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*Harold L. Ickes*

Secretary.

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April 8, 1937  
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March 31, 1950

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To Secretary 1-4-50 For signature

My dear Delegate Bartlett:

On November 15 you wrote to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management concerning rights-of-way for highway purposes in Alaska, calling attention to certain problems which were believed to result from the promulgation of Public Land Order 601. This matter of rights-of-way for Alaskan highways is an important one, to which I have given my personal attention both here and in Alaska last fall. It was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Alaska Field Committee at McKinley Park, September 21 to 23, and has been more fully considered recently in the Department. After weighing all the reasons advanced for continuation, modification, or revocation of the withdrawal, I am firmly convinced that the proper action was taken in withdrawing lands for highway purposes by means of Public Land Order 601.

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Granted that the withdrawal may add a little to the work of the Bureau of Land Management and the Alaska Road Commission, I feel that the benefits greatly outweigh the disadvantages. No one has questioned the need for rights-of-way for the highways of Alaska. The question has been simply as to how the rights-of-way should be reserved, that is, whether the rights-of-way should be withdrawn, as has been done, or whether an easement should be reserved. Those who have questioned the withdrawals have done so on two grounds: (1) that the right-of-way withdrawal creates fractional parts of legal subdivisions on both sides of the highway, and (2) that the withdrawal closes the right-of-way to all use except for highway purposes.

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I realize that the withdrawal does create fractional parts of legal subdivisions and the need for confining homesteads to one side of a highway. However, I do not believe that this situation is of sufficient importance to justify abandoning the withdrawal. So far as administrative action is concerned I have directed the Bureau of Land Management and the Alaska Road Commission to accelerate their survey work so that these fractional subdivisions will be lotted and made available for inclusion in homestead entries. Neither do I believe that any particular disservice will be done the individual entrymen because their entries are limited to one side of a highway. This limitation will result in a wider distribution of road frontage. You, of course, are well aware of the premium at which road access is

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held in Alaska. Many settlers have asked why the amount of road frontage that any one settler can take up is not limited. They want to see their communities grow and they realize that there must be accessible land for new settlers.

It may be that entries should be allowed to cross farm or local road rights-of-way even though restricted to one side of main roads. This is being considered.

There is another point in favor of the withdrawal method of creating rights-of-way which is little realized. If the right-of-way is created by a withdrawal, then any entry is computed up to the right-of-way. In other words, an entryman may take a maximum of 160 acres adjoining one side of the highway right-of-way. Nothing is deducted for the right-of-way. However, if the rights-of-way are created as easements, then a homestead or other entry would be taken subject to that easement. In the case of an entry crossing the Alaska Highway, for instance, a half-mile square 160-acre homestead would be subject to a minimum easement of 36 acres. If the highway ran through in a diagonal manner, the easement would amount to more. Other rights-of-way, were they easements, would take lesser amounts of the homestead.

Now as to the apprehensions that the land within the rights-of-way would be closed to all use, we will as a matter of policy allow the land within the withdrawn strip to be used by the public for all reasonable purposes not inconsistent with the construction and operation of the highway and appurtenances. This policy has been in effect for some time with respect to the Alaska Highway.

I am sure that you are in complete agreement as to the need for creating rights-of-way for the highways of Alaska. All of the States are now faced with the problem of acquiring additional lands for highway purposes and are in many instances paying for the lack of foresight as to their highway needs. In making the withdrawal of rights-of-way by Public Land Order 601 there were considered not only the current requirements but also the highway needs of the future State of Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) William E. Warner

Assistant Secretary

Hon. E. L. Bartlett  
Delegate from Alaska  
House of Representatives

Copy also to: Mr. Kenneth J. Kadow, Director,  
Alaska Field Staff, Juneau  
Col. John R. Noyes, ARC,  
Juneau, Alaska

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To Secretary  
Memorandum

1-4-50  
For signature

To: Regional Administrator, Region VII  
Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska

From: Assistant Secretary Warne

Subject: Withdrawals for rights-of-way in Alaska

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SOLICITOR

I have your letter of November 25 calling to my attention your memorandum of the same date to Director Clawson concerning the contiguity of lands affected by withdrawals for rights-of-way in Alaska.

