

Ouzinkie, Alaska
April 4 1934

U.S. Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago there was an application sent in from Ouzinkie Alaska for a road, when this application was sent in I was not there. But my wish is that this road will be extended as far as my place or farther.

I am a citizen of the United States and a pioneer of Alaska since 1902. I am located about on the middle of Spruce Island on the south side about two and a half miles from Ouzinkie. I have a homestead here which I have a patent on and I also have a saltery there.

And this has been my home since 1922.

I have brought up a family of four children and three of them have had their home with me up to last fall and would still have their home here providing we had a road to Ouzinkie.

Two of the boys are married and have children and would like to move back to Opheim's Cove. One started to build a house.

The reason that they moved away from here last fall is that their wives are from the States and they think it too serious to live so far from people without a road.

For to make you understand that a little clearer I will explain that here is hardly anybody in this part of the country that can make their full living right at home- so the men folks have to go out and fish and trap and maybe work. And this leaves the women folks home alone with their children.

Now if we have a road it will take them only a few minutes with a horse or a small car if help or something is needed. The south side of Spruce Island is situated with many nice coves and small harbors suitable for people to settle and they know many people would like to move in here along this island providing we can get a road.

The road would not only benefit the settlers along this island but also the people of Ouzinkie to get their cattle and to get their wood.

The road from Ouzinkie to my place which is known as Opheim's Cove or Nelson's Cove will not be hard to put in as there isn't any high elevation or any rock to go through.

I have spent all my earnings in these years to build this place- I have an eight room living house- dock and saltery- woodshed- wash-house- and modern chicken-house- barn- cattle and chickens.

Ouzinkie is our closest trading place and P.O. and school.

Uncle Sam has tried to introduce people to settle this country and I have tried to do my best as I have built up five different places in Alaska which there is people living in. And we are trying to make a settlement of this place, if you people will kindly help us in getting a road in.

We thank you for the same in advance.

Yours very truly,

Copy

Chris A. Opheim

Ouzinkie, Alaska
April 4 1934

U.S. Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We wish to say regarding the road that our father has made an application for a road from Ouzinkie to Opheim's Cove will be granted as soon as possible as we have moved back to Opheim's Cove for to make that our future home.

Thanking you for the same.

Yours very truly

Edward Opheim
Mrs E. Opheim
Roy A. Opheim
Mrs Roy Opheim

copy

Ouzinkie, Alaska
April 4 1934

U.S. Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

We citizens of the United States and residents of Ouzinkie wish to say regarding Chris A. Opheims statement regarding his application for a road to Ouzinkie is true and we also all as one wish this must be granted at once as it will be to a great benefit to all of us to get our wood and our cattle and furthermore it will help us to attend our church at Monk's Lagoon which is located on the other side of Opheim's Cove on the other end of the island.

Monk's Lagoon was an old settlement but was abandoned about four years ago on account of sicknesses and no road to get the people there

If this road will be granted it is no doubt that this place will be settled up again as it is a nice place for to live in.

O.L.Grimes
Charlie Gilbert
Mike Chernikoff
Mrs Mike Chernikoff
Tichon Chernikoff
Charles Jerling
Mrs George Chernikoff
Mrs Zack Chickenoff
Alex Katelnikoff
Nicholai Katelnikoff
Mrs Nicholai Katelnikoff
Johnny Katelnikoff
Miss Parascovia Katelnikoff
Stepan Katelnikoff

Mr Stepan Aplon
Mr Pete Squartsoff
Mr Nicholia Sucherenkin
Nick Sucherenkin
Mrs Nicholia Sucherenkin
Mr Innocent Squartsoff
Mrs Innocent Squartsoff
Mrs Charlie Gilbert
Mrs Pauline Paul
Mrs Stepan Panamarioff
Mr Sergay Panamarioff
Miss Luba Panamarioff
Mr John Panamarioff
Mrs Dick Squartsoff

Mr Sergay Panamarioff
Mrs Sergay Panamarioff
Miss Mary Panamarioff
Miss Alexandria Panamarioff
Martin Panamarioff
Walter Panamarioff
Tim Panamarioff
Simmie Squartsoff
Mrs Simmie Squartsoff
Fred Lukin
Mr William Squartsoff
John Anderson
Mrs John Anderson
Julian Muller
Jennie Pestrikoff
Nettie Anderson
Mr Fred Torsen
Mrs Fred Torsen
Sam Wasbrekoff
Fred Muller
Mrs F. Muller

Mr John Nau
Mrs John Naumoff
Mr William Torsen
Mrs Wm Torsen
Mrs C. Jerling
Mr Trafine Shangin
Mrs Verna Shangin
Miss Sophie Shangin
Mrs Pete Squartsoff
Peter Squartsoff
Egbert Intvelt
Nick Boskofsky
Albert Torson
Fred Pestrikoff
Mr Mike Wasbrekoff
Mrs Mike Wasbrekoff
Mr John Katelnikoff
Mrs John Katelnikoff
Bill Katelnikoff
Fritz Maure
Mr Wake Panamarioff
John Orloff
Peter Orloff
Wasillie Apalon

Q.F.Hamerly
Mrs Paul Katelnikoff
Nick Katelnikoff
Ernest Lachinsky
Mrs Ernest Lachinsky
Abram Gregorloff
Mrs Abram Gregorloff
Mrs Stepan Apalone
Mrs Parascovia Panamarioff
Karl Peterson
Arthur Marzan
Frank Schey
E.M.Davis
Mrs E.M.Davis
Annie Davis
Harry Eden
Charley Marshall
Mrs Chas Marshall
Mr Seafon Yaksoff
Mrs Seafon Yaksoff
John Peterson
Arthur Levine

Mrs Arthur Levine
Freida Johansen
Philip Katelnikoff
Zack Chickenoff
Dick Squartsoff
Nick Pestrikoff
Mary Pestrikoff

Seldovia, Alaska
April 12, 1934

Gov. Troy
Mr. E. Edmunds

*copy sent to Gov Troy
of
letter*

Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On a recent visit of a committee of the undersigned to Ninilchick on Union matters, this request was handed to us by the Ninilchick Welfare Organization and our assistance was requested, in this matter as a union. It was taken up at our regular meeting and this letter was instructed as the names of men in want are members of this organization.

As a union we request an investigation of this situation for humane, American, political, and clean fair square dealing reasons. And such relief as is nessary be given.

We understand that Ninilchick has received relief funds this winter, Were they adequate? Were they misappropriated? Is this village politically recinded? If so by whom? Or if neither of these show us where these people are wrong in their demands.

As a committee we seen that the village is in want. And we seen the actual signatures of the statements. Whereas we refrain from vouching for anyone in particular on the Nini-
lchick Welfare Committees personal. The signatures to the-

the personal statements represents the majority of the families in this village.

