

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
December 21st, 1937

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a letter received in the last mail from the
Seward Chamber of Commerce, and a copy of my reply thereto, for your
information.

M.C. Edwards
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
December 21st, 1937

Mr R.F. Baumgartner
Executive Secretary
Seeward Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Mr Baumgartner:

Your letter of December 19th, in reference to the proposed road between
Kenai, and the road at Russian River, was received in the last mail.

So far, while we have a winter trail from Kenai to Russian River, no
funds have been allotted for a survey to locate a wagon or automobile road,
as the funds provided for the Alaska Road Commission during the past few
years provide for maintenance of our existing system only, and are not
sufficient to take care of construction on any major project.

While district Superintendents make recommendations to the main office
in reference to road requirements in their districts, the determination of
where funds will be spent is made by our Juneau office.

While some short surveys were made by this office some time ago for
road projects on which the C.C.C. forces are now working, the surveying of
a road from Kenai to Russian river would have to be authorized, and funds
provided for that purpose, by our Juneau office.

If the C.C.C. desire a road survey made, I would suggest that Mr
Burdick communicate with Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer, Alaska Road
Commission, at Juneau in reference to projects they wish to work on.

At the present time it would be impossible to make a location for a
permanent road- the snow would have to be off the ground so that the
engineer could determine where the location should or should not go,
and this could not be done intelligently during the winter months.

Trusting that this gives you the information you require

Yours very truly

H.C. Edwards
Sup't.

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

December 6, 1937

Mr. Thos. L. Shelford
Homer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition to the Governor, signed by you and several other residents of Homer, has been referred to this office for consideration.

It is not possible to advise definitely at this time the extent of the work which the Alaska Road Commission can undertake at Homer next season. This will depend entirely on the amount of money made available by appropriation in the forthcoming session of Congress.

Your request will be kept in mind in preparing our program for next season and you may be assured that your community will be given equal consideration with others.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

CC Governor's Office
Mr. Edmunds
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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska
December 2nd, 1937

Mr James L. Simpson
Palmer.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of October 5th, forwarding a petition for the construction of a road from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highway.

This petition is being referred to the Juneau office.

However, a survey will be necessary before construction work would start on this project, funds would also have to be provided, and as it would take several years to make the connection I do not think it advisable for you to figure on buying a truck for use on this project, at this time.

I do not understand why the petition calls for a road from Goose Bay, when the logical place to connect the Palmer system of roads is to connect with the Moose Creek road.

E.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
December 2nd, 1937

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sirs:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from various residents of the Palmer district for a road from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highway.

Just why they should want to connect the highway with Goose Bay is a conundrum.

H.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

Palmer, Alaska,
October 5, 1937.

We, the undersigned citizens of Alaska do hereby ask the Road Commission to put a truck road through from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highway about 114 mile post so we can put our produce on the market and for such relief from the Road Commission.

Sign here

Louis Tainio
E.M.Kerttula
Oscar Kerttula
Wm Lentz
Elmer E. Heroux
Harold ~~Stephan~~ Stephan
Henning Benson
Chris Anderson
Arvid Johnson
Harry L. Campbell
Mrs. Harry M. Campbell
Leonard Hereid
R.L.Warner
Eino Wirtanen
Wallen MacCullen
Bernard Gulberg
Mrs. Wm Lentz
Mrs. Harold Stephen
Mrs. James Berry
Mrs. Vera Rorrison
Mrs. Sadie Quarnstrom
Mrs. Arvid Johnson
Mrs. B.J.Lossing
B.J.Lossing
Mrs. John PORTER
Vugt Eckert
S.E.Smith
Alice O'Neill
D.Sullivan
Frank Ring
John M eehan
Allen Sexton
J.A.Long
Walter Blue
George Campbell
C.A.Nichols
Mrs. Grant France.
K.B.Klimpin
Leste# Ellsworth
Kerwin M. Frank
Barrell Frank
Don McKechnie

Sign here

L.S.Vasanaja
H.C.Hoganson
H.C.Doughty
Ed Wineck
Fred Rotz
Oscar Beylund
Waldo Fox
Nick Weiler
Elsa Weiler
Beatrice Gulberg
John Porter
Clarence Quamstrom
D.W.Stebbins
Mrs. G.C.Broostrom
Harold zook
Mrs. Wirtanen
Vernon Jones
Mrs. Dan Stebbins
Mr. Jack Cooper
Mrs. Clarence Sjodin
Mr. Martin Leppanen
George S. Moshier
Henry L. Barker
Neal Wright.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

April 19, 1937

Mr. Almer J. Peterson
Legal and Land Department
Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation
Palmer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition for the construction of a mile of road serving homesteads in Section 32 Township 18 North Range 2 East forwarded by you to Mr. Edmunds has been referred to this office.

All the funds available for the Wasilla-Palmer-Matanuska area for this season are programmed for use in improving the main traveled roads. This is considered necessary in view of the large increase in travel over these roads and it is felt should take precedence over the construction of new roads to serve recently located homesteads. While the necessity for these new roads is recognized, it will not be possible to undertake their construction this season. As soon as the main roads are sufficiently improved consideration will be given to the construction of additional branch roads.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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CC Edmunds

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 14th , 1937

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received from various residents of the Palmer District , thro Mr Almer Peterson, of the Corporation, for the construction of a road to the Scott and Thompson homesteads.

These homesteads are located adjacent to that portion of the Palmer-Fisheok road which we abandoned several years ago , when we constructed the road which at that time was called the "Werner cut off" and which has since been included as a portion of the main road between Palmer and Fisheok.

At that time no one was living in this section, and there was no necessity of keeping the road open.

Since the corporation was formed, however, the land is all taken up, and the two farmers enumerated are unable to get to the main roads except by travelling over their neighbors land.

While I have not gone over the route suggested, it is estimated that this mile of road , which is in heavily timbered country, would cost \$4,500.00 to construct.

While it is realized that funds are not available for new construction, the petition is being forwarded for your consideration as a matter of record.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

C O P Y

Palmer, Alaska.
March 22nd 1937.

Alaska Road Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska.

ATTENTION MR. EDMUNDS:

We the undersigned, reidents of farms in the Matanuska Valley, Territory of Alaska, do respectfully petition for a road to be constructed as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the SE corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ in section 32, Township 18N, Range 2 East, S.M. thence west $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, thence north $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, thence west $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on section line between section 30 & 31. This road will open up a territory now occupied by homesteaders; they have at the present time no outlet, and have to cross over two forty acre tracts now being occupied by Fred Rotz and Frank Ring.

It makes it impossible to fence in these 40 acre tracts, except by shutting out Mr. Scott and Mr. Thompson, whom have homesteads in sections 30 and 31, Twp. 18N, R2E, S.M.