Recently I took this subject of highway rights-of-way up in a meeting with representatives of your Bureau and with Colonel Noyes. At that time there were presented to me again the several arguments against a withdrawal for highway purposes and the arguments for easements in lieu of a withdrawal. These were very much the same as those advanced at the meeting of the Alaska Field Committee in McKinley Park last fall.

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I consider a withdrawal for the establishment of highway rights-of-way as being preferable to an easement. I am not disturbed that entries must be limited to one side of the road by reason of the withdrawal. On the contrary, considering the premium placed on road frontage in the Territory, I consider this to be a good thing. Nor am I impressed with the argument that the withdrawals will unduly increase administrative difficulties. Granted that it will be necessary to survey and lot some of the fractional subdivisions on both sides of the road, I believe that the Bureau of Land Management can handle this problem.

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It may be that entries should be allowed to cross farm or local road rights-of-way even though they are restricted to one side of through primary and secondary roads. Your suggestion that the policy indicated in 43 LD 551 be adopted in this connection is being considered.

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In withdrawing rights-of-way for road purposes I am convinced that we are on firm ground. The protests have fallen into two main categories: (1) that the right-of-way withdrawal leaves fractional parts of legal subdivisions on both sides of the highway, and (2) that the withdrawal closes the right-of-way for all uses except for highway purposes. As to the first problem, I have asked the Bureau of Land Management and the Alaska Road Commission to work out a program so that we can locate the roads and survey the adjoining lands as quickly as possible. As to the contention that the rights-of-way will be closed to all use, I see no reason why as a matter of policy we should not allow the land within the withdrawn strip to be used for all reasonable purposes not inconsistent with the construction and operation of the highways and appurtenances. We have been pursuing such a policy in administering the Alaska Highway withdrawal. Certainly there would be no objection to permitting flumes and ditches on the rights-of-way as might be required by the mining industry.

With examples on all sides of lack of foresight in estimating the future needs for highways in the States, it would be shirking our responsibility to the Territory and the future State of Alaska if we fail to provide now for highway right-of-way requirements.

(sgd) William E. Warner

Assistant Secretary

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Copy to: Mr. Kenneth J. Kadow, Director  
Alaska Field Staff, P.O. Box 3093, Juneau, Alaska  
Col. John R. Noyes  
Commissioner of Roads for Alaska, ARC, Juneau, Alaska

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Subject: Roads in Alaska

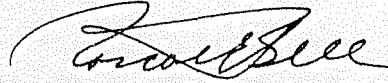
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As the result of the conference held in your office on Friday December 9 concerning the administration of the areas in Alaska reserved for highway purposes, we propose to proceed, as follows:

1. The areas reserved for roads will continue to be administered as withdrawn areas in accordance with the provisions of Public Land Order 601 dated August 10, 1949.
2. The withdrawn rights-of-way will make it mandatory to restrict entries to include areas located only on one side of a road, as lands in entries must be contiguous.
3. The Bureau of Land Management will determine the center lines of the constructed roads in those areas which have been previously surveyed under the rectangular system of surveys and where title is still in the Government, in order that supplemental plats may be prepared to show areas and designations for the public lands bordering on the rights-of-way.
4. The Bureau of Land Management, in executing new cadastral surveys will, where necessary, determine the center lines of the constructed roads as the proper basis for platting them through the sections. The plats representing the cadastral surveys will give the areas and designations of the lands abutting on the withdrawn area.
5. The Alaska Road Commission will reimburse the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of the field work in those cases where it is necessary to determine the center lines of the constructed highways as the basis for computing the areas of the public lands adjacent to the reserved area for highway purposes.

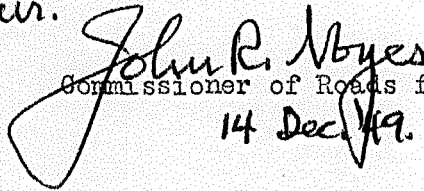
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6. The Alaska Road Commission will proceed as rapidly as possible to prepare maps of definite locations for all constructed roads in Alaska and file copies of those maps with the Regional Administrator, Bureau of Land Management, at Anchorage, Alaska.