Much as we dislike finding fault anywhere and work for harmonious results. Kindly regard this as a business letter on behalf of this association and answer our questions. And take the necessary measures for a solution of this problem.

Thanking you,

Committee

Tollak Olsen
Axel Christensen
Simon Josephsen

Thorvald Hansen
John Matheson
John Wilson
Secretary

The Cook Inlet Associated Fishermen And Workers Union

ME

Copy

Ninilchik, Alaska, March 31, 1934.

Hon John M. Troy,
Governor of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I came to Ninilchik to officiate as a missionary of the Russian Greek Orthodox Church, I found many people in bad condition. They are in need of immediate help in food and clothing. I urge that you will give your order that relief be sent immediately.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Paul A. Shadura
Priest of Kenai Parish.

ME

Minilchik, Alaska, March 31, 1934,

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

WE have signed statements to the following:

Have almost nothing left in the house. Just some odds and ends to last a few days.

Frank Cooper.

Out of everything. Living on what I am getting from neighbors. Family is short of food and clothing. and about next week I will have to keep the children home from school.

C. Steik.

By stretching things out as far as possible will hold out till about April 15th. SO will have to have a job.

Joe Leman.

Look ours over and you'll see but little. I hope something will show up soon.

Mrs. Chirkin.

Good for one month yet.

Alex Colgin.

May hold out for one month but need work badly.

Chas. Cooper.

GOOD for about one month. Am looking for something to show up.

Elmer Kelly

GOT to have work in about three weeks, or ⁺ will be down.

Lars Odeman.

Supplies will end up in a week or two. Got to have a job.

Ted Crawford.

Have practically nothing left. Hope a job shows up.

Simeon Oskolkoff.

Will last about one month. But there will have to be a job or will be all out.

Louis Kvasnikoff.

Twenty four hours is my limit.

⁺lex Oskolkoff.

Can't figure nothing ahead. Got to have a job right away or starv

John Matson.

Starving tight along. Got flour is about all.

Walter Kotoff.

Most of these are family men men with as high as ten kids.

There are a number of others in the near neighborhood whoe need help ba
ly.

Signed: Executive Committee of Welfare.

Mit A Gordin
Walter Juepinsky
Bertrand Harris
Alfred Cooper
Simon Osholkoff

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 6, 1934

Mr. Carl R. Frowbridge et al
Dillingham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition dated January 20 signed by yourself and others for the construction of a road from Dillingham to Wood River Lakes.

In view of the limited funds available for the use of this Commission it will not be possible at this time to take care of the work you request. The funds available are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing system. Allocations have been made by the Public Works Administration for specific projects and these latter funds are not available for any other work than that specified.

If additional Public Works funds are made available for Alaska your project will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN
CC Edmonds

ME

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 30-1934

Mr Carl R. Trowbridge et al.
Dillingham.

Dear Sir

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of January 20th, 1934 concerning the building ~~the building~~ of a road from Dillingham to Wood River Lakes.

The petition has been forwarded to our head office at Juneau, for consideration.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 30-1934

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition signed by 79 persons, concerning the building of a road from Wadd River Lakes, to Dillingham, in the Bristol Bay Area.

I have no knowledge of the route proposed, but according to the petition it would be about 15 miles long, which would entail a minimum cost of \$5,000.00 per mile, making a total of \$75,000.00.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

Dillingham, Alaska

January 20, 1934.

Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau Alaska.
Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned residents of the Woodriver district of the Bristol Bay, do hereby petition the Alaska Road Commission to build a road from Woodriver Lakes to Dillingham.

At the present date there are seventy five residents making their homes along the proposed site of this roadway whose only means of communication with Dillingham where their mail, telegrams and supplies are received, is by water. Woodriver is affected by the tide to the mouth of the lake, often necessitating night travel which has proven fatal to two residents within the past three years. Because of this, in case of sickness or accident it is exceedingly difficult to get to the hospital. It is equally so in winter, for the ice is seldom safe on the river and the overland trail winds four miles thru the timber. It is of importance to state at this time that at no place does the overland trail cross swamps or tundra, but is over good solid ground the whole distance.

This highway would open up fifteen miles of ideal home sites which would give Bristol Bay a stimulus for colonization equal to any part of Alaska, at a time when such is needed. Within five years the fishing industry of Bristol Bay will be restricted to residents only; and those fishermen who depend entirely upon this industry for their means of support will settle in Alaska at that place which presents the best inducements for home sites, with schools and favorable living conditions.

We in all honesty believe this will be one of the most important roads of Alaska, immediately affecting the seventy five present residents and creating an inducement which will bring hundreds of settlers to Bristol Bay within the next few years.

Respectfully,

Henry O. Shade
Floyd D. Smith
Albert A. Larson
John Anderson
August Hoseth jr
Emil Sorensen
Mrs Bessie Peterson
Albert W. Ball
Mrs W.F. Moody
Loyd Moody
Mrs S.E. Smith
Ray Smith
Mrs Ray Smith
Merle Smith
Mrs Merle Smith
James Christensen
Clyde W. Smith 19
Elmer L. Smith 17
signed by Mrs R.E. Smith
D. Beckman
Mrs Beckman
G.T. Thomas
O.E. Eskola
Adolf Peterson
John Anderson
Herman Schroder
Victor Dallschneider
Herman Andersen

Marvin L. Smith
Mrs Marvin Smith
Louisa Anderson
Mrs Mary Shade
Mrs Anna Sorensen
Fred F. Peterson
Mrs Frank H. Waskey
Eleanor Olive Clemens
Roland F. Moody
Harold Ball
Clarence Wren
Sherby Smith
Charlie Fred Hanson
B.H. Polley
Mrs B.H. Polley by B.H. Polley
William Johnson
Naty Johnson
Mrs Floyd Smith
Carl R. Trowbridge
L.E. Slumberger
T. Carlson
Charles Mulkeit jr
Herbert Nicholson
J.B. Fleckenstein
J.W. Anderson
Charlie Nielsen
Harold Eskimo
H.P. Nicholson

Holge J. Jonsson
Peter Nelson
Martin Johnson
Frei Carlson
John Nelson
D. Lopez
Alex Nelson
Elia Akelkok

Emil Fgeland
Herman Schroder sr
George Smith
Robert C. Kellenberg
Mike Golic
Thomas Christensen .

The largest part of the residents of this district are
now trapping.

Carl R. Trowbridge

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

We the following residents and property owners of Naknek, Alaska herein petition you for assistance in securing funds to the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) the same to be applied in sinking a well for drinking water and other domestic purposes.

We herein pray that our request for the money asked for in this petition will be granted, as a very serious situation confronts the welfare, health and happiness of the residents of Naknek.