Edw. Moss
Emil Lonsh-tract 31
O. Y. Nelson
David Oukka
E. N. DeLah
Carl H. Miller
J. J. Bugge
Dan Cunningham
Clair Patten
Horace Diglover
Harold Davis
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Ress L. Sheeley
Leo B. Jacobs
A. B. Betts
James Seward
Phil O'Neill
Myles Hyland
John Porter
J. V. Chapman
Wm Lentz
Wm. Taylor
Victor John
Jack M. Scott
L. Z. Scott
Don Chapman

Frank Ring
Fred Rotz
Art Thompson
Oscar Beylund
Chris Anderson
Wm. D. Bennett
Harry Jensen
Paul Nelson
Ray Rebarckek
C. R. Monoghan
Jack Borndas
Almer J. Peterson
Jos. T. Flakae
Virgil Eckert
Harold W. Moore
Henry Laakko
Wm. J. Bouwens
Ferber Bailey

C O P Y

Palmer, Alaska.
March 22nd 1937.

Alaska Road Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska.

ATTENTION MR. EDMUNDS:

We the undersigned, residents of farms in the Matamska Valley, Territory of Alaska, do respectfully petition for a road to be constructed as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the SE corner of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ in section 32, Township 18N, Range 2 East, S.M. thence west $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, thence north $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, thence west $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on section line between section 30 & 31. This road will open up a territory now occupied by homesteaders; they have at the present time no outlet, and have to cross over two forty acre tracts now being occupied by Fred Rotz and Frank Ring.

It makes it impossible to fence in these 40 acre tracts, except by shutting out Mr. Seott and Mr. Thompson, whom have homesteads in sections 30 and 31, Twp. 18N, R2E, S.M.

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Ferber Bailey

Department of the Interior
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska.

April 12, 1937.

Mr. Almar J. Peterson,
Palmer, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 8th with the petition for the extension of the first farm road north of Palmer running west from the Palmer-Fishhook road.

This petition is being forwarded to our Juneau office for their consideration.

Yours very truly

M. C. Edmunds
Supt.

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

April 10, 1937

Mr. R. S. Bragaw
Secretary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition for relocation of a part of the Anchorage-Palmer Road forwarded by you to Mr. Edmunds has been referred to this office for consideration.

You are advised that it has been planned at some future time to construct a cut-off from the end of the so-called "Oil Well Road" to connect with the main road above Whitney. The matter of exact location of this route has not been determined.

It is planned to expend the funds available for the present season on additional surfacing and improvement of the main road and it is believed this is of primary importance and should be done in advance of any extensive relocations.

It is not possible to state at this time definitely when this relocation can be constructed but it will be considered in preparing future programs.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN
CC Mr. Edmunds

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ASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 5th, 1937

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a letter received from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce in reference to the extension of the Oilwell road, route 75-I, to connect up with the main Anchorage-Palmer Road.

This road was extended about $3/4$ of a mile last fall, reaching the homestead of J. Lindley Green.

By extending this road due North a distance of $1-1/2$ miles it would connect with the Loop road East of the railroad, at Whitney Station, and eliminate the present main road thro the Alaska Railroad yards, including two railroad crossings.

The petition, however, calls for the location of the proposed extension for a distance of about one and a half miles to the East, before running North to connect with the main road.

There are several homesteaders to the East who would benefit by the construction of a road, as stated in the petition, but if the main road were to follow to the East it would mean abandoning a mile and a half of good road between Whitney Station and the Transmitting station of the Signal Corps.

There is the alternative of building the $1-1/2$ miles of road North from Green's homestead, to connect with the main road, and build a narrower road as a farm road which could later on be extended.

It is questionable whether the route proposed would interfere with the Signal Corps Station at Whitney- if a connection were made it would have to be at least $1/4$ of a mile from the station.

As far as is known the land to the East has been burned over and should be good grading ground, similar to the Oilwell road, tho it is probable we run into timber in the vicinity of Ship Creek, the same as at the lower crossing due North from Green's homestead.

According to scaling off a map the distance of the road called for in the petition would be about 3 miles.

The extension of the Oilwell road made last fall of $3/4$ of a mile consisted of grading only, so it appears as tho this portion is included in the 4 miles asked for.

It is estimated that it would cost \$10,000.00 to build the $1-1/2$ miles of road to Whitney station, including bridging Ship Creek and surfacing, so it is believed that the amount asked for would be about half the amount required to build the road wherev requested in the petition.

Yours very truly

Petition enclosed

M. C. Edmunds, Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 5th, 1937

Mr R.S. Bragaw
Secretary
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Mr. Bragaw:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of March 24th, forwarding three copies of a petition for the extension of the Fifth Avenue Road towards the East and North to connect with the present main road between Anchorage and Palmer.

The petitions are being forwarded to the main office of the Alaska Road Commission at Juneau, and no doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Yours very truly

H.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

Copy for Edmunds,

J. LINDLEY GREEN

Attorney at Law
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

March 24th. 1937.

Mr. William Hesse,
Territorial Engineer,
Juneau Alaska.

Dear Mr. Hesse:-

There has been a petition filed addressed to the Alaska Road Commission and yourself which will be referred to you by the Alaska Road Commission, there are over five hundred signers to this petition, the petition is self explanatory and for this reason it is unnecessary for me to give a detailed description of the proposed route but I will say that it will eliminate two miles of very crooked and dangerous road and eliminate two very heavy grades.

The petition calls for the construction of about four miles of auto road but it will open up and make available a large area of the best homestead land around Anchorage and will make available large areas of meadow lands near and on the foot hills of the Chugak mountains back of Anchorage that will be of great value for hay and pasture, -at the point where the proposed route will cross Ship Creek there is no steep hill but a gradual slope on each side of the creek rendering an easy grade from the plateau to the creek on both sides.

We are asking you to allow the Commission to use ten thousand dollars in the construction of the road, we do this for the reason that The Commission can by constructing a mile and a half of road eliminate the railroad tracks and the dangerous road referred to in the petition saving the construction of about two miles and one half of road, but the construction of that mile and a half of road will not open up any new country and be no benefit to the present settlers or render the area of homestead lands and grass lands available, and for this reason we are petitioning you to allow the commission to use ten thousand dollars of the territories money so that the road can be constructed as outlined in the petition.

On account of the small appropriation made by the Government for the construction of roads in Alaska the commission does not feel that it can spare the money to construct the additional two miles and one half without getting assistance from the territory and as you have the final say in these matters I do sincerely hope you can grant this small favor. Mr. Hesse I have never asked you for any thing and would not be writing you at this time if it were not for the fact that it is a matter of vital importance to the city of Anchorage to open up an area that is at present inaccessible and unless it is done now it will probably be years before there will be another opportunity.

The Anchorage Chamber of commerce is behind the movement and sponsoring the petition.

I hope I have not bored you with this long letter but I feel so deeply the necessity of this appropriation or rather allowance of the money for this work that I cannot refrain from being very insistent

Respectfully your friend,

J. Lindley Green

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TO THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION,
and
WILLIAM HESSE, TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER,
Juneau, Alaska..

WE YOUR PETITIONERS respectfully request that a wagon and auto road be constructed from the east terminus of the present Fifth Avenue road in Anchorage, at the intersection of Section 9-10 and 15-16 due east on the section line between Sections 10 and 15 about a quarter of a mile to the brow of the hill, thence in a north easterly direction following the brow of the hill until it reaches the section line between sections 10 and 11, thence north along the section line between section 10 and 11 to the monument marking the middle of said section line, thence east in the middle of section 11 and 12 to the center of said section 12, thence north through the middle of section 12 and 1 to the township line in the middle of the north line of section (1) there connecting with the main Palmer-Anchorage Highway on the north line of Township 13 North 3 West and the South line of Township 14 North 3 West.