Associate Director

Concur.



Commissioner of Roads for Alaska

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*9-1-10 General*

My dear Mr. Well:

Secretary Chapman has asked me to reply to your letter of November 12 protesting the issuance of Public Land Order No. 601 of August 10, 1949 (14 F.R. 5049), which withdrew certain public lands in Alaska for highway purposes.

Several protests to the withdrawal have been received together with certain recommendations. All the comments and recommendations are now receiving the most careful consideration in an attempt to work out a satisfactory solution to any problems created by the highway withdrawals. You will be advised when definite conclusions are reached.

Sincerely yours,

*(s)* William E. Warner  
Assistant Secretary

Mr. George E. Well  
Member, Board of Supervisors  
Fairbanks Sub-District  
Soil Conservation Service  
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College, Alaska

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Memorandum

To: The Secretary of the Interior  
From: The Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Subject: Proposed public land order withdrawing public lands in Alaska, adjacent to highways and roads established or maintained under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

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General

By our memorandum of April 15, 1949, copy next attached, there was submitted the draft of a proposed public land order to accomplish the purpose indicated above, together with a letter transmitting copies thereof to the Director, Bureau of the Budget, for his consideration and that of the Attorney General.

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The Attorney General recommended certain changes in the order which he considered desirable in the interest of form and language.

The order as now submitted has been approved by the Director, Bureau of the Budget, and the Attorney General, and it is recommended that it and the accompanying notice allowing 60 days for the filing of objections, be signed.

*[Handwritten signature: Oscar L. Chapman]*

Associate Director

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Enclosures approved by

(sgd) Oscar L. Chapman

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Memorandum

To: The Manager, District Land Office  
Nome, Alaska

From: Certifying Officer

Subject: Order reserving public lands for highway purposes

Enclosed are copies of the order indicated above and of a notice for filing of objections to the withdrawal which will appear shortly in the Federal Register.

Your records should be noted, copies of the order and notice posted in your office, and receipt of this memorandum acknowledged to the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

At the expiration of the 60 day period, report should be made to the Director as to any objections filed.

(sgd) Maurice A. Roady  
Certifying Officer

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To: The Manager, District Land Office  
Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Certifying Officer

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(sgd) Maurice A. Roady  
Certifying Officer

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cc: Manager, Fairbanks  
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AUG 10 1949

Memorandum

To: The Manager, District Land Office  
Anchorage, Alaska

From: Certifying Officer

Subject: Order Reserving Public Lands for Highway Purposes

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(sgd) Maurice A. Roady

Certifying Officer

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cc: Manager, DLO  
R. A. Reg. VII, Anchorage  
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Chapter 1--Bureau of Land Management  
Appendix--Public Land Orders

Public Land Order 601

ALASKA

RESERVING  
WITHDRAWING PUBLIC LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

By virtue of the authority vested in the President and pursuant to Executive Order No. 9337 of April 24, 1943, it is ordered as follows:

Subject to valid existing rights and to existing surveys and withdrawals for other than highway purposes, the public lands in Alaska lying within 300 feet on each side of the center line of the Alaska Highway, 150 feet on each side of the center line of the other through roads, 100 feet on each side of the center line of the feeder roads, and 50 feet on each side of the center line of the local roads, *in accordance with* ~~according to~~ the following classifications, are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral-leasing laws, and reserved for highway purposes:

THROUGH ROADS

- Alaska Highway
- Richardson Highway
- Glenn Highway
- Haines Highway
- Tak Out-Off

FEEDER ROADS

- Steece Highway
- Elliott Highway
- McKinley Park Road

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*Green*  
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FEEDER ROADS: (contd)

Anchorage-Patter-Indian Road  
Edgerton Cut-Off  
Tok Eagle Road  
Ruby-Long-Poorman Road  
Nome-Solomon Road  
Kenai Lake-Homer Road  
Fairbanks-College Road  
Anchorage-Lake Spenard Road  
Circle Hot Springs Road

LOCAL ROADS

All roads not classified above as Through Roads or Feeder Roads, established or maintained under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

*Par. # 2*

Executive Order No. 9115 of April 23, 1912, reserving public lands for the use of the Alaska Road Commission in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Palmer-Richardson HIGHWAY (now known as the Glenn Highway) is hereby revoked. *# 3* Public Land Order No. 386 of July 31, 1917, is hereby revoked so far as it affects the withdrawal, for highway purposes, of the following-described lands:

(a) A strip of land 600 feet wide, 300 feet on each side of the center line of the Alaska Highway (formerly the Canadian Alaskan Military Highway) as constructed from the Alaska-Yukon Territory boundary to its junction with the Richardson Highway near Big Delta, Alaska.