The only available water now to be obtained here for drinking and domestic purposes, is, obtained from a water hole, the same being contaminated by sewerage waters and other sepsis matter, this water has been condemned by Dr Bergdorff of the Kananak Hospital, as a very serious menace to the health of this community, and should be rectified as soon as possible, in order to avoid epidemic of sickness.

Sickness has manifested itself to an alarming extent recently by reason of being compelled to use this water.

Therefore we earnestly plead with you to lend your assistance in our hour of need, for the betterment of our water system, by preserving the lives and health of our children, death has taken its toll often, from the fact of using this impure water.

We the following residents of Naknek implore you to hear and grant this request of this petition, by so doing you will help preserve our lives and the lives of our children, the rising generation of young "Americans".

John D. Morgan Deputy U.S. Marshal

W.N. Reed

Mrs W.N. Reed

Martin Mansen

Mrs Martha Monsen

John Monsen

Chas A. Johnsson

Mrs Sara Johnsson

Feckla Johnsson

Santa Kayander

Edla Kayander

Karl W. Aspelund

Mrs Anna Aspelund

Oscar Lundgren

Mrs Elsa Lundgren

R. Osberg

Axel Orling

Sigurd Lundgren

John Markstrom

John Lundgren

Waldemar Nelson

Carl Monsen

Dorothy Monsen

Wm Monsen

Victor Monsen

Albert Davey

Mrs A. Davey

Oscar Kajander

Carl P. Nunn

Wm Hill

Emil Gustafson

Clare Mendenhall

Mrs Clare Mendenhall

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON-ALASKA MILITARY CABLE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEM
TELEGRAM

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40 REF NAKNEK RAPIDLY REDUCTING CWA AND IMPOSSIBLE UNDERTAKE NEW PROJECT
AT THIS TIME STOP IN ANY CASE ONLY NEEDY CAN BE EMPLOYED AND
WORK MUST BE BASED ON THIS CONSIDERATION RATHER THAN DESIRABILITY
OF PROJECT

TAYLOR

1258PM

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 30-1934

Mr John D. Morgan
U.S. Marshal
Naknek.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the petition sent in to this office concerning the drinking water at Naknek, I have received an answer to a telegram I sent to Juneau reporting the condition shown in the petition, and have been informed that, owing to the CWA activities being rapidly reduced, there was no chance of starting any new projects at this time.

The petition will be forwarded to Juneau, however, in the mail, and no doubt you will hear later whether anything can be done in this matter

Yours very truly

H.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 29-1934

Mr Archie P. McLane
Kasilof.

Dear Mr McLane:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of March 16th, enclosing a petition for the construction of a bridge across the Kasilof River and the construction of three miles of road to connect the present road with the school on the South bank of the river.

I have sent the petition on to Mr Taylor, at Juneau, and no doubt you will hear from him in due course.

The relief money we have been supervising is about all gone, the funds are being restricted each week now, and we do not know when they will be cut off entirely, so that there is not much chance of getting any now for new work.

As far as we know, the Public Works fund, which is the source of the additional money we were given last summer, is also exhausted, and unless additional money is appropriated by congress we will not be able to start new work under this fund.

It may be possible that Congress will appropriate more money for public works, in which case some funds may be available, but so far as we know at this time we have last years funds only to go upon, and they are all obligated.

However, you will hear from the Governor or Mr Taylor, with whom the distribution of funds rest, and the first time I have an opportunity I will look into the situation.

Trusting that Mrs McLane and the family are all well

with personal regards

Sincerely

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

PC

Kasilof, Alaska.

March 16, 1954

Mr. M. C. Edmonds
Supt. of Roads,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr Edmonds:

Inclosed you will find a copy of a petition sent to the Honorable Governor, John J. Troy, sponsored by the residents of Kasilof Alaska. We hope that you will approve of such a project and will report favorably on it.

We have also sent a copy of this petition to Ike Taylor, head of the Alaska Road Commission, and after it has been given your consideration we would appreciate your forwarding the petition to Mr. Taylor.

We trust in your support due to your being familiar with the permanency of this community and necessity of this project.

Sincerely yours,

Archie R. Mc Lane

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 29-1934

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding petition received from Kasilof, and signed by 46 persons, in reference to the construction of a bridge across the Kasilof River, and the building of 3 miles of road to connect the present road with the school house and settlement of the South side of the river.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ANCHORAGE MARCH 29-1934

TAYLOR

JUNEAU

AM IN RECEIPT OF PETITION SIGNED BY THIRTY THREE RESIDENTS OF
NAKNEK ASKING FOR SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO DIG WELL FOR DRINKING
WATER STOP STATE PRESENT SUPPLY BADLY CONTAMINATED AND HAS BEEN
CONDEMNED BY DR BERGDORFF OF KANAKANAK AND THAT SITUATION IS VERY
SERIOUS STOP HAVE NO DATA ~~SHOWING~~ SUPPORTING ESTIMATE STOP SENDING
PETITION TO YOU NEXT MAIL

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 29-1934

Mr John D. Morgan
U.S. Deputy Marshal
Naknek.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition signed by residents of Naknek, in reference to a proposed improvement of the supply of drinking water for ~~for~~ the settlement.

I have sent the petition to Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer of the Alaska Road Commission, at Juneau, for presentation to the proper authorities, and no doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 29th, 1934

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received from residents of Naknek, Bristol Bay, in reference to the drinking water used by the people of this settlement.

I suppose it was sent to me for consideration under the CWA funds, but as these funds are about exhausted and there is very little use in asking for money for this project at this time, I am forwarding the petition to you in order that you may refer it to the proper authorities.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds
Sup't.

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PETITION FOR BRIDGE AND ...ILES (ROAD

Kasilof, Alaska

March 2, 1934

The Honorable Governor
John J. Troy
Juneau, Alaska

We the undersigned residents of Kasilof, Alaska, do hereby petition the Honorable Governor, John J. Troy, of Alaska to use his influence and authority to construct a bridge suitable for vehicles across Kasilof river, the approximate distance from bank to bank at high tide is 300 feet; with three miles of road, 1 mile of road on the north side of the river to connect with the present road at Kasilof, and 2 miles of road on the South side from the bridge to the present school site. for reasons hereto appended:

- I- Inconveniences of the school
 - (a) Owing to pupils being equally divided on each side of the river.
 - (b) It is always necessary to assist children in the crossing of the river at all times.
 - (c) And times that the river is impossible to cross on account of the flowing ice.
- II- The access of the residents on the south side of the river to the Post Office and docking facilities located on the North side of the river.
 - (b) These said residents have difficulty in obtaining mail for a considerable length of time due to the river crossing and,
 - (c) Freight also is difficult to obtain during the late autumn and early spring.
 - (d) Connecting the South settlement of the river with the North settlement by Means of this proposed road with the present road on the North side.
- III- A much needed project for the convenience of Mail Carriers and Travelers from other points.
- IV- The proposed project would aid and encourage settlers to locate homes on the south side of the river.
- V- This project would be an asset to the proposed Homer, Kenai, and Seward Road.
- VI- Kasilof has received no relief fund or Recovery benefits and there are several in the community who are in need of work, having had little opportunity of earning in the previous year and no prospects for the coming year.