The construction of this road would eliminate the present crooked and unsafe highway paralleling, and crossing, the railroad between Anchorage and the Whitney Railroad Crossing. The present steep grades would be eliminated.

This proposed road would make easily accessible a large homestead and grazing area - said area will be the most desirable lands found in the vicinity of Anchorage and if made available to homestead will greatly aid in the development of this section.

WE THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Alaska Road Commission, and the Territorial Highway Engineer, shall allot the sum of \$10,000.00 believed necessary for the above requested two and one half miles of connecting highway:

<u>Signed</u>		<u>Signed</u>	
Otis Kjerlien,	Palmer	M.D. Snodgrass,	Palmer
Dale Applegate	"	Margaret J Snodgrass,	"
Lee Klepper	"	L. A. Snodgrass	"
Louie Burcher	"	Ruby Snodgrass	"
Anel Walters	"	J. L. Perren	"
Geist Kahers	"	Margaret E. Snodgrass	"
Wallace Shaw	"	W. Grew	"
Gordon Astrob	"	J. C. Grew	"
Steve McLeod	"	R. E. Graham	"
John C. Lefherz	"	J. E. Tuttle	"
Chas. Bullson	"	H.E. Winchell	"
Leo A. Koslosky	"	Bill Winchell	"
Harvey Buckridge	"	L.M. Winchell	"
Henry Simmons	"	M.A. Johansen	"
Fred J. Mayo	"	John E. Berg	"
E. N. Allen	"	Mitchell Smith	"

<u>Signed</u>	<u>Anchorage</u>	<u>Signed</u>	<u>Anchorage</u>
G. L. Godfrey	"	Theron Luke	"
Norman C. Brown	"	L. D. Roach	"
Ernest Miller	"	Florence L. Kolb	"
W. M. Moses	"	Barbara Edgar	"
Fred Gitchell	"	Chris Terry	"
J. H. Conway	"	G. F. Mumford	"
U. G. Crocker	"	Frank Carquist	"
S. L. Kraff	"	H. W. Barnhill	"
Clyde R. Ellis	"	Gony Crawlin	"
L. J. Seeley	"	G. Sinigt	"
Perry P. Thompson	"	Gene Sherman	"
M. Koss	"	D. M. Weston	"
C. W. Nelson	"	Wm. B. Condon	"
H. J. Miller	"	Edwin J. Martinson	"
Tom McRar	"	G. H. Ruttan	"
J. W. Moore	"	Gordon E. MacKenzie Sr.	"
M. A. Mitchell	"	F. M. Matthew	"
F. E. Matthew	"	Mildred Skinner	"
Mrs. D. W. Patterson	"	Roland E. George	"
E. N. Ilhalth	"	Harry Branett	"
Jack Barrett	"	Dr. A. E. Jones	"
G. J. Abel	"	Henry E. Swanson	"
S. J. Hermanson	"	Eugene C. Smith	"
Myrtle S. Wendler	"	Roy W. Lefler	"
Art's Taxi	"	G. A. Stanford	"
Chas. E. Smith	"	S. G. Raynor	"
Kelly McCarroll	"	F. C. Darrenger	"
Fred J. Nelson	"	Al. Otto	"
Mrs. Robt. L. Watson	"	Robt. L. Watson	"
Geo. Wagner	"	H. G. DeWitt	"
R. Watson	"	W. H. Richardson	"
Wm. Weber	"	J. D. Whitney	"
G. H. Phillips	"	J. S. Johnson	"
Archie Lingo	"	Thomas B. Meeker	"
Milton Boudreau	"	Mrs. F. L. Wallace	"
L. A. Stephenson	"	Leonard Hopkins	"
H. O. Albritton	"	Warren R. Fenn	"
Louis Nelson	"	Marie Samuelsen	"
H. L. Madden	"	Charles L. Swanson	"
A. Charon Baldwin	"	E. W. Pringle	"
D. H. Morrison	"	G. D. Kennedy	"
J. A. Hunter	"	J. L. Simonton	"
R. H. Nichols	"	T. A. McClure	"
A. G. Thompson	"	J. J. Bugge	"
Niels P. Hanson	"	Albert Johnson	"
James Clinie	"	Elsie Sogn	"
J. E. Miller	"	John Bagoy	"
Ann M. Graham	"	Roma E. Scott	"
W. J. Fritschen	"	Geo. J. Reynolds	"
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Laughlin"	"	Winifred Erwin (Pres. C"	"
R.S. Bragaw, Sec'y Chamber of Commerce	"	of Commerce.	"

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

March 18, 1937

Mr. B. H. Mayfield et al
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A petition signed by you and numerous other residents of Talkeetna District for the improvement of the route from Peters Creek to Cache Creek has been forwarded from our Anchorage Office.

The need for the improvement of this route is recognized but, in view of the limited funds available for road work all over Alaska this season, it will be impossible to undertake the improvement of this route to tractor road at this time. The funds allotted to the Talkeetna section this season will be largely used in renewing bridges on the route from Talkeetna to Peters Creek. It is obvious that this portion of the route must be kept in serviceable condition, for it would be useless to neglect this section and use the available funds in improving the route between Peters Creek and Cache Creek.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

CC Edmunds, Anchorage

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

March 18, 1937

Mr. Francis L. Groth, Secretary
Civic League,
Homer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A petition for the construction of a landing field, signed by the residents of Homer and forwarded by you to the Alaska Road Commission at Anchorage, has been referred to this office.

The Alaska Road Commission at the present time has no funds for airplane landing field construction. Your petition is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

CC Hesse

Mr. Hesse Petition and letter from Edmunds are enclosed herewith. These may be kept in your files.

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✓ CC Edmunds

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Department of the Interior
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska.

March 10, 1937.

Mr. Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer, A.R.C.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of February 18th to which was attached a petition for the construction of a road from Peters Creek to Cache Creek, known as the sled road portion of Route 51, I have just received supplementary petitions on the same subject and which I attach hereto.

Altho many of these signatures are from people in and near Talkeetna, there are many names in the lists of Wasilla and Anchorage residents.

Yours very truly

M. C. Edmunds
Supt.

COPY OF PETITION

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We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Alaska Road Commission construct a road from Peters Creek up Black Creek to Cache Creek, a distance of approximately twenty miles. From the Cache Creek Mining Section there has already been taken in excess of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in gold, and the country has scarcely been scratched. Without question it is a mining district of a nature in which mining will continue indefinitely.

At the present time there is a pack trail along this route but the same cannot be used for trucks. This trail was constructed years ago and the bridges over the creeks along the same have now broken down so that passage is very difficult. There are nine (9) hydraulic outfits working along this trail besides a number of small outfits.

The construction of this proposed road will not only materially aid the work that is now being done, but will increase the prospecting in this region. We believe that the activities along this proposed road clearly warrant its construction and that the same should be constructed during the summer of 1937.

May we have your cooperation in this matter?