(b) A strip of land 600 feet wide, 300 feet on each side of the center line of the Gulkana-Slana-Tok Road as constructed from Tok Junction at about Mile 1319 on the Alaska Highway to the junction with the Richardson Highway near Gulkana, Alaska.

*Par # 5*

~~WITH RESPECT TO THE LANDS RELEASED BY THE REVOCATIONS~~  
~~The lands affected by the revocation of Executive Order Nos.~~  
~~MADE BY THIS ORDER AND NOT REWITHDRAWN BY IT~~  
~~9115, supra, and those described in paragraph (a) above affected by~~  
~~the partial revocation of Public Land Order No. 386 are rewithdrawn~~  
~~as provided in the second paragraph of this order. The lands~~  
~~described in paragraph (b) above are rewithdrawn to the extent of~~  
~~150 feet on each side of the center line (Tok Cut-Off) as provided~~

~~in the second paragraph of this order and are released from the reservation made by Public Land Order No. 386 as to the lands between 150 and 300 feet on each side of the center line. This~~ <sup>order shall become effective as to such released lands at 10:00 a.m. on the 35th day after the date of ~~this order.~~ <sup>hereof.</sup> At that time, ~~SUCH RELEASED LANDS,~~ <sup>SUCH RELEASED LANDS,</sup> ~~subject to valid existing rights, the unreserved, unappropriated, public lands, which are all unsurveyed, shall, be opened to settle-~~ <sup>all of</sup> ~~ment under the homestead laws and the homesite act of May 26, 1934, 48 Stat. 809 (48 USC 461) only, and to that form of appropriation only by qualified veterans of World War II and other qualified persons entitled to preference under the act of September 27, 1944 58 Stat. 747, (45 U.S.C. 279-284), as amended. Commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the 126th day after the date of this order, any of such lands not settled upon by veterans shall become subject to settlement and other forms of appropriation by the public generally in accordance with the appropriate laws and regulation.~~ <sup>subject to valid existing rights,</sup></sup>

AUG 10 1949

*Oscar L. Chapman*  
Secretary of the Interior.  
Under

*To F.R. Aug 10, 1949*



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PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY HEREWITH:

~~RESERVING~~  
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For a period of 60 days from the date of publication of the above entitled order, persons having cause to object to the terms thereof may present their objections to the Secretary of the Interior. Such objections should be in writing, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, and should be filed in duplicate in the Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C. In case any objection is filed and the nature of the opposition is such as to warrant it, a public hearing will be held at a convenient time and place, which will be announced, where opponents to the order may state their views and where the proponents of the order can explain its purpose, intent, and extent. Should any objection be filed, whether or not a hearing is held, notice of the determination by the Secretary as to whether the order should be rescinded, modified or let stand will be given to all interested parties of record and the general public.

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*Oscar L. Chapman*  
Under Secretary of the Interior.

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JUL 27 1949

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9-1-10 General

My dear Mr. Siegler:

This is in reply to your letter of July 9 in which you ask whether the Department's regulations with respect to the width of the right of way required in connection with road construction in Alaska might be amended or suspended in connection with the new road on Annette Island. We note your statement that the Town Council of Metlakatla would prefer not to grant a right of way of 300 feet for this road unless it is absolutely necessary.

The Department has established a policy with respect to the required width of the right of way for different types of roads in Alaska. The road on Annette Island comes within the category of those for which a 300-foot right of way is required. The fact that it will pass through valuable timber is not sufficient justification to warrant an amendment or suspension of this requirement, inasmuch as the timber and other resources in the right of way area will not be lost to the Metlakatlas. Accordingly, I feel that it would be unnecessary and unwise to make any exception to the Department's policy in this respect.

