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Northern Region DOT & PF

Dear Mr. Hackett:

RE: Chitina-McCarthy Road

We have received your March 3rd letter requesting the right of way width of the Chitina-McCarthy road.

As you may know, the road used to be the Copper River and North Western Railroad. According to Exhibit A, the right of way for it was acquired pursuant to an 1898 Act of Congress (30 Stat. 409) and was 200 feet wide. The railroad plans also show the right of way to be 200 feet wide.

An affidavit, which was prepared for litigation with the Sierra Club in 1973, is also enclosed for your information. Item 16 in the affidavit should be clarified, however. It refers to Amendment No. 2 of Secretarial Order 2665, establishing a width of 150 feet each side of center line for the "Copper River Highway." The Copper River Highway does not include the Chitina-McCarthy portion of the road and, therefore, the right of way remains at 200 feet for that portion.

In addition to the affidavit, enclosed is a copy of the relinquishment of the railroad to the USA and a Quitclaim Deed from the U.S. Department of Commerce to the State of Alaska.

Hopefully, this information will be of help and interest to you.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Beardsley, SRWA
Chief Right of Way Agent
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cc: John Bennett
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