Signatures follow:

LIST OF NAMES ON SUPPLEMENTARY PETITIONS

M. L. Adams	Talkeetna	Martin Carlson	
E. Bjoonsgaaed	"	W. R. Clark	
C. H. Wood	"	Miles Palmatier	
E. O. Peterson	"	A. L. Lorell	
Bert Fagerness	"	Edwin Johanson	
P. J. Collins	"	T. J. Wilson	
Edw. J. Stronks	"	Gene Baker	
H. W. Nagley	"	Earle N. Shahan	
C. M. Reeve	"	Allen E. Lathrop	
R. L. Seitz	"	George Canas	
Fred R. Smith	"	Wm. A. Fornaciari	
Wesley G. Harriman	"	Mrs. F. R. Smith	
Wm. Bunnett	"	Sydney Thayre	
Jeff Nation	"	Louie Larson	
Lillian VanWinkle	"	John Styhan	
Alex Bedar	"	J. H. Sheward	
Jack Fry	"	Phil Sheward	
Joe Gliska	"	E. W. Pringle	
Mat Hambey	"	Sven Bodin	
Mrs. Bert Olson	"	Neal A. Browne Jr.	
Bert Olson	"	Geo. H. Weatherell	
Joseph Kumenactor	Yentna	Nellie Martin	
C. H. Larsson	Talkeetna	Jack Devault	
Wm. Gaedekeh	"	H. O. Ronning	
Harry Kennedy	"	George Pitiff	
Frank Mouimkes	"	A. E. Andresen	
George D. Poggas	"	Jacob Jensen	
I. L. Mayfield	"	B. H. Mayfield-Talkeetna	
T. R. Weatherall	"	Helena Jenkins	"
Geo. M. Blair	"	F. W. Jenkins	"
Lawrence E. Smith	"	Ernest Bull	"
Jos. Chopek	"	Annie Dahl	"
F. Meise	"	Carl Peterson	"
Johan Zulick	"	Harry Jones	"
Johan Cuculch	"	E. Nauman	"
George P. Perkins	"	Floyd E. Lee	"
J. E. Nagley	"	Mike A. Trepte	"
Leo Kohler	"	Sam E. Wagner	"
H. A. Peters	"	Mrs. M. A. Trepte	"
Fred Negus	"	Al. A. Wolf	"
Otto Glatz	"	Freda E. Devault	"
J. G. Beaver	"	Frank E. Lee	"
Nic Nicoli	"	Mrs. B. H. Mayfield	"
Halvar Eriskson	"	B. E. Morlan	"
C. Hammerschmidt	"	G. W. Lawrence	"
L. C. Bragg	"	Alex Liska	Anchorage
Walter Minano	"	Wm. W. Maitland	XXX
Henry Meise	"	Geo. E. Anderson	"
Joseph Anderson	"	Calvin Reeve	"
Ellen Carlson	"	Frank Carlquist	"

Helen Shop
Jake G. Erbacher
J. Kenneth Lohnes
Mrs. C. M. Reeve
D. N. Hoytman
Mrs. J. M. McDonald
J. B. Gottstein
W. A. Taylor
W. A. Baldwin
Robert B. Atwood
N. F. Nelson
Alaska Mother Lode Mines Co.-by Geo. Anderson
Huie Goodell
Harry Riley
N. R. Balabanoff
Ole Dahl
Daisy Killaran
L. A. Haley
C. E. Quinton
Arnold Martens
Damon Palk
Carl E. Martin
D. E. Hewitt
Roy J. Frolen
A. K. Huffman
R. A. Francis
Harvey Rait
B. F. Mumford
Kenneth Brittell
J. B. Wadman
Fred Gitchell
Myrtle Gitchell
O. S. Gill

Department of the Interior
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

March 10, 1937.

Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Attached hereto is a petition for a new Aviation Field for Homer, Alaska as transmitted by Mr. Francis L. Groth, secretary of the Homer Civic League, and 66 other signers.

The heavy rains last fall washed away what field they had at Homer and altho winter landing with skis is usually good, there is no place to land with wheels in the summer time and landing on pontoons is possible only at certain times and then is always hazardous.

Homer is developing into a good farming settlement and growing rapidly in population and I recommend that an investigation be made toward a more feasible site for a field rather than improve the old one, also that an appropriation be set up for the construction of a new field.

Yours very truly

M. C. Edmunds
Supt.

C O P Y

To Mr. MC. Edmunds,
Alaska Road Commission.

Whereas the community of Homer is so isolated both for mail service and passenger service as well as all other modes of transportation, We the people of Homer do petition the Alaska Road Commission to construct an airplane landing field at Homer.

At present the people of Seldovia come to Homer for airplane service in the winter time, but present facilities make landing and taking off extremely hazardous for airplanes.

During the past season there have been at least five emergency calls for planes for urgent hospitalization.

(signed) Francis L. Groth
Sec. Civic League

SIGNATURES

Alex Mathesen
Guy Waddell
Peter Nielsen
Chas. Miller
W. J. Frazier
Laura Frazier
Karl Nielsen
Mrs. M. Nielsen
Stanley Nielsen
Lloyd Forslund
Anna Forslund
Ford Bechtel
Zelma Bechtel
Adella M. Kirkpatrick
George K. Kirkpatrick
W. G. Sanford
Jack Deitz
Donald Ingalls
Haleen Ingalls
Viima Mathesen

Freida Graham
James Graham
Bill Fletcher
T. Coughlin
Albert Fanning
May Fanning
E. S. Nordby
Fern Nordby
Mary Price
Grover Price
Joyce Christensen
Walter Christensen
Pearl Christensen
Ann M. Sholin
C. A. Sholin
Chas. Erickson
Milo Kallman
Greg Naslund
Glen R. Bower
Thos. L. Shelford
Nels O. Svedlund
Lillian M. Wallis
Henry Strand
Bert Hansen
J. R. Johnson

Mrs. J. R. Johnson
Mrs. Mabel Shotter
Era J. Walli
Ed Anderson
E. Sandvik
O. G. Haarstad
Orval D. Hite
R. C. Cutler
H. K. Allen
R. B. Malone
F. A. Wolfe
E. V. Kirsch
N. Neal
Geo. D. Earl
O. R. Russell
Mrs. O. R. Russell
R. D. Knaich
Arleen Kranich
Thelma Gordon
Bernice Groth

Department of the Interior
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska,

March 9, 1937.

Mr. Francis L. Groth,
Sec. Civic League,
Homer, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a petition for a new airplane landing field at Homer which has just reached this office from you and it is being forwarded to the Juneau office with my recommendations.

As you probably know, practically all the money spent on Aviation Fields in Alaska, is appropriated by the Territory so this petition will ultimately go to the Territorial Board for approval and funds.

As soon as we are advised as to the outcome of this, you will be notified.

Yours very truly

M. C. Edmunds
supt.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
March 5th, 1937

Mr. J.D. Urban
Anchorage.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the petition sent in to this office asking for the construction of a road off the Anchorage Loop road, near mile three, dated January 13th, 1937, to your and other homesteads in Sections 29, 30, and 31.

The petition was forwarded to our main office, and recommended by this office.

The following reply has been received, and is quoted for your information.

"Reference is made to your letter of January 22nd enclosing a petition from certain homesteaders near Anchorage.

Due to the limited funds available it is not probable that this work can be included in our program.