Responsibility for the handling of road construction has been delegated to Colonel John H. Noyes, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska.

It is therefore suggested that the Town Council of Metlakatla get together with Colonel Noyes and reach an agreement with him on any matters which are open to discussion. I hope that the Town Council will cooperate with Colonel Noyes and expedite the execution of a suitable easement for the right-of-way required for the road. This easement could be made so that it would become effective when and if construction is authorized.

If the Road Commission is to do the work with Federal funds in the next fiscal year, it will be necessary that all details be worked out and definite recommendations received in Washington within the next few weeks in order that a request for funds can be included in our next budget.

It is therefore suggested that the Town Council of Metlakatla arrange for a representative, possibly you, to get together with Colonel Noyes and with Superintendent Foster for the purpose of reaching an agreement with Colonel Noyes on any matters which are open to discussion. I hope that the Town Council will cooperate with Colonel Noyes and expedite the execution of a suitable easement for the right-of-way required for the road. This easement could be made so that it would become effective when and if construction is authorized.

(sgd) Mastin G. White Secretary of the Interior

Mr. A. H. Siegler, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior, E. O. Box 1079, Ketchikan, Alaska. DMT/gb CC: Colonel Noyes

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JUL 22 1949

Memorandum

To: R. C. Price,  
Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary Warne

From: Assistant Commissioner Zimmerman

Subject: P. R. S. 7061, attached

This office has no information on the proposed highway on Annette Island except that contained in Mr. Zeigler's letter and the Department's proposed reply.

On the merits of the issue, my opinion would not be worth much, but it does seem that the right-of-way for a road on Annette Island need not be as wide as that for the Alaska Highway. Furthermore, in dealing with the problem on Annette Island, the Road Commission seeks to use privately-owned Indian land whereas most of the right-of-way for the Alaska Highway is public domain.

In any event my suggestion is that Mr. Zeigler be told that he, as attorney for the Metlakatla Indians, should consult with Superintendent Foster and Col. Noyes in an effort to reach agreement. In the absence of any statement from Mr. Foster, I am unwilling to surmise the proposed letter.

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Memorandum

To: Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

From: R. C. Price, Special Assistant

Subject: PRS 7061 -- Re: Right-of-Way for Road on Annette Island

9-1-10  
General

In your memorandum of July 22 you suggest that the right-of-way for a road on Annette Island should not need to be as great as that for the Alaska Highway. I know you will be glad to learn that it is not, and that required right-of-way for the Annette Island road will be 200 feet and will not be as great as the 600 feet for the Alaska Highway. The maintenance of an adequate right-of-way on a highway running through Indian land is just as important for the protection of the Indians as is the maintenance of an adequate right-of-way on non-Indian lands for the protection of others.

Having discussed this matter with Assistant Secretary Warne there is no objection to having Mr. Zeigler, as attorney for the Metlakahtlas' lands, consult with Superintendent Foster and Colonel Noyes in connection with the proposed highway, and the letter has been modified appropriately in connection with that suggestion; however, Assistant Secretary Warne does not want any chiseling on the established right-of-way policy of the Department.

*(sgd) R. C. Price*  
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The Director of the  
Bureau of the Budget.  
Sir:

Enclosed for your consideration are copies of a proposed public land order. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 9337 of April 24, 1943, please inform this Department whether the draft meets with your approval.

~~Copies of the proposed order also have been forwarded to the Attorney General.~~

Very truly yours,

*[Stamp: (Sgd) William F. Waring]*  
Assistant Secretary

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Title of proposed public land order:  
Withdrawing public lands for highway purposes

Pertinent information:

It has been found desirable, after considerable study, to classify the various highways and roads in Alaska, established or maintained under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, and to provide for a uniform width of such highways and roads, in order to prevent the initiation of rights on the lands within prescribed distances, which might hinder road maintenance, relocations, construction, or enlargement.

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To: The Secretary of the Interior

From: The Director, Bureau of Land Management

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Subject: Proposed Public Land Order withdrawing public lands in Alaska, adjacent to highways and roads established or maintained under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

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There is submitted the draft of a proposed public land order to accomplish the above purpose, together with a letter transmitting copies thereof to the Director, Bureau of the Budget, for his consideration and that of the Attorney General.

