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KOTZEBUE-NOATAK TRAIL

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★ LISTED IN ALASKA STATUTE (AS 19.30.400(d)) AS A QUALIFIED RS2477 RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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Casefile Summary
RST 122
Kotzebue-Noatak Trail
Trail Location
The Trail Runs From Kotzebue Northward Along the Coast and Crosses Hotham Inlet To the Mouth of the Noatak River, Then Continues Northward Up the Noatak River To the Village of Noatak. the Route Is Located in the USGS 1:63,360 Kotzebue D-1 and D-2 and Noatak A-1, A-2, B-2, B-3 and C-3 Quadrangles and Is Approximately 70 Miles Long.
Historical Documentation
The Trail Is Indicated As Trail #22 On the Noatak and Kotzebue USGS Quadrangle Maps in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 1973 Trail Inventory. It Is Labeled Trail 41f In the Kobuk District in Alaska Road Commission Documents.
Documentation of Construction and Use Pertaining To the Subject
Trail, Includes:
Alaska Road Commission Annual Report: 1. 1934: Lists \$32.00 Spent On Construction With A Total of

\$77.58 Spent To Date On Construction;
2. 1935: Lists \$34.43 Spent On Maintenance and Improvement;
Lists \$112.01 Total Cost To Date With \$34.43 Spent To Date On
Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On Construction;
3. 1937: Lists \$112.01 Total Cost To Date With \$34.43 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
4. 1938: Lists \$112.01 Total Cost To Date With \$34.43 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
5. 1940: Lists \$112.01 Total Cost To Date With \$34.43 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
6. 1941: Lists \$112.01 Total Cost To Date With \$34.43 Spent To
Date On Construction;
7. 1944: Lists \$391.77 Total Cost To Date With \$314.19 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
8. 1947: Lists \$391.77 Total Cost To Date With \$314.19 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
9. 1953: Lists \$391.77 Total Cost To Date With \$314.19 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction;
10. 1954: Lists \$391.77 Total Cost To Date With \$314.19 Spent To
Date On Maintenance and Improvement and \$77.58 Spent To Date On
Construction.
Maps
1. 1923, Alaska Road Commission, Kobuk District, Shows
Shelter Cabins Along the Route From Kotzebue To Noatak;

2. 1953, Alaska Road Commission, Kobuk District, Trail Route
Is Mapped and Shelter Cabin Is Indicated;
3. 1950, USGS Topographic Maps Listed in Trail Location
Section, Shows Trail and Route.
Other:
1. October 28, 1955: Report To B.D. Stewart, Jr., From District
Engineer, Nome Which Lists Kotzebue-Noatak Trail As 60 Miles Long of
Which the Arc Maintains 13 Miles From Kotzebue-Island @ Mouth Noatak
River.
Surface Estate Owners, As Shown On Bureau of Land
Management and Alaska Division of Land Records, Are Listed As
Follows:
1. Bureau of Land Management;
2. Nana Regional Corporation;
3. City of Kotzebue;
4. 50-89-0177, Native Allotment; Od May 1961
5. 50-89-0224, Native Allotment. No Record
Surface Estate Interest, As Shown On Bureau of Land Management
And Alaska Division of Land Records, Are Listed As Follows:
1. Noatak Ira Council;
2. Northwest Arctic Borough;
3. F17679, Pending Native Allotment;
4. F12121, Pending Native Allotment;
5. F18429, Pending Native Allotment;

6. F13627, Pending Native Allotment;
7. F13619, Pending Native Allotment;
8. F13624, Pending Native Allotment;
9. F16924, Pending Native Allotment;
10. F16466, Pending Native Allotment;
11. F17438, Pending Native Allotment;
12. F13332, Pending Native Allotment;
13. F14221, Pending Native Allotment;
14. F18036, Pending Native Allotment;
15. F16894, Pending Native Allotment;
16. F13593, Pending Native Allotment;
17. F14007, Pending Native Allotment;
18. F17585, Pending Native Allotment;
19. F15952, Pending Native Allotment;
20. F18591, Pending Native Allotment;
21. F15991, Pending Native Allotment;
22. F17597, Pending Native Allotment;
23. F14007, Pending Native Allotment;
24. F16344, Pending Native Allotment;
25. F18589, Pending Native Allotment;
26. F16341, Pending Native Allotment;

27. USS 5295, Pending Native Allotment;
28. F13908, Pending Native Allotment.
Acceptance of Grant
The Earliest Federal Reservation Along the Subject Route Was
For the Native Allotment 50-89- 0177 With An Occupancy Date of
May 1961. the Grant of the Rs2477 Right-Of-Way for the
Kotzebue-Noatak Trail Was Accepted By Construction and Use,
Subject To Valid, Existing Rights, When the Land Was Not Reserved
For Public Purposes.

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