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NAME	ADDRESS
Archie P. McLane	Kasilof Alaska
Mrs Archie P. McLane (and 3 Children)	" "
Samuel L. Pratt	" "
H. P. Jensen	" "
Elmer Stohl	" "
Gilbert Johnson	" "
F. W. Rising D. V. S.	" "
Monrad Hansen	" "
T. M. Odale	" "
Abram Erickson	" "
Rob. Kohrs	" "
Ed Lovdahl	" "
John Sandwick	" "
Mrs John Sandwick	" "
Alex Lind	" "
Frank Harpham	" "
Perry A. Cole	" "
Dorothy Cole	" "
Mrs Perry A. Cole	" "

Cont'd

NAME	ADDRESS
Mrs Edw.E.Zettle	Kasilof, Alaska
Jean Zettle	" "
Molly Zettle	" "
Edward A.Zettle	" "
A.M. Crocker	" "
Peter Madsen	" "
Alex Johansen	" "
John Hammer	" "
Victor Holm	" "
Mrs G.Ness	" "
Grace Johanson	" "
William Ness	" "
Winnie Ness	" "
Andrew Ness	" "
August Ness	" "
Irene Ness	" "
Edward Ness	" "
Gust Ness	" "
Robert Hall	" "
Charles E. Sands	" "
Odman Korley	" "
Mrs Odman Korley and four children	" "
Edward Rothe	" "
Joyce Sandwick	" "
Alice W.Crocker	" "

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 9, 1934

Mr. Nels Anderson
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
Bethel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of petition dated January 18 requesting the construction of a landing field at Bethel.

You are advised that the Alaska Road Commission's regular appropriation is not available for the construction of landing fields. Prior to last year, all the work on landing fields had been done with Territorial funds. However, last summer funds were made available from the Public Works appropriation for the improvement and construction of certain fields, the specific fields being designated in the allocation of funds, and no funds are available at this time which could be used for the work you request. If additional Public Works funds are made available for landing fields the field at Bethel will be considered.

Your petition is being referred to the Territorial Road Commission for consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IW
CC Mr. Hesse
Mr. Spach

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 9, 1934

Mr. H. W. Nagley
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 29th enclosing a petition for the extension of the present road up Peters Creek to Cache Creek.

You are advised that this project has been included among others submitted to the Public Works Administration requesting additional funds for roads in Alaska. As yet no action has been taken on this request and it is not known at this time whether additional funds for these projects will be made available. *1934*

Unless additional Public Works funds are made available especially for this project it will not be possible to extend the road as our normal appropriation is available only for maintenance and minor improvements.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer

IPT: MJ
CC Edmunds ✓

[Handwritten signature]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA January 22, 1934

Mr. H. C. Henriksen, et al
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition signed by yourself and others submitted to Mr. Edmunds at Anchorage has been forwarded to this office for consideration. Reply has been delayed as it was considered at one time that it might be possible to include this project in the CFA program at Kodiak. Due, however, to the limited funds available for this type of work, this was not possible.

Funds available for the work of the Commission are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing system and unless additional Public Works funds are obtained it will not be possible to undertake the work you request next season. However, in the meantime, the project will be investigated and will be considered in the allotment of funds when available.

Very truly yours,

Ike D. Taylor
Chief Engineer

IPT:WJ
cc Edmunds

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 22, 1934

Mr. Jack Devault, Secretary
Talkeetna Commercial Club
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Dr. Smith which was referred to the Governor's Office has been referred to this office for reply.

You are advised that the project to extend the present Cache Creek road up Peters Creek to Cache Creek has been included in a program of road construction submitted to the Administration of Public Works. As yet, no funds have been allotted for this project and it is not known at this time what action will be taken. It is evident, however, at this time that our regular funds will be sufficient only for maintenance of the existing system and the extension of the Cache Creek road cannot be performed unless funds are made available by the Public Works Administration.

It is noted that you state that the balance of roads in the Territory obtained funds for work. This is not entirely correct. There were a number of projects, however, for which funds were definitely allocated by the Public Works. This group did not include all the meritorious projects by any means and it was necessary for the Road Commission to expend these funds on the projects to which they were definitely allocated.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer

IPT:MJ

CC Edmunds
CC Governor's Office

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 28, 1933

Fern Gold Mining Company
Wasila, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by your company and others requesting improvement of the Palmer Fishhook road from the Matanuska trunk to the junction with the Wasila Fishhook road.

We have had a number of requests for new road projects in the Wasila-Willow Creek area and previously have attempted to provide such roads. We have felt that this was more to the advantage of the district than raising the standards of existing roads so long as they were in reasonably good shape for the existing traffic.

The work you request will be considered in preparing our program for that district this spring.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer

IPT:WJ
cc Edmunds

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska
Dec. 8-1933

Mr Oscar Tryck
Foreman
Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from Ed Holland and others asking for a two mile extension to the Ready Bullion road in the Wasilla district, claiming that such a road will benefit certain mining properties.

You might plan on including this road in your recommendations for next season, so that we have it in mind, and at the same time I would like to have a report concerning the situation, what we are up against and whether there are any mines in the vicinity, or just prospectors.

You should also include the spur to the Bartholf mine on the upper end of Willow Creek, as the chances are that Horning will go ahead with the proposition himself if Milo Kelly is not interested.

Yours very truly

H.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska
December 8-1933

Mr Hawley Sterling
Ass't Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from Kanatak, in reference to the improvement of the road between that point and Becharof Lake, together with copy of my letter to Mr H.N.Evans, and two pictures sent with the petition.

Yours very truly

H.C.Edmunds
Sup't.

H.C.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
Nov. 26th, 1933

Mr Hawley Sterling
Acting Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received recently from Kodiak concerning the building of a road locally.

The road referred to branches off from the Mill Bay Road at the North end of town near the old experiment station, and would run about one and a half miles Easterly towards a community potato patch where two homesteaders are located.

It would probably benefit about twenty residents, and would cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00.