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

Yours very truly

signed Ike P. Taylor
 Chief Engineer.

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It appears as the funds for roads for this summer are going to be very small - after the large appropriations we have had for the past two years it will be very noticeable in this district.

I am sorry we will not be able to do anything for you this summer, unless the Territory furnishes funds.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

February 6, 1937

Mr. M. C. Edmunds
Superintendent, A. R. C.
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
January 22 enclosing a petition from certain homesteaders
near Anchorage. Due to the limited funds available it
is not probable that this work can be included in our
program.

The petition is being referred to the
Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for its con-
sideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor
Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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

February 24, 1937

Mr. R. S. Bragaw
Secretary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of petition indorsed by your Chamber for the improvement of the Peters Creek-Cache Creek Trail to road standard.

It now appears that Federal funds to be available for the coming season's work will be sufficient only for maintenance and some minor improvements to the existing roads. For this reason it will not be possible to undertake the construction of a road to Cache Creek. It is planned to make some improvements, however, on this route so that it will be usable as a tractor road. The funds available for this particular section will largely be used in replacing bridges on the section of the road from Talkeetna to Peters Creek. It is of course necessary to maintain this portion of the road so that any traffic destined for points either up Cache Creek or Peters Creek can be assured of getting over the route.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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

May 26, 1936

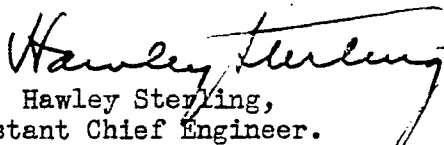
Mr. M. C. Edmunds
Superintendent, A. R. C.
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter regarding the extension of the road around Lake Spenard is acknowledged. Under our present program we are unable to undertake any new work.

However, copy of your letter together with petition is being sent to Mr. Hesse who may be interested. It is suggested that should he visit Anchorage you apprise him of the petition. He may be willing to allot a small amount. Mr. Hesse left by airplane for Fairbanks and Nome today.

Very truly yours,


Hawley Sterling,
Assistant Chief Engineer.

CC Mr. Hesse with copy of
Edmunds' letter & petition

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage

February 18th, 1937

Mr. Ibs P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a letter and petition received in the last mail from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce relative to the road leading from the Peters Creek roadhouse to Cache Creek.

As you are aware, the route followed from the end of the wagon road at Peters Creek, to Cache Creek, during the summer, follows up Black Creek, crossing the black Creek summit, and drops down into Cache Creek at Windy Creek.

This route was built as a pack trail in the first place, and numerous wooden culverts and bridges were built to take care of drainings.

These wooden structures are now, generally speaking, unsafe, and, since tractors have been freighting over the route, are continually breaking down.

During the past few years a minimum amount of work has been done upon this route so that traffic may keep moving, both to the upper part of Cache Creek, where a number of small outfits are mining, and to lower Cache Creek, where the Morgan interests have had a crew of about 15 men working during the past two years.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edwards
Sup't.

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

January 28, 1937

Mr. Herman Reft
Karluk, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21 with regard to a bridge across the Karluk River.

A petition was sent to this office in November 1934 signed by a number of residents of Karluk and vicinity requesting this bridge. The matter has been delayed pending a report from our district superintendent at Anchorage, who was requested to visit Karluk and investigate the conditions. We now have a report from Mr. Edmunds giving us the information required. While the amount of funds to be available for next season is not yet definitely known, it is believed that favorable consideration can be given to this project in preparing a program for next season's work. The matter is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for its consideration.

It is noted that you refer to a section of two miles across the spit but nothing is said as to what is required on this section. For your information, the Alaska Road Commission has never had a project at Karluk and for that reason I am at a loss to understand your statement that this section of trail across the spit is supposed to be kept up by us.

Very truly yours,

Ike P Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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CC Mr. Hesse
Edmunds

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

January 5, 1937

Mr. M. C. Edmunds
Superintendent, A. R. C.
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Foss together with my reply.

In writing Foss last summer I did not think it policy to tell him that Severson was the one from whom we had gotten the information regarding the trail.

The petition he sent in was signed by some 22 so-called "residents of Iliamna Village and Pedro Bay."

It is requested that you have whoever goes to Iliamna next summer look into this matter and if it is found the trail would be used and even \$500 would do the work we will make an allotment.

Very truly yours,


Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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Pedro Bay, Alaska

November 12, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a petition signed by the resident who live on this end of the lake or east end of lake.

I dont recall anyone making any inquiry about the proposed winter trail, and there is no need for a winter trail at Iliamna Bay as stated in your letter of August 19, 1936.

Now we dont ask for much and it will do good as stated I know you have been mininformed in this, and hope you will reconsider.

Yours truly

(s) Samuel B. Foss

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

January 5, 1937

Mr. Samuel B. Foss
Pedro Bay via Iliamna
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12 enclosing a petition signed by yourself and others for a trail from Iliamna Village to Knutsen Bay, as requested by you last summer.

My letter of August 19, 1936 was in error in mentioning Iliamna Bay as Iliamna Lake was intended. I know the general location of the trails you request. I still can not see how even \$300, as mentioned in your last request, can accomplish the work desired as your petition indicates at least 20 miles of the trail would be thru timber.

Since no funds are available at this time, your request will be given consideration in preparing next season's program and an investigation will be made on the ground at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Eke P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN
CC Edmunds

Anchorage, Alaska,
January 14, 1937.

Mr. M. C. Edmunds,
Supt. A. R. C.,
Anchorage, Alaska.

C O P Y

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, apply for an auto road to be built to our homesteads, a distance of about three quarters of a mile on Sections 31, 32 and 29. We can not improve our land as it is now for the lack of a road. This road will benefit five homes and cross the land of all five applicants.

Map will show exact location of said road. We would like to have this road built this spring as we intend to do extensive improvements on our land this year.

Yours truly,

J. D. Urban

Geo. Rosenbohm

O. Korhonen

Jas Dunn

Werner Ohls

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
January 22nd, 1937

Mr. Ika P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition signed by five interested parties for the construction of a road leading from mile 3. on the Anchorage-Loop road, in a North Easterly direction, to the homesteads of J.D. Urban and Geo. Rosenbalm.

While the petition is signed by O. Korhonen and Werner Ohls, the road in question would be of no particular benefit to either of these men, but would benefit two other homesteaders in this vicinity, whose names do not appear on the petition.

So far as I am able to determine, none of the signers have done much farming to date, but all have substantial buildings on their property, and have taken up homesteads, and will no doubt have to farm in order to prove up on their land.

At the present time it is hard to get into these properties, the locality is heavily timbered, and a narrow road has been slashed so that a wagon can get thro.

It is estimated that it would cost \$3,500.00 to build a 24 ft road as requested, including clearing, grubbing grading, culverts and some graveling in soft places.

The land adjacent to the proposed road is being taken up by settlers and it is believed that this is a meritorious project.

Two of the signers are married, and the Urbans have several children of school age. (At present they live in town during the school term.)

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
November 24th, 1936

Mr Hawley Sterling
Ass't Chief Engineer
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a petition signed by 37 residents of the Homer district, in reference to graveling the roads in that locality, and, astonishingly, appreciating the work done in that district during the past season.