FROM SOLICITOR  
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FOR SIGNATURE

A draft of a proposed order was first submitted on September 29, 1948, since which time further conferences have been held, recommendations offered, and consideration given in connection with the entire subject, and the designation of the classes of highways or roads, and the width thereof, were finally determined in a conference in Secretary Warne's office on December 6, 1948.

The draft now submitted defines through roads, feeder roads, and local roads, and the provision in a previous draft for determination by the Alaska Road Commission as to what portion of such roads shall be designated as belonging to the respective classes, and the publication of such determination has been omitted.

Also submitted is the draft of a notice allowing 60 days for the filing of objections to the withdrawal.

It is recommended that the letter to the Director, Bureau of the Budget, be signed.

Associate Director.

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May 5, 1949

Memorandum

To: Director, Division of Territories  
From: Assistant Secretary Warne  
Subject: Continuation of hearings on H. R. 4424.

*9-1-10  
General*

At the continuation of the hearings on H. R. 4424 this morning before a special committee of the House Committee on Public Lands, the testimony presented covered the Department's position as to the bill. The committee, however, desired to consider further the highway program contemplated under the bill. Congressman d'Ewart requested that the committee invite a representative of the Public Roads Administration to appear before the committee. Apparently it is his thought that in view of the authority of the Public Roads Administration within the continental United States, there would be advantage in extending that authority to Alaska, with reference to new highway work contemplated under the settlement bill.

At Reg's suggestion the committee agreed also to hear a Departmental representative speak with respect to the program of the Alaska Road Commission. Consequently, I suggest that you have Rex Lee appear before the committee to discuss the highway aspects of the bill on Thursday, May 12, 10:00 A.M., in Room 1324, New House Office Building.

I am asking Reg to arrange a conference to include the Public Roads Administration and Rex Lee as soon as practicable so that the Public Roads Administration may be enlightened as to the nature of the bill and so that the matter may be discussed in advance of the hearing.

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*(sgd) William E. Warne*

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*9-1-10  
General*

Mr. Reginald Price  
6618 Interior Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Reg:

Just a note to remind you that the two very important conferences which we held in Washington have, insofar as I know, not yet paid off with administrative action.

The one had to do with general matters concerning road right-of-way, etc. After this meeting in Bill Warne's office I drew up a set of minutes for Bill's signature in the form of instruction to all concerned.

The other meeting had to do with the Alaska Highway through the Tetlin Indian Reserve and certain modifications of the Reserve boundaries. Insofar as I know, neither of these very important matters have been acted upon.

Will you please call them to Bill's attention and let's get some action on them since both are important matters that should be clarified quickly and in the same spirit which the memorandum was drawn.

Best personal regards,

*KJ*  
Kenneth J. Kadow

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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Secretary Warne.  
From: Director, Bureau of Land Management.  
Subject: Alaska Road Right-of-Way Problems.

*9-1-10  
General*

With respect to the several items covered in your memorandum of March 24, the Bureau is prepared to cooperate with the other agencies concerned. As its special responsibility, the Bureau will undertake the preparation of detailed regulations governing special permits along the highway, as outlined in Item 6.

*Marion Clawson*

Director.

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Date: Mar. 21, 1949

To: Secretary

From: Land Management

Subject:

Public Land Order #576, revoking in part PLO 253, Dec. 7, 1944; withdrawing portions of the released lands for various purposes, including the Goose Lake Residential and Institutional project, addition to Ship Creek Watershed, Campbell Creek Watershed, Air Navigation Site No. 168, and relocation of Anchorage-Seward Highway.

Approved by: J. A. Krug

Approval date: Mar. 29, 1949

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March 24, 1949.

MEMORANDUM

To: *W* Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, National Park Service  
Director, Territories and Island Possessions  
Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Director, Alaska Field Staff

From: Assistant Secretary Wams

Subject: Alaska Road Right-of-way Problems.

*9-1-10  
General*

Pursuant to a discussion in my office Monday afternoon, March 7, on the above subject, attended by Messrs. Clawson, Coote, Flakne, Province, Brown, Wirth, Demaray, Price, Kadow and myself, the following conclusions were reached.