At the present time work is being prosecuted towards Kalsin Bay, and I believe the present work is far more meritorius than the road proposed in the accompanying petition.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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Kodiak, Alaska
Nov. 8-1933

To:
M.C. Edmunds
Sup't ARC
Anchorage

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, your petitioners respectfully represent and show that, outside of the limits of the village of Kodiak, and and to the Northeast there are about fifteen families living, and that there are two homesteads on which the owners are living: that the children of one of the homesteaders and the other families during a rainy spell are compelled to wade thro the mud to attend school: that there is dire need of a road about one and a half mile long being constructed over what is now a muddy trail: that with his present force of men we do not believe it would take your foreman but a short time to construct the road and relieve the situation and we earnestly request that you instruct your foreman to perform the work.

We believe it certain that many more people and the community at large here will be more benefitted by the building of the road for which we are making this petition than by the construction of a road in any other location of Kodiak Island.

Respectfully submitted

H.C. Henricksen	Mr & Mrs Ed. E Odinson	X
Charlie Gilbert	Henry Johnson	
Mrs P.L. Unger	Ernest Danielson	
Mr *	Oscar Anderson	X
Ben Kraft	Wm Shreeve	X
Norman Noble	Louis Dumas	X
Albert Kraft	Bill Zharoff	X
A.G. Stowe	Mrs Paul Wokoff	X
Pete Magnusson	Mrs Chris Lietz (homesteader 5 children)	X
Gus Gertson	Mrs J.C. Christenson	X
Chris G. Anderson	Ernest Magnusson homesteader	X
X Costia Yosheda	Emil Christoffersen	
X Katie Olsen	Mr & Mrs Chris Mattsen	X
Harry Morrison	R. Gellis	X
Fred Mahle	Harry Brown	
Ed Higgisner	Chris Skimen	
Mel *ant	Mrs Chas Skinner	Annie Zharoff
X Mr & Mrs Thor Swenson	Fred Sargeht	
X Ennis Nekeferoff	Mrs *	
X Mrs Costia Yosheda	Helmer Hansen	Note: Names marked with
X George Neheroff	Ed Bensen	"X" are living on proposed road
X Geo Moe	J.W. Walket	and most of them have children
X Mrs George Moe	Dr J.N. Cannon	
X Mr & Mrs Eli Mekrokin	Hans Gerdson	
X Mike Metroken	John Norton	
X Martin Wilson	Harry H. Lander	
Larry Kukkila	Anton Krvis	

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
Oct. 30th, 1933

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from Ninilchik, concerning the bridge to be built and the amount of money required for relief purposes.

The project as adopted was taken up with some of the business and cannery men in the locality, and they are well pleased with the proposed work as outlined.

I am very much of the opinion that the persons with whom this petition originated are inclined to be agitators, and that the majority of the signers, who are apparently natives, do not know what it is all about.

It is evident that the people who made up the petition have a little idea of what they are talking about when mentioning costs.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.



ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
October 21st, 1933

Mr Oscar Anderson
Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of October 17th, concerning the grading up of your road.

We have been intending to grade up your road, together with several other people in the valley who required a small amount of work done, but work has been crowded so much on us in the valley this fall that it seems as tho we will not be able to do what we would have wished to have done, and, with the cold weather coming on and us with limited equipment, it is certain that we will not be able to do what we had outlined.

There one road serves several people, we have to give this road preference to one that serves a person only, and it is foolish to say that Mr Tryck will not build your road, as he is like the rest of us, and has to do what he is told.

He has spoken to me about your road, and it was understood that we would grade it when he had a chance, but the additional work we have been doing has held up the private roads.

If there is any chance we will do it for you, this fall, we will fix you up, but it will depend upon the weather.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds
Sup'T.

St. Michaels, Alaska
October 17, 1933

Mr. Edwards

I am writing you a few lines concerning my road. I talked to Mr. Tryck yesterday and he said he wouldnt grade my road up this fall, and I dont really know what to do in the spring because where I have pulled the stumps is awfully soft when the frost goes out. I have tried to have it graded up every spring for three years and Mr. Tryck doesnt seem to want to do it.

I've got 4 tons of potatoes & some other vegetables to haul in the spring and I cant get it out to the main road if I wish, you would notice Tryck about my road

this fall, because there's
no use for me to talk
to them about it anymore.
When I was in France
they had no soldiers
that any time the gov-
ernment could help us
out in any way we were
not to be afraid to ask.
now I ask for my road
graded up, which will
only take 2 or 3 days, I've
got it all stacked out, &
trimmed out on the side
ready for the grader and
I will help all I can free
of charge, pitching out sand
& rocks, as long as the grade
I'll do anything to get
my road graded up this
fall, because I need it
bad. I don't see that it
is any use for me to
write you I can see for such
a little job.

Yours truly
Issac Woodman
Stevens, Florida

ANCHORAGE OCTOBER 1-1934

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OUZINKI VIA KODIAK

REURTEL WE HAVE NO FUNDS FOR PURPOSE QUOTED AND IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO
TAKE UP THIS MATTER THRO KARRE'S

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WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE YOUR FOREMAN KODIAK COME TO OUZINKIE
SUPERVISE DRAINAGE OFF SCHOOL GR-OUNDS IF ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE STOP
ABOUT SIX HUNDRED FEET DITCHING TO BE DONE GROUNDS IN
BAD CONDITION STOP ESTIMATE COST ABOUT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS STOP

JOE HERMSEN JR

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ANCHORAGE
SEPTEMBER 19th, 1933

A. R. C.
JUNEAU GOV'T

HAVE YOU ANY RECORD OF ANY PETITION OR REQUEST FOR ROAD FROM
NORTH SHORE OF ILIADNA LAKE NEAR SEVERSONS ROADHOUSE TO POINT ON
NEHALLEN RIVER NEAR NONDALTON STOP BOATS UNABLE TO USE RIVER BETWEEN
THESE POINTS AND ROAD WOULD BE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS OF
LAKE CLARK DISTRICT STOP REPORTED GRAVEL PRACTICALLY ALL THE WAY STOP
BUREAU OF EDUCATION INTERESTED ON ACCOUNT SCHOOLS STOP IF INSTRUCTED
COULD MAKE RECONNAISSANCE ON TRIP TO DILLINGHAM STOP
BELIEVE THIS MERITORIOUS PROJECT AND IF UNDERTAKEN WORK SHOULD BE DONE
BEFORE EQUIPMENT IS TAKEN FROM ILIADNA,

Edmunds

Sup't, ARC.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage,
October 8th, 1933

Mr C.V.King Wasilla.
Mr Isaac Moore

Gentlemen:


This acknowledges receipt of your letter concerning the location of the proposed road connecting the Bogard road with the Wasilla Fishhook road.

In the event that the road is built the Road Commission will build it where, in their opinion, it will do the most good in the long run, irrespective of individual opinions.

It is obviously impossible to build roads right to the door of each person signing a petition that may be sent in, which, apparently is what some people desire.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds
Sup't.