Yours very truly

H.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

The first signer of the petition, Mr Francis L. Greth, represents the Jones Lee home in their extension project at Homer.

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C O P Y.

Mr H.C. Edmunds
Alaska Road Commission

Mr Edmunds:

Whereas, the roads of Homer are in such bad condition during the rainy season, we, the people of Homer do ask and petition the Alaska Road Commission to gravel the road now constructed, during the coming season, the summer of 1937.

We wish to thank the Government work done on our roads during the past season and hope that it will continue under the same or similar administration.

The following signatures represent the people of Homer in this matter

FRANCIS L GROTH

GREYER C. PRICE

G.A. SHOLIN

BERT HANSEN

FRED SVEDLUND

CHAS MILLER

W.J. FRAZIER

ZELMA BECHTEL

ELSIE LUND

STANLEY NEILSEN

C.M. HUFFMAN

CLIFFORD SATHER

JOYCE CHRISTENSEN

VILNA MATHESON

DONALD ZEGALLS

MARY PRICE

H. NEILSEN

WM G. SANFORD

MRS BERNICE E. GROTH

GUST ANDERSON

ED SLAVIN

GEO KIRKPATRICK

WM FLETCHER

LAURA FRAZIER

L. FOSSLUND

FORD BECHTEL

JACK DIETZ

MRS CARL SHOLIN

FRANK S. NEMER

W.R. HAYTER

WALTER CHRISTENSEN

ALEX MATHESON

ANNA FORSLUND

TOR LUND

PETER NEILSEN

GLADYS DIETZ

Received November 20th, 1936

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

December 17, 1936

Mr. J. J. Doyle
1227 Bank of America Building
Seventh and Spring Streets
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 24 in regard to the road from the Gold Bullion to the Marion-Twin Gold Mine property. It is realized that this piece of road requires improvement. In fact, very little money has been spent on it and it is really nothing more than a track.

We have no information as yet regarding the amount of our appropriation for next year. Whether or not any work can be done on this project will depend entirely on the sufficiency of funds available.

The project will be kept in mind in preparing our next year's program and if at all possible an effort will be made to provide some improvement to this route.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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CC Edmunds

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

December 17, 1936

Mr. Francis L. Groth et al
Homer, Alaska

Dear Mr. Groth:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by yourself and 36 other residents of Homer requesting additional surfacing of the road in that locality.

While it is probable our funds will be quite limited again next year, it is planned to continue surfacing operations, in a small way at least.

We appreciate your statement that the work done last year was beneficial and well done.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

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Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

August 12, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer, A. R. C.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition signed by various residents of Kodiak concerning the improvement of the road from Kanatak to the Fish Village.

According to the petition, these men are mostly fishermen who go to Bristol Bay during the summer months for the fishing season.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

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Kodiak, Alaska

Mr. M. C. Edmunds, Supt.
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the residents of Kodiak, Alaska, Third Division Territory of Alaska concerning the construction of the right-of-way and road from Kanatak up to and including the Fish Village, and now known as the Fish Village Trail, and used by the undersigned, all of whom are engaged in the fishing industry in the Bering Sea district, and who individually use this trail in coming and going from the place of their occupation to their homes and We herewith respectfully request that you favorably consider the herein petition, which is unanimously indorsed by the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of August, 1936.

Heino Schneck
John Paulson
Cliff Sumcelin
Bill Sargent
Ed MacKenzie
Arnie Vogen
Allan Petrie
Fred Mahle
Alfred Torgramsen
Thos. Swanson
Henry Neseth
George Moe

Knut Thievik
Claudia Walker
Jake Amucknuck
Glenn Palmer
Mrs. C. Leite
Allen Guest
Anton Kvas
George Dalsbo
Fred Noren
Louis Jensen
Wm. Englehart

Seldovia Chamber of Commerce

MEMBER

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

SELDOVIA, ALASKA

Office of the Secretary

-- HOMER, ALASKA --

REPORT:- Setting forth the reason and requirement for the construction a mile and one half of roadway, leading back from Homer sea level low land country up on to the highland country, and the plateau, which ranges immediately back of Homer and extends for miles in open rolling land.

DATE OF REPORT: Seldovia, Alaska | April 18, 1936 |

SKETCH MAP: Roughly indicating terrain and elevations of this short piece of roadwork that will open up and make accessible many thousands of acres of choice land to settlement and homesteaders. (attached hereto)

LIST ENUMERATING THE POPULATION of Homer as of present date. (attached)

LIST OF PERSONS with names and addresses who have written during the past two months, March and April, for all information concerning Homer, Alaska. A number write to say that they are arriving here during May and June. They are financing themselves entirely. This list is attached to indicate the amount of interest actually taken in this Homer country, by persons over a wide range of the United States.

HOMER, ALASKA, comprises an agricultural community ranging around the base of Homer Spit, a natural breakwater extending some 5 miles across the entrance of Kachemak Bay that leads off Cook Inlet waters. HOMER is an area in which the entire population are land settlers and farming minded. This district extends along the shoreline of Kachemak Bay and also adjacent to Cook Inlet. It is a comparatively narrow strip of land extending back from the water edge to an average of from one mile to one and a half miles. There at that point, occurs a very sharp rise and elevation of the land. It continues to a point where the land is some 700 feet above sea level. From thence on the entire country constitutes an open plateau of wide range and fine rolling country.

It is on this elevated land and beyond reaching miles into the back country that is the only land available to homesteaders. All the land of the lower level, as now constituting Homer, has been taken up and homesteaded. There remains nothing left for new arriving persons. This situation can only be remedied by the building of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road that will provide means to settlers getting to and opening up of the land situated on the Homer plateau areas.

There are right now, nine settlers located up on the highland back of Homer. They have established there only recently. They have roughed in a roadway and are now transporting up their material and effects comprising lumber, stock feed, equipment, furniture, wire fencing, and one homesteader is taking in a new portable saw-

mill to cut all lumber for dwellings, barns and extensive sheep sheds. They have roughed in a roadway up the hillside themselves and at their own expense. It is very steep and requires a four horse team to transport a load of 500 pounds of material and goods. The putting in of a "switch back" to the present roughed in road up Bydarky Canyon would establish a fairly good road, having only a six per cent grade. This is the opinion of a man who has homesteaded land within the past three months. He is a surveyor, and was engaged during the past several years in land survey work in the Matanuska Valley area. This indicated road, properly completed and with switchback of not more than 1500 feet in length, would open up all of the highlevel ground situated on this plateau country.

Once on top of this highland, settlers could break their own trails to whatever point they desired to go and without much difficulty. This method would serve to meet general needs until the advent of a more embracing program of road construction work at a later date.

During the present month of April, one settler alone had some 10 tons of freight landed on the beach at Homer, including 5 head of horses. He has transported everything, under the most difficult circumstances, up on the highland area. The type of men and their families are a determined lot. They finance their own way from the States and elsewhere, to Homer. They meet their difficulties and surmount them. They ask no odds or cry for help. The merits of Homer, its climate and situation, appeal strongly to them. For that reason, a survey or study should be made to examine into the present requirements of this area, from the angle of what is needed to assist in the immediate development and making the open homestead land accessible to those wanting it and willing now to take it up.

