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Routes centering at Chickaloon
3-1110 (Subject)

No.	Name	R. or S.	Date and Purport of Communication
0	1923		Road from Chickaloon to Lindquist's coal property (Coal Cr.)
1	1926		Chickaloon to Nelchina Mining District (Report by Spach)
2	1926		Cableway across Matanuska River on Chickaloon-Coal Cr. route
3	1927		Improvement to Chickaloon - King River road Creek
4	1930		Cableway across Caribou/on Chickaloon-Nelchina Pack Trail
5	1940		Chickaloon-Richardson Highway (See file 13/191-1)

September 24, 1945

Mr. John D. Hudert,
Assistant Superintendent, A. R. C.,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 30 regarding buildings of Mr. Archie Ferguson, addressed to the Land Office at Nome, has been referred through the Field Examiner at Anchorage to this office.

Unfortunately there are no prescribed rights of way for roads on public domain. Consequently, all the road right of way we can hold is the amount we are using. It is agreed it is unreasonable for Mr. Ferguson to restrict the road width to 20 feet by the construction of buildings but there is no punitive action that either the General Land Office or the Alaska Road Commission can take. It is possible that when Mr. Ferguson attempts to acquire title to that portion of the public domain he is now occupying, that some reserve can be made for road right of way across his property. This is a matter, however, which must be left to the Field Examiner of the General Land Office.

It is requested that in the future matters requiring action with other agencies be referred to this office for action in order to avoid possible conflict.

For our records please furnish a sketch from memory showing the situation as it now exists.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

CC: GLO, Juneau.
IPT:JJ

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Nome, Alaska
August 30, 1945

Land Office,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

On a recent inspection trip to Kotzebue, Alaska, a condition was brought to my attention which should be checked and rectified at the earliest opportunity.

In direct violation of one of your statutes, regarding the placement or erection of an obstruction on land allotted for road purposes and for public domain, Mr. Archie Ferguson has erected a warehouse on the west side of the road. The road goes between this building and his store and the distance between them does not exceed twenty feet.

This also creates a drifting snow condition that will inconvenience those using the road, and public opinion is decidedly against this building remaining in its present location.

The above statements can be verified by Rev. O'Connor, catholic missionary, Mr. Rotman, trader, and others.

In checking on this matter I find that Mr. Ferguson does not have any previous approval from the Nome Land Office, and evidently is doing this on his own initiative.

This building should be moved and I look for your earliest cooperation.

Very truly yours,

John D. Hudert,
Assistant Superintendent.

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