Wasilla, Alaska,

Oct. 6, 1933.

Mr. Edmunds,

Some time ago we wrote you asking for an outlet road. Later the community sent a petition expressing a wish for a road connecting the Bogard Road and the Willow Creek Road and going through this section. If you can give us such a road we will be helped and benefited in developing our farms more than we can tell you.

In order to do us any good, however, the road must be on the south side of the lakes. A road on the north side would leave us in as bad shape as we are at present.

We have talked with Mr. Tryck about the road and he understands the situation and knows the lay of the land. We are sure he can advise you where the road should run to

benefit all of us and to assist in
developing this section of the valley.

Very truly yours

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. King

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moore

Wassila, Alaska,
Oct. 11 1933.

Road Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska.
Gentlemen:

Mrs. Mann unwittingly signed a letter today with Mrs. Clyde King, amending a petition she previously signed for me in connection with proposed road to connect Bogard Road with Willow Creek Road.

I understand from King that the front page of the first petition was altered after being signed. Will you kindly therefore consider this as a request that our names be removed from both such letters or petitions, as what we desire is a passable road accessible to Wassila from the Bogard Road to the Willow Creek ^{road} running as near our home as possible, and would like for it to serve our neighbors. This was the essence of both the letters we signed.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Isaac Moore

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
October 3rd, 1933

Mrs Carl A. Olson et al.
Wasilla.

Dear Madam:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of September 19th, concerning the building of a road between the Bogard road and the Wasilla-Fishhook road, in the vicinity of Mrs Anderson's homestead.

I expect to be visiting the valley before very long, and will investigate this matter at that time, so that we may have an idea of what work will be required and the cost thereof., and thus be in a position to see what can be done with available funds

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't

c.c Mr Tryck.

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Wasilla Alaska.
September 19th 1933.

The Alaska Road Commission.
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sirs;

We are in need of a road in the Pakenejit district five miles from Wasilla.

This road is to join the Bogard Road between mile 7 and 5 on the Section line between Sections 32 and 31, following the Section line to the lake, from there to the Schaal house at Mrs. Anderson & then to the Willow Creek road. It will benefit 7 families. This road is about two miles long, has been staked most of the way. It will save us approximately 10 miles if anyone wishes to go to the mines. It will also benefit

the
Lakemuir School Children.
We plan on building
a school house this
winter. The children
must travel now, either
by lake or trail.

Please consider this
as soon as possible.

Signed by:

Mrs. Carl A. Olson.

Mr. Harry Duff

~~Mr.~~ Isaac Moore

J. C. Hansen

Mrs. K. Anderson

Clyde V. King

Geo. S. Mosher

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska
August 30th, 1933

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail concerning a road built South from the Edlund road, to the homestead of Mr C.A.Soper.

This is the road that Mr Edlund spoke to Sterling and myself about, running down towards the Inlet from his place.

It is noted that Mr Soper states three homesteaders would be benefitted by the road, whereas the petition only mentions the road as going to the Soper ranch.

I would guess that this road would cost \$5000.00, altho I have never been over the route, but this amount is approximately correct.

I am enclosing copy of my letter to Soper.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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Homer Alaska.

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The Alaska Road Commission.

Juneau Alaska.

We the undersigned residents of Homer and vicinity wish here-by to call to the attention of The Alaska Road Commission that there is now, and has ^{been} for some years past, an urgent need of repair, or maintenance work, most especially and specifically, on the west end of The Homer road. This west end of the road here designated has not at any time been repaired, or was it constructed, by The Alaska Road Commission although an especial request, or petition, was sent in two years ago ~~with~~ this purpose in view.

This west end of the road here designated starting on the west side of The Homer Slough, and running approximately two and one half miles in a north-westernly direction ends at, or near Stanton Shafer's residence. This road for ever half of its length is less than half of its necessary width and is entirely lacking in drainage or culverts, so that during nine or ten months of the year it is very difficult, and almost impassible for vehicles or pedestrians.

The side road formerly constructed by The Alaska Road Commission running south from the highway and connecting with the beach approximately one half mile east of the Homer Slough does not serve the requirements of the people of this community, as the post office and the usual boat landings for passengers, freight and mail are located on the west side of The Slough. And so, it would seem obvious that this west end of the road, before designated, be adequately repaired for the needs of the community and more especially for the needs of the people living on the west side of this district. We therefore respectfully request The Alaska Road Commission to consider this matter at their earliest convenience.

E. J. Walli

T. L. Shellford

Stanton Sloper

Mr. Hannah Klockentzen

Mae Harrington

Chas. Miller

Isidys Deetz

Bertha Munson

Jan Bauer

Gust Anderson

T. A. Olsen

Robert King

Wm Hunter

N. C. Svedlund

Chas. H. D. Park

Phenney Bowry

Oscar Munson

Lawrence S. Slamm

Mrs Munson

Tom Collins

Alfred Anderson

Albert Fanning

Mrs Albert Fanning

Dr. T. Hurstons

Earl Bechtel

John Bechtel

Earl S. Lund

Chas Lund

Stanley Nelson

Peter Nelson

Mrs Nelson

W. M. Alvin Seldovin

Mr. E. J. Hallie

Ed. Anderson

Chas. Erickson

R. B. Gray

E. G. Shaker

H. Ohlsen

Mr. J. M. Woodard

Emilia T. ...

John ...

J. R. Cittern

Wasilla Alaska
Aug 25 - 3

Mr Edmunds
Anchorage, Alaska,
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing Petition for
for. There are three Homesteaders
to Benefit by this road at
present and will open up
the Homestead land.
also is good location for road ^{to}
to Tide Water.

I will appreciate it very much
if you can assist me in
getting a road.

I remain yours Truly

C A Loper

Wasilla

Carl E. Johnson

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska,
July 7, 1933.

Mr. Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Falk Road (proposed) Spur off Fishhook-Palmer road.

Four families are petitioning for a road North of route 35-B, Palmer Fishhook, between the Tasilka-Fishhook road and the Matanuska Trunk road, as follows:

- Falk	Married (two children)
X.B. Wilson	Bachelor
Wa. Crow	"
J. C. Crow	"

It would take $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road to serve these people, but construction of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile would be sufficient for the time being.

The estimated cost of building $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of road is as follows:

$\frac{3}{4}$ miles clearing, 40 ft. wide	3.6 acres @ \$80.00	\$288.00
" " grubbing	2.8 " @ 125.00		350.00
" " grading			1262.00

\$ 1800.00

Yours very truly,

H. C. Edmonds,
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
July 7th, 1933

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

Spur off Moose Creek road- 2 1/2 miles.