During the past two years there is no known instance of persons, having gone to Homer intending to look over the land, who have gone away disappointed. They have all either stayed right there, or left only to secure their equipment and return.

There are 14 newcomers known to be coming from the States to Homer during the month of May. In many instances they have stated the finances that they have in hand--it ranges from \$2000 to \$5000. One newcomer this last week went to Homer with the avowed intention of starting a Creamery. He has bought outright 145 acres of land for the purpose.

With these new arriving prospective settlers, it is to be desired that at least a roadway leading up on to the highland back of Homer, should be put in at as early a date as is possible. There has been done a meager amount of road work at Homer, designed to serve the immediate needs of present settlers. All of what has been done is to a major extent ungraveled and most difficult at times to traverse. NOTHING WHATEVER has been attempted to provide to make available to new settlers the additional land they are now needing, and to which they can get only under the most difficult circumstances and retarding influence.

The means to do this is by the putting in of the roadway here suggested and indicated. This roadway of under a mile and one half in length, is neither difficult, costly or elaborate and moreover, there is no rockwork to be encountered.

This roadway constitutes a matter of vital and major importance to this locality, and it is contended by all persons at Homer that something in this direction should be undertaken at the earliest possible date, to accommodate and make attractive to new settlers who are coming from distant places at their own expense with the full intention and expectation of finding suitable land on which to take up and file homestead rights thereto.

It is for the foregoing reasons that this subject is being addressed to you, Governor, the Honorable John W. Troy, that due a review of the subject can be made, and according to your judgement, and in line with what merits this case may suggest to you as having, be directed to that department having the administration of such work.

As an additional significance of the importance of and for opening up this Homer area, we attach hereto list of names of persons from all parts of the States, who have written in to the Chamber of Commerce, for information relating to Homer. These listed names are of letters received during the months of March and April of this current year. These are unsolicited and we have issued no publicity that would encourage such interest.

Respectfully submitted
Seldovia Chamber of Commerce.

J. H. Malcolm ----Secretary.

Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

May 15, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer, A.R.C.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I received a petition in the last mail signed by 15 persons who have homesteads or homes in the vicinity, concerning extending the Spenard road around the Lake. A couple of years ago the persons interested cleared and grubbed about one mile of road which we graded up for them. No surfacing has been done on this section.

This road is used considerably during the fall and spring and becomes badly rutted. When running the motor grader or maintainer over the Spenard road we generally cover this section also, which leaves it in fairly good shape during the summer time. There is one section of road about 500 ft. long where the road runs along the rim of the lake but should be changed, as cars traveling over this road endanger the lives of children playing around the lake. This, however, is only a small job.

With the settling up of the land around town more people are moving out towards the lake with the idea of having summer homes and also homesteading. At the present time the settlers are clearing for a road and are asking that the road be extended and also surfaced. While no investigation has been made of the possibilities of getting gravel south of Lake Spenard, there are no gravel pits containing suitable gravel on this road. Most of the good gravel has been obtained from the gravel pit near the Alaska Railroad offices and the surfacing of this road will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

I am forwarding a copy of the petition for your information.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

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Lake Spenard
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. M. C. Edmunds, Supt.
Alaska Road Commission
Anchorage, Alaska

Signatures of settlers to benefit by two miles of new road graded
and graveled. Impossible to travel on now until improved in some
way.

G. C. Collins

Pete Cavanaugh

A. H. Dyer

Lee Hartley

Carl G. Osterlund

John Stahl

Peter Ericksen

George Blackman

A. N. Brown

J. S. Preston

J. S. DeLong

Dave Patterson

Adolph Olson

Frederick Hansen

W. A. Mills

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

January 29, 1936

Mr. R. S. Bragaw
Secretary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The petition requesting that the Wasilla mine roads be kept open in winter has been forwarded here by Mr. Edmunds.

As you know, the funds of the Alaska Road Commission have never been sufficient to accomplish the construction of numerous roads which have been asked for and which are actually required. This year our appropriation is smaller than usual comparatively due to several hundred miles of road which have been built with emergency funds. It will barely cover maintenance.

We have on this account never been able or felt warranted to do snow removal work on any scale. In fact the only road we feel obligated to keep open is that between Fairbanks and Chatanika and that only because it was so agreed before the railroad took up its steel between these points. We do cooperate with the school authorities in a small way so that the children can get to school.

As Mr. Edmunds states, keeping the road open from Wasilla to Willow is a large order, to say nothing of being hazardous on account of the road being narrow. However, since it does mean so much to the district and since we have a machine on hand which is made for the purpose, we are willing to offer cooperation to the extent of furnishing the machine. The operators and others interested would have to furnish all other expenses, driver's wages, gas, oil, grease, and make deposit to cover. We would select the driver.

In making this offer, it is conditional that the machine can be used only when not required in the valley and that we find it practicable for the machine to do the work. That is, it may prove it can not negotiate the turns or that the glaciers are prohibitive to the point of danger.

Should those interested accept this offer they should be notified that we make a rough estimate that the road could not be opened for less than \$30 a mile average and that the work might have to be repeated the next day if a wind storm comes up. From two to four men would be required, depending upon conditions.

If the operators are interested on the above basis, get in touch with Mr. Edmunds.

HS:IW

Very truly yours,

CC Mr. Edmunds — If they accept get deposit first, try it and if not found practicable tell them so. Depreciation would be charged.

Hawley Sterling,
Alaska Road Commission

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Route.

Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

March 30, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer, A. R. C.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last
mail from the residents of Wasilla in regard to the instal-
lation of fire protection for the town, together with a
copy of my letter to Mr. Howard Wilmoth, the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

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Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

Copy

March 27, 1936

Mr. Howard Wilmoth
U. S. Commissioner
Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition signed by various residents of Wasilla in regard to the installation of a pump, tank, etc. for fire protection in the town of Wasilla.

While it is remarked that two fires started in the Alaska Road Commission garage which might have caused a lot of damage around town, at the same time the installation of fire protection is somewhat outside the line of activities usually undertaken by the Alaska Road Commission. I am forwarding the petition to our main office in Juneau so that it will be delivered into the hands of those concerned.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

MCE:bb
Copy to Ike P. Taylor

Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

Mr. C. L. Cadwallader
Wasilla,
Alaska

Dear Mr. Cadwallader:

This acknowledges receipt of the petition sent in from Wasilla concerning the opening of the road to the Willow Creek Mining district during the winter time.

This petition is being forwarded to our main office at Juneau for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

MCE:bb

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Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

Mr. R. S. Bragaw
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bragaw:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition sent in by various miners, and other interested in the Wasilla district, concerning keeping the road leading into the Willow Creek mining district open during the winter time. I am forwarding this petition on to our Juneau office for their consideration.

While we have a new snow plow in the Wasilla district, this is the first one of this kind we have had and I am not able to state just what the machine will be able to do. However, I doubt very much whether we could do any good trying to plow out the road to the Willow Creek Mining district during the winter time. The road is very narrow, with numerous curves and excessive grades, which would make it a hazardous undertaking to try to clean the road off under the present conditions.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

MCE:bb

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Department of the Interior
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer, A. R. C.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received from some of the residents of the Wasilla district asking that the road over the Hatcher Summit be kept open during the winter time; also the roads to the other mines in the district, including the Gold Chord and the Fern Mines.

