



John F. Bennett, PLS, SR/WA  
Chief, Right of Way

Cc: Mason Damrau, AGO