

F-13508. I believe this originated with PLO 386 in 1947 when a right of way was established for a military communications line paralleling the Alaska and Richardson highways. An Easement Deed was eventually executed between the USA (Air Force) and RCA which transferred their interest. The RCA interest was subsequently conveyed to Alascom and possibly to other local telephone operators. The right of way was 50' in width, 25' on each side of centerline. Many of the segments are partially or completely within the highway right of way. I am not familiar with its location in the vicinity of the FNSB property.\

THE TELEGRAPH LINE: When I mentioned that there might be a PLO for the communications line, I was thinking of PLO 386 which came into effect in 1947. It really only applied to the line from the Canadian Border to Delta Junction. It then tied into lines from Valdez and headed toward Fairbanks. These were all originally military facilities. In 1971, the Air Force who held title to the system conveyed the right of way to RCA Alaska Communications Inc.. The described conveyance follows a line parallel to the New Richardson to the east of your survey in section 36. As far as I can tell the telegraph line was abandoned at least in the mid-50's when the Richardson was realigned to the east and maybe many years earlier because of the references to the wireless system that replace parts of the old telegraph system.

Anyway, typically, if there is any reservation for the pole line, it would be noted with a case file number on the federal status plat. The portion you faxed me did not reference any case file number. You might trace it through the entire MTP to make sure there is no reference. If you find one, you will need to check with BLM as to its status. If you don't find one, it is likely that none was ever reserved and that it was abandoned without any continuing legal interest. I am also faxing to you 2 pages out of Klaus Naske's book "Paving Alaska's Trails" which speaks about the early construction of the telegraph lines in Alaska.

BLM (Dave Mushovic – general comments): In passing conversation Dave mentioned several run-ins with utilities personnel installing lines in highway ROW over BLM ground and claiming that DOT said that our permit was all they needed. I told Dave that as this requirement is in our federal 23CFR, we make clear to utilities that if our highway ROW crosses BLM ground, they must also get a BLM permit. I mentioned that as this is not the case on lands subject to state law, they might be confused or uninformed. Dave also mentioned that the BLM permits are limited to the use authorized, that is, an authorization for a power line to CVE would not allow a fiber optic line. Also, Dave believes that the old RCA easements (PLO's?) in his interpretation are limited to the existing facility and that a reconstructed or new facility would require another authorization.

An easement and right-of-way to operate, maintain, repair and patrol an overhead open wire and underground communication line or lines, and appurtenances thereto, in, on, over and across a strip of land fifty (50) feet in width, lying twenty-five (25) feet on each side of the centerline of the Alaska Communication System's open wire or pole line and/or buried communication cableline, conveyed to RCA Alaska Communications, Inc. by Easement Deed dated January 10, 1971, AA-6188, pursuant to the Alaska Communications Disposal Act (81 Stat. 441; 40 O.S.C. 771, et seq.)