There are five active settlers laying to the West of the old Palmer-Moose Creek road, and North of the Palmer-Fishhook road, who are in need of a road, as follows:

- Monahan	Married	three children
- Lossing	"	two "
Horace Defoe	Batchelor	
- Lawrence	"	
- Torsak	"	

The estimated cost of this road is as follows:

Clearing 2 miles 40 ft wide	9.7 acres	@ \$100.	\$ 970.00
Grubbing 2 "	30 "	" 7.3 "	150.
Grading 2 "	24 "	"	1517.
			3035.00

\$5,100.00

This road would not be a continuation of the road built thro the Adam Werner homestead, but would branch off the old Moose creek road about one half mile from the Palmer-Fishhook road.

Further investigation would be made before this route was definitely decided upon, this seemed to be Mr Snodgass's preference, but it might be that the continuation of the Werner Branch towards Moose Creek might serve the different parties interested, also a considerable number of others not mentioned living to the North.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska,
July 7, 1933.

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Extension of Edlund Road - West.

There are four families homesteading to the West of the Edlund road who have petitioned for a road, as follows:

- McHenry	bachelor
J. T. Wilson	married (two children)
- Alonso	bachelor
Jacobsen	"

It would take $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road to serve these people.

Some years ago a right of way was cut along the section line for a road, this work being done by parties interested, in good faith figuring this as a contribution towards roadwork.

The route along the section line, however, follows along the lower end of a slope and appears to be very swampy, and a poor location, about the worst place one could find.

Another route could be followed along high ground; this would require additional clearing, but as the route along the section line is not grubbed this would be the only additional expense.

The route along the ridge goes through ground belonging to J. F. Edlund, who stated he would have no objection to the road going that way.

The estimated cost of this road follows:

$1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road; clearing 40' wide, graded 24', no surfacing.

Clearing 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres	@ \$100.00	\$ 725.00
Grubbing 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	150.00	825.00
Grading, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles	1500.00 mile	2250.00

TOTAL \$ 3800.00

Yours very truly,

M. C. Edmunds,
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
June 7th, 1933.

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the work on the roads around the Wasilla district.

While the Gold Chord interests have signified their willingness to contribute towards the cost of the proposed Willow Creek spur, no word has been received as to Mr Mable Kelly being in a position to put up his share of the money, and it does not appear as tho this project will be started this summer.

Even with the construction of the Willow Creek spur, the amount allotted for the Wasilla district provided for a very short season this year, and, if this road is not started it is estimated that the money for this locality will be exhausted at the end of July. 100

If this money could be used on another route it would provide a months longer employment for a crew, and could be used to very good advantage on the Wasilla-Knik road, which needs regrading badly.

In conversation with Mr Hesse when he visited Anchorage last month, he said there was a possibility of some money being available for some roads serving new settlers in the valley, therefore I am forwarding estimates for projectave roads which are needed and are recommended by Mr Snodgrass as being the most important projects to be considered when funds are available, and which I also think are very deserving.

The estimates consider a graded road only, with clearing 40 feet wide and a 24 foot roadway.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup'tl.

April 17, 1933

Mr. Chas. W. Smith et al
P. O. Box 9
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A petition signed by yourself and a number of other residents of Anchorage and vicinity for the extension of the Blueberry Lake Road has been referred to this Commission by Hon. Robert S. Bragaw.

You are advised that in view of the very limited funds available for our work this season, it will be impracticable to undertake the construction of any new mileage, the funds available being required for maintenance and improvement of existing projects.

Your petition is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN
CC Territorial Board
Senator Bragaw
Mr. Edmunds ✓

Wasilla, Alaska.

Apr. 13. - 33

My dear Mr. Edmonds.

We new settlers in the Fairview district hope you will co-operate with us and use your influence in helping us get a road into our section. at least. Will you not pay us a visit while in our vicinity and look over our proposed roadway, and get acquainted. We are here to help develop the valley, not just to work an hill and leave it. and hope to interest you in our behalf - Yours Truly
Mr + Mrs J. J. Wilson + Earl McHenry

March 6, 1933

Col. O. F. Ohlson, General Manager
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25 inclosing a petition signed by residents of the Matanuska Valley for new roads in that territory. A similar petition had previously been forwarded to this office by Mr. Snodgrass and we are inclosing a copy of our reply to him, for the information of the petitioners.

The desirability of constructing these short roads is recognized by this office but in view of the reduction in the funds available for such work, it is very improbable that it can all be undertaken during the coming season. An effort will be made to provide a part of the roads requested providing the residents are willing to cooperate on the basis outlined in our letter to Mr. Snodgrass.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IW
CC Mr. Edmunds
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March 8, 1933

Mr. George T. McMahon, President
Alaska Exploration and Mining Co.
Peters Creek Placer Company
Box 138
Pullman, Washington

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your
letter of February 24 concerning the Peters Creek Trail.

I am glad that the improvements we were
able to accomplish last season on this trail proved of
some value in your operations.

We shall have approximately the same amount
of money available for all of our work this year as
last and have tentatively allotted to the Talkeetna
section the same amount of money as was allotted last
season. We hope to make further improvements on the
Peters Creek Trail to facilitate the movement of freight
by tractors.

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Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN
CC Mr. Edmunds

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 6th, 1933

Mr Milo Kelly
Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

In reference to our conversations last fall, concerning the building of a road from somewhere near mile 7, on the road leading from the Fishhook Inn to the mines on Craigie Creek, to the head of Willow Creek.

My understanding was that you would be prepared to cooperate in the building of the road, and I would like to be advised concerning the amount of money you would be prepared to contribute, as soon as convenient, so that I might transmit this information to our main office, for their consideration during the time the various routes are being considered, and plans made so that the work can be started when the season permits, provided, that financial arrangements are satisfactory.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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San Francisco, California
101 Cervantes, Boulevard.
February 14th., 1933.

Mr. M. C. Edmunds
Sup. Alaska Road Com.
Anchorage, Alaska.

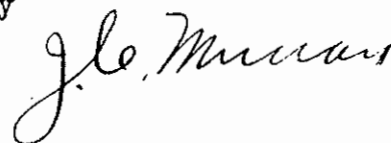
Dear Sir:-

The Cache Creek dredge will be operated this season by Mr. F. J. Engelhorn and he plans on hauling his supplies to Peters Creek with a ford truck and from there will wagon in to Cache Creek with a team of horses but I understand from Peters Creek to Cache Creek the earth has sluffed along the grades, especially on the Windy Hill. If not asking too much of you I wish you would have the road commission clear out these places as much as possible. Mr. Engelhorn will have several tons going in during the Summer and anything you can do to assist him will be appreciated. Mr. Engelhorn will call on you some time around the first of March, when he stops over in Anchorage to have the dredge and power plant insured with Mr. Farwater .

