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Division No. 10
Juneau, Alaska

August 23, 1951

Hon. Ernest Gruening
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Governor Gruening:

There is herewith enclosed a statement of the
activities of the Bureau of Public Roads for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 1951.

Very truly yours,

HUGH A. STODDART
Division Engineer

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1951.

The Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Commerce is in charge of construction and maintenance of all roads on the Alaska Forest Highway system. The road program is administered by the Bureau of Public Roads, Division 10, with headquarters at Juneau. The work in the Tongass Forest in Southeastern Alaska is supervised by the Juneau District and the work in the western area in the Chugach Forest is supervised by the Seward District Office, with headquarters at Seward. The highway construction and maintenance program is financed by funds authorized by the Federal Highway Act, with funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce. The total forest highway funds expended on these activities to date is \$13,725,736.96.

During the fiscal year seven forest highway projects were under construction with a total contract amount of \$2,301,745. Of these projects two on the Seward-Anchorage Highway, near Seward, were completed during the year. The most important construction projects included grading of two sections of the Tongass Highway in the vicinity of Ketchikan, with one project providing for a highway relocation to permit construction of a pulp mill at Wards Cove and the other section located south of Ketchikan providing for reconstruction of 2.7 miles of substandard highway in the vicinity of Mountain Point. Other improvements include reconstruction of the Glacier Highway extending 3.3 miles north of the Juneau airport and 10.8 miles of the Sterling Highway between the Seward-Anchorage Highway and the bridge over the Kenai River.

Under an authorization contained in the 1950 Federal Highway Act, \$3,500,000 was appropriated for improvement of several projects in the vicinities of Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka that are considered to have the highest priorities for reconstruction. It is expected that contracts for projects in the vicinity of each of these cities will be awarded in the near future. Funds were programmed for projects in the vicinities of Wrangell and Petersburg to provide for extensions to the existing roads near these cities.

Construction of the 49.1 miles of the Turnagain Arm project being supervised by the Bureau of Public Roads was substantially complete at the end of the fiscal year. This work is being constructed under five contracts, with a total value of \$7,195,778.76. Construction of the existing forest highway between the southerly end of the Turnagain Arm project and Seward was begun. This work is being financed with Department of the Interior funds with the Bureau supervising the construction under an agreement with the Alaska Road Commission. Six contracts have been awarded to provide for the grading and bridge construction, with the total contract amount of \$6,357,734. At the end of the fiscal year this work was 15 percent complete. Upon completion of the work, which is scheduled for December 1951, a roadway capable of carrying heavy truck traffic will have been provided between Seward and Anchorage.

The original four projects included in the interdepartmental agreement with the Alaska Road Commission for improvement of interior roads in Alaska were completed in the fall of 1950. These four projects

included the westerly 48 miles of the Glenn Highway, 97.1 miles of the Richardson Highway between Fairbanks and Big Delta, and a section of the Alaska Highway 65.6 miles in length. The aggregate amount of these contracts was \$8,359,887.20. Under an extension of this agreement, two additional contracts were awarded for similar work. One section extends south from Big Delta to Rapids on the Richardson Highway and the other is located on the Alaska Highway between Big Delta and Johnson River. The total amount of these two contracts is \$3,655,482. The extension of the agreement also provides for paving of the Seward to Girdwood section of the Seward-Anchorage Highway. This work will be contracted in the fall of 1951 and completed in 1952.

LIST OF BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS PERSONNEL
As of June 30, 1951

<u>Title of Position</u>	<u>Name of Employee</u>	<u>Town in which Headquartered</u>
Division Engineer	Hugh A. Stoddart	Juneau, Alaska
Administrative Officer	Paul A. Doyle	Juneau, Alaska
District Engineer	B. M. French	Seward, Alaska
District Engineer	C. F. Wyller	Juneau, Alaska
Resident Engineer	Thomas R. Brown	Sitka, Alaska
Maintenance Foreman	Clyde B. Hager	" "
Highway Engineer	E. W. McCann	Ketchikan, Alaska
Maintenance Foreman	C. F. McKenzie	" "
Acting Foreman	R. O. Lidsley	Wrangell, Alaska
Assistant Foreman	Wm. E. Kilroy	Hyder, Alaska
Assistant Foreman	Cecil H. Donahue	Petersburg, Alaska
Assistant Foreman	Gilvert A. Vanborg	Cordova, Alaska

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Federal Funds Other Than Forest Highway Funds
Used for Construction of Forest Highways
in Alaska as of June 30, 1950

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Route	Highway	Class Forest Highways	Alaska Road Commission	PWA	CCC	CAA	Defense Access	Totals
1	✓ Tongass	3	16,325				36,551	52,876
2	✓ Glacier	3	175,910				514,459	690,369
3	Seward	3	44,181					44,181
4	✓ Cordova	3	7,736					7,736
5	✓ Kenai River	3			55,054			55,054
7	Mitkof	3	10,264					10,264
9	Salmon River	3	64					64
11	Sitka	3	6,275					6,275
12	Crow Creek	3	892					892
13	Palmer Creek	3	-					-
14	Moose Pass	3	30,728					30,728
16	Wrangell	3	11,254					11,254
17	Skagway	3	7,517					7,517
18	Texas Creek	3						-
26	Point Agassiz	3						-
30	Agofnak Lake	3						-
31	Douglas	3	32,020	255,000				287,020
32	Copper River	3				166,000		166,000
<u>Totals</u>			<u>343,166</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>55,054</u>	<u>166,000</u>	<u>551,010</u>	<u>1,370,230</u>

HENRY RODEN, Member

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
Office of
HIGHWAY ENGINEER
HIGHWAY PATROL
and
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Juneau, Alaska

November 25, 1949

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		REHER
		FLINT
		BLACKWELL
		L. MILLER
		KIELY
		McGILL
		HOLMQUIST
		I. MILLER
		EQUIP. DEPT
		ANSWERED BY

Mr. H. A. Stoddard
Division Engineer
Bureau of Public Roads
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

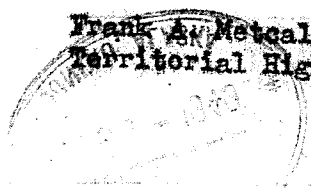
As, I believe, he mentioned to you recently on the phone, Governor Gruening was informed by Mr. Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads, in Washington, that the function of budgeting for the construction and maintenance of forest highways has been taken over by the Bureau of Public Roads from the Department of Agriculture. It is the Governor's desire at this time to review the program of forest road construction and maintenance in Alaska to assure himself of its adequacy.

The Governor was further informed by Mr. MacDonald that detailed data on this program should be obtained from you. It is therefore requested that you inform him of the various projects now carried in the program of construction and maintenance of forest roads in Alaska, and also furnish any data on future plans that you may have.

It is considered essential that this material be made available promptly as there is only a limited time available for the Governor to make his review before the program comes up for budgetary action by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Metcalf
Territorial Highway Engineer



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