1. The Alaska Road Commission will be responsible for the administration and care of all roads up to 150-feet from center line.
2. Road right-of-ways in excess of 150-feet from the center line will be administered by the Bureau of Land Management on the basis of special use permits.
3. There are to be no special use permits granted on any highway that does not have a right-of-way in excess of 300-feet.
4. It is agreed that the Tok and Haines Highways will be reduced from their present width to 300-feet.
5. The Alaska Highway will be maintained at 600-feet through the Tetland Indian Reservation. Mr. Kadow will work with the proper officials in the Indian Service and the Bureau of Land Management to effect a complete title transfer of right-of-way to the Alaska Road Commission. It is understood that Indians of the Tetland Reservation will be given prior consideration regarding special use permits along the Alaska Highway in the Reservation.
6. The Bureau of Land Management shall draw up immediately and make available in printed form the detailed regulations governing special permits along the highway.

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8. The boundaries of the Tetland Indian Reservation will be reviewed by Bureau of Land Management, Indian Service, and Mr. Price, Mr. Flakne, and Mr. Kadow as soon as possible. Recommendations for further consideration will be made by them.

The above conclusions should be regarded as departmental policy and, consequently, the agencies involved should notify their field organizations and take any other steps that are necessary to bring about proper and immediate action.

(sgd) William E. Warner

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**SPECIAL** 3-23-49

From the Secretary

To: Assistant Secretary Warne

I have read your proposed memorandum dated March 14 on the subject of Alaska road right-of-way problems and it has my approval.

I am returning to you herewith the original and all of the copies which you transmitted with it.

UNITED STATES  
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FROM: ASSISTANT SEC

TO: Secretary Krug

I have signed memorandum, but before I thought you might We have worked this as we can and I think without question we are on the right track.

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UNITED STATES  
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WASHINGTON

March 16, 1949

FROM: ASSISTANT SECRETARY WARNE

TO: Secretary Krug

I have signed the attached memorandum, but before releasing it I thought you might like to read it. We have worked this out as carefully as we can and I think without question we are on the right track.

W.E.W.

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Memorandum for Robert E. Day:

We have examined the annexed memorandum from Assistant Secretary Warne to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management et al., dated March 14 and find it legally unobjectionable.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Harry M. Edelstein,  
Assistant Solicitor.



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FROM SOLICITOR

MAR 3 - 1949

FOR SIGNATURE

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 22 *undated* concerning the proposed widths of rights-of-way for highways in Alaska. I shall await with interest your further comments.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) CAP

Secretary of the Interior.

To Secretary

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Hon. E. L. Bartlett,  
House of Representatives.

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March 11, 1949

Memorandum

To: Kenneth J. Kadow, Director, Alaska Field Staff  
Lowell Puckett, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska  
Col. John Noyes, Alaska Road Commission  
Clarence Rhode, Fish and Wildlife Service, Juneau, Alaska  
Don C. Foster, Alaska Native Service, Juneau, Alaska  
Col. J. P. Johnson, Alaska Railroad, Anchorage, Alaska  
G. D. Germain, Bureau of Mines, Juneau, Alaska  
Joseph M. Morgan, Bureau of Reclamation  
Grant Pearson, National Park Service, Mt. McKinley  
National Park, Alaska  
John Reed, Geological Survey  
Alfred Kuehl, National Park Service, Region IV,  
San Francisco, California

9-1-10  
General

From: Assistant Secretary Warne

Subject: Delegate Bartlett's letter of February 22, 1949, re  
highway rights of way in Alaska.

On February 22, 1949, Delegate Bartlett addressed to the Secretary a rather intemperate letter commenting on rights of way for roads in Alaska. In addition, he sent a copy of the letter to each of the persons addressed in this memorandum.

I wanted to let you know that the Department has given full consideration to views expressed within the Territory by the Alaska Field Committee, by the heads of appropriate bureaus in Washington, and other expressions. As a result, it has been determined by the Department that rights of way for highways in Alaska shall be as follows:

- Alaska Highway - 600 ft.
- Other primary roads - 300 ft.
- Secondary roads - 200 ft.
- Feeder and branch roads - 100 ft.

I wanted you to know that the thorough consideration suggested above has been given and that a Departmental decision has been reached.

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cc Division of Territories (sgd) William E. Warne  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ALASKA FIELD STAFF  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 1, 1949

Mr. William E. Warne,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington 25, D. C.

*Sec's files*

Dear Bill:

As a result of a lengthy discussion on the roads rights-of-way problem in Alaska, the following decisions were unanimously reached by the members of the Alaska Field Committee at the meeting held on February 15, 16, and 17:

*9-1-10  
General*

1. A radiogram was sent immediately to you with the unanimous recommendation of the Committee as follows: "Re highway rights-of-way in Alaska, it is unanimous recommendation of Alaska Field Committee that new orders being drafted amend PLO 386 so width of Slana Tok right-of-way may be reduced to 300 feet and PLO 226 Haines Highway be revoked so right-of-way may be reduced from one mile to 300 feet. Both of these roads have been designated by the Alaska Road Commission as through roads."
2. The Committee again recommended that no special use permits be issued on roads under 300 feet and approval of this as Departmental policy be given.
3. The Committee recommended that the Alaska Road Commission be given complete jurisdiction over all Alaska highways controlled by the Interior Department up to 150 feet on each side of the center line, the additional 300 feet on the Alaska Highway being subject to lease, should be controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and all leases made by them.

Sincerely yours,

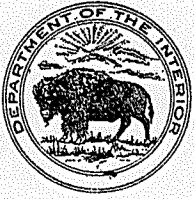
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Kenneth J. Kadow,  
Director.

cc: James P. Davis

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February 24, 1949.

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*9-1-10  
general*

Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary Warne.  
From: John C. Reed, Staff Geologist.  
Subject: Delegate Bartlett's letter of February 22 relative to highway rights-of-way in Alaska.

I have received the attached copy of Delegate Bartlett's letter of February 22 to Secretary Krug. The last paragraph appears to be a request for comment on the Department's right-of-way proposal. This matter in most instances would be of little, if any, concern to the Geological Survey although occasionally the width of a right-of-way might affect a mineral development. It seems to me that this is a matter for concerted Department comment, and I therefore hesitate to comment individually directly to the Delegate. Your recommendation would be appreciated.

*John C. Reed*  
John C. Reed,  
Staff Geologist.

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Delegate E. L. Bartlett

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Hon. Julius A. Krug,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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General*

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I appreciate the opportunity afforded by your invitation of February 10 to comment on the department's proposal that the width of right-of-way for roads in Alaska should be as follows:

Alaska Highway	600 feet
Other primary Roads	300 feet
Secondary Roads	200 feet
Feeder and Branch Roads	100 feet

The proposal is simply fantastic. If adopted it would push the would-be settler back as if he were not wanted in Alaska. It would in many cases push him up a mountain, over a cliff, or into a stream or lake. It would multiply the difficulties which for him are very considerable already. It would present problems in driveway construction, maintenance, snow clearance and in the obtaining of driveway permits through your right-of-way in the first place. (Don't try to tell any Alaskan who has had dealings with the department that there would not be red tape and delay in connection with that.) It would be an open invitation to trespass.

And for what? I confess I am unable to think of a single good reason for tying up all this territory right where we want people, accommodations for travelers, service facilities, etc. I drove to Alaska over the Alaska Highway last summer and am willing to testify that, even from the standpoint of appearance and interest to the traveler, developments along the road itself are exactly what is needed.

My idea of a reasonable right-of-way reservation, which would amply protect all the interests of the federal government, is as follows:

Alaska Highway, Other Primary Roads, and Secondary Roads	200 feet
Feeder and Branch Roads	100 feet

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You mention that the proposal of the department represents a compromise between a recommendation of the Alaska Field Committee and some other unnamed interests. I find it impossible to believe that anyone acquainted with actual conditions in Alaska would recommend a 600-foot right-of-way or anything approaching that dimension. Accordingly, I am sending a copy of this letter to the head of each of the Interior Department agencies in Alaska for comment. When such comments have been received, I will communicate further with you.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Bartlett

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