I plan on going North some time in July and will give you a call when I pass through Anchorage.

Very truly yours

J. C. Murray



ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska

March 4th, 1933

Mr J.C.Murray
101, Cervantes Boulevard
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr Murray:

In reference to your letter of February 14th, concerning Mr Engelhorn and the dredge operating on Cache Creek this summer, I have it in mind to make repairs to the road from Peters Creek to Cache Creek this summer, especially the grade along Windy Creek, the road down on the right limit of the creek, and repairing of the bridge across Cache Creek, provided there is no hitch in our appropriations.

So far Mr Engelhorn has not shown up at the office to date but I will be very glad to do anything possible to help him out.

In regard to putting a truck on the road, I think this would be a mistake, as the road is not surfaced sufficiently to carry a truck,

We have a truck on the road, but it is used only in the spring, and then adjacent to gravel pits, where it can make its own road as it goes, otherwise we lay it up, as it would spoil the road and be the means of wasting a lot of time getting stuck in the many soft places located along the road.

The only equipment suitable for this locality is a tractor, which will go places where a horse cannot go, and, if it does get stuck, can always be gotten out under its own power.

There are two energetic outfits working on Peters Creek, and both of them have tractors to do their freighting, besides many other jobs in their mining operations, and I am sure the only suitable equipment for the Cache Creek dredge company would be a tractor, and I would recommend getting nothing smaller than a Best thirty.

Thanks for the card you sent at Christmas, we will be very pleased to see you later on in the season, on your way in.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 6th, 1933

Mr Horning
Gold Chord Mines
Wasilla.

Dear Mr Horning:

In conversation with Mr Chas Bartholf last fall, he informed me that your company would be opening up some ground at the head of Willow Creek during the coming summer, that you would want a road built up the creek, and that, in order to get the work started, you would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of construction.

I would like to be advised whether you are still interested in the construction of this road, and, if so, how much money you would contribute towards the cost, so that I may transmit this information to our main office, during the time funds are being apportioned to the various routes.

If satisfactory financial arrangements can be made, plans can then be formulated for doing this work as soon as the season permits, so that you get the benefit of the work as soon as possible.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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February 27, 1953

Mr. M. D. Snodgrass
Agricultural Development Agent
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 17 with attached petition concerning three proposed roads in the Matanuska Valley, we can only say that funds will undoubtedly be less this year than last and that the numerous roads in the Matanuska Valley are yearly becoming an increasing burden on maintenance funds.

All of the roads in the Matanuska Valley are either cooperative or territorial projects and the petition has therefore been taken up with Mr. Hesse, Territorial Highway Engineer, who is in accord with the Alaska Road Commission in feeling that if the citizens are willing to do all of the clearing and grubbing to the satisfaction of the Alaska Road Commission the work on new projects in your section should then be completed with government and territorial funds.

You are authorized, therefore, to tell any of the petitioners interested that new projects will be taken up on this basis if and when funds are available and after money has been provided for maintenance on existing roads.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

CC Mr. Hesse
Mr. Edmunds

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
February 6th, 1933

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from various residents of Wasilla and the Matanuska valley, relating to keeping the road between Wasilla and Matanuska open during the coming winter, and a copy of my acknowledgment.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
February 6th, 1933

Mr Jas. St. Clair et al
Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter enclosing petition requesting that the road between Wasilla and Matanuska be kept open during this winter, signed by numerous persons living in the valley interested in keeping the road open.

At the request of the Matanuska School board, some time ago, instructions were given to the person in charge of plowing out the Matanuska School route, to open the road between Matanuska and Wasilla, in order that high school children might continue travelling between these places, and attend school.

While it is the intention to keep this road open, if reasonably possible without the expenditure of too much money, the Matanuska School route will be given the preference when it happens that both roads need plowing after storms.

Yours very truly

W.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

P E T I T I O N

TO THE TERRITORIAL ROAD COMMISSION and PARTICULARLY TO
MR. EDMUNDS and MR. TAYLOR, COMMISSIONERS.

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED, homesteaders, farmers and citizens of the United States, do hereby respectfully petition you for the following described road service during the winter season of 1932 and 1933.

WHEREAS: It appears that communication, transportation and mutual business affairs is necessary between WASILLA MATANUSKA and the PALMER communities and that there is a milage of approximately six and one half miles of roadway between WASILLA and the junction of the MATANUSKA-PALMER road and that of the WASILLA-FINGER LAKE road at a point usually designated as the "Forest Hall" near the Matanuska-Palmer road:

THEREFORE: we petition you, to use your equipment in keeping the milage open from Wasilla to the point above mentioned, it appears to all of the undersigned, that using the equipment of the Commission that this could be cared for at a very reasonable expense and that the great benefit which would accrue to the undersigned homesteaders and farmers would mean the upbuilding and betterment of the entire Matanuska Valley, a considerable number of the undersigned would be completely without transportation and contact with points where supplies and mail could be had unless the service asked for can be had.

THEREFORE, we very respectfully petition you that during the present winter months that, using your tractors or plows etc., that you endeavor to keep the above mentioned roadway open for the use of automobiles and other means of transportation.

Respectfully submitted by the undersigned: Homesteaders,
Farmers and residents of the Matanuska Valley.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Jas. St. Clair	Farmer	Matanuska
Swan Edlund	"	Wasilla
Oscar W. Anderson	"	Matanuska
J. R. Griffith	"	"
Paul Stringfield	"	"
Chas. Marino	"	"
B. B. Ueek	"	"
John G. Johnson	"	Wasilla
Nellie St. Clair	"	"
Hugo E. Ueek	Trapper	"
Mrs. O. O. Krogh		Matanuska
O. O. Krogh	Pestmaster	"
A. M. Trent	Gen. Merchant	"
B. J. Lassing	Farmer	"
C. E. Curtis	Teacher	"

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
L. E. Ely	Foreman	Matanuska
J. B. Edmundson	-	"
G. D. Cope	Rancher	"
Jim Sherlock	Laborer	"
M. J. Edmundson	Rancher	"
C. J. Hunt	Exp. Farm	"
S. B. Cook	Rancher	"
L. U. Cole	Unemployed	"
E. C. Lamp	Farmer	"
B. B. Burroughs	Exp. Farm (Supt.)	"
Gerrit & Mrs. Snider	-	Wasilla
G. S. Herning	Clerk in Store	"
Clyde Burkett	Miner & Millman	"
Thomas McNeil	Laborer	"
P. J. Nuslark	Miner	"
C. L. Cadwallader	Freighter & Hotel	"
Gus Swanson	Freighter	"
A. Hendrickson	-	"
Eva Herning	-	"
Mrs. C. L. Cadwallader	-	"
Howard W. Wilmoth	U.S. Commissioner	"