I am also inclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Bragaw, secretary of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce who have endorsed the petition. In addition to the remarks in Mr. Bragaw's letter, I imagine there would be considerable ice in places along the road and no doubt rock would be mixed up with the snow, making it hard to do snow plowing on this route.

Very truly yours,

M. G. Edmunds,
Superintendent.

MGE:bb

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P E T I T I O N

To the Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska

We, the undersigned, realizing the urgent necessity to have the road leading into the Willow Creek Mining District, kept open during the winter months, respectfully petition your Honorable Organization, to grant us this needed relief, and in support of this petition we submit the following reasons for presenting same;

There is now several properties operating in the Mining District mentioned, others carrying on development work, with the expectation of early operation, there is now and will be during the entire winter season, a great number of persons employed in the District or carrying on development work for themselves, that this work can be prosecuted during the winter months, if said roads were kept in condition, so that necessary supplies can be carried to the properties, that the cost of keeping said roads in condition will be slight in comparison with the benefits that will accrue to the parties using the roads, that if the roads are not kept open, it will be necessary to close much of the work that is now going on in said District, therefore depriving a large number of men continuing their employment, and delaying development work that is now being prosecuted, that your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

(Signed)

<u>Ready Bullion</u>	<u>Sidney E. Black, Mgr.</u>
<u>Bralaska Ming. Corp.</u>	<u>James M. McDonald, Supt.</u>
<u>Fern Gold Mining Co.</u>	<u>T. S. McDougal</u>
<u>New Bullion Mine</u>	<u>G. S. Herning, owner</u>
<u>Freighter</u>	<u>Gus Swanson</u>
<u>Wasilla Service Company</u>	<u>C. L. Gadwallader, Mgr.</u>
<u>O. G. Herning</u>	<u>Mgr, Knik Trading Company</u>

(Endorsed by the Anchorage Chamber of
Commerce at a regular meeting held
December 12, 1935

Certified by
R. S. Bragaw, Secretary
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska
May 7, 1934

Mr. Jack Lean,

Lawing Alaska

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the first, we expect to do some work down your way this season, and would like to accomplish the greatest possible amount of work with what funds we will have available. Please let us know about what time in the season it will be possible to get the most work done.

Yours truly,

JB/RW


M. C. EDMONDS
Superintendent

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is eight feet in several places
In all occasions, one very big, the
small animals in number and
many in size are on the trail.

It is now seven or eight years since
any work was done on the upper end
of this trail and it would be greatly
appreciated by myself and the other
living animals, if you could allot a
portion of your funds for maintenance
work on it this summer.

It is the consensus of opinion
by those who know the trail that
it would require an allotment
about \$5000.00 to put it back into
passable condition. I have attempted
to secure the signatures of the various
ones living along a line of the trail
but as you see that is limited in
number of those going to work in various
places I will not be able to see them
all. Nevertheless, I am sure that
any labor allotted on this trail this
summer will be greatly appreciated.

Kenai Lake. April 24-34

We, the undersigned residents,
living enroute and duly affected by
mail delivery between Moose Pass and
Kusiloff hereby ask your cooperation
in securing funds for repairing of
trail between Russian River and Kenai:

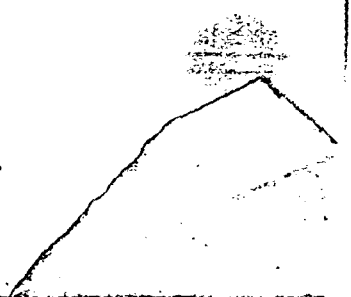
W. Knasack Owen Chintan

Duncan Little

Jack Loan

Chas C Lean
Frank E. Towle
Jean Bolam
Phyllis Downing
Andrew Hixson
Alex Bolam
John Bateman
Doris Bateman
William J. Boyd
Hazel Towle
Everett E. Simpson
Ruth J. Simpson
Frank Roycroft
Mrs. Frank Roycroft
Mrs. H. N. Estes

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WE THE UNDER SIGNED MINING CLAIMS OWNERS, OF THE SIDNEY
BASIN REGION, IN THE WILLOW CREEK MINING DISTRICT, WASILLA,
ALASKA, HEREBY PETITION THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION, TO
BUILD A FOT AND PACK BRIDGE ACROSS ARCHANGEL CREEK, THIS
WILL MAKE TRAVEL AND PACKING OF SUPPLIES EASIER AND
FASTER INTO THIS REGION, THIS BRIDGE WOULD BE BUILT FROM
THE FERN MINE AUTO ROAD ACROSS THE ABOVE MENTIONED CREEK.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name of Mine</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. P. A. Marlon	Gold King	Wasilla
2. G. S. Herning	Gold King	Wasilla
3. C. A. Bartholl	Pay Day	Wasilla
4. C. W. Isaacs	Bonanza	Wasilla
5. F. Isaacs	Bonanza	Wasilla
6. L. J. ^{Gram} Gram	Golden Eagle	Wasilla

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
February 28-1935.

Mr P.A. Marion et al
Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter enclosing a petition for a bridge across Archangel Creek, to provide access across Sidney Basin.

I am forwarding the petition to our Juneau office, and will investigate the crossing at the first opportunity.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmonds
Sup't.

Route 35-A

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
February 28-1935

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from some prospectors asking that a bridge be built across Archangel Creek, suitable for pack animals.

Archangel Creek runs approximately parallel to the Archangel road, where the Fern mine is located, and the bridge asked for is about half way between the Willow Creek extension and the Fern mine.

Without making an investigation, which is out of the question until the snow is off, I would estimate the bridge required would cost \$300.00.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

April 30, 1934

Mr. C. A. Soper
Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23 with reference to a petition for a road into your homestead.

There was a limited amount of funds available for construction of farm roads in the Wasilla section last fall. These funds were allocated by the Public Works Administration and it was endeavored to use them for the construction of roads serving the greatest number of settlers.

As these funds are practically exhausted and our regular appropriation is limited to maintenance of the existing roads it does not appear probable that we will be able to undertake construction of the road you request this season. However, if additional funds become available your request will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IE
CC Mr. Edmunds, Anchorage

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

April 25, 1934

Mr. Charles Walker et al
Kodiak, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by numerous residents of Kodiak and vicinity, forwarded to the district superintendent at Anchorage, requesting a road from Kodiak to Sycamore Bay.

You are advised that, in view of the limited funds available, which are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing roads and trails, it will be impossible to undertake construction of the road you request.

Should additional funds be made available on Public Works or through the regular appropriation your request will be given consideration along with numerous others which have been received.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN

CC Mr. Edmunds, Anchorage

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

April 25, 1934

Mr. Chris. A. Opheim
Ouzinkie, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition signed by yourself and others for a road from Ouzinkie to Ophelia Cove, addressed to Governor Troy, has been referred to this office for reply.

You are advised that, in view of the limited funds available, which are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing roads and trails, it will be impossible to undertake construction of the road you request.

Should additional funds be made available on Public Works or through the regular appropriation your request will be given consideration along with numerous others which have been received.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN

CC Mr. Edmunds, Anchorage

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

February 23, 1935

Mr. A. C. Wanser et al
Naