

OSL # 366

## MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska RR-in 95

To: L. T. Main  
Lands Disposal Officer  
ADL

Att: Richard Richards

DATE: April 6, 1967

FROM: Virginia Rydex (P)  
Records Supervisor

SUBJECT: Copper River Northwestern R.R.  
Chitina to McCarthy

We are in receipt of OSL #366 which has been integrated into Records after much difficulty in determining Railroad R/W location.

Reference memo from Jack Bodine stating that we gained title through Omnibus Act Schedule A, Rt. #850.

We have been unable to secure copy of this deed to back up validity of State acquisition of this Railroad R/W.

In our attempts to secure document we have come across facts that we feel should be brought to your attention.

A check with BLM Anchorage Office shows that status of Railroad is as follows:

1. Railroad relinquished before Statehood, 3-29-62.
2. BLM considers R.R. abandoned and now open public domain. It has been removed from their official records. Title will pass from BLM without reservation for R.R. R/W.
3. The only deed passed by General Services Administration of this R.R. bed was a GSA deed to the City of Cordova in the South Addition, Cordova Township, USS 2981 A&B. R.R. bed is now a street called Railroad Avenue.

Reference is made on survey plat to the old R.R. bed. Please see attached.

In view of these facts, we think it pertinent that further research be made into the validity of the State acquiring this RR bed. It appears that the deed referenced in Jack Bodine's memo could be the deed issued to the City of Cordova which is a matter of record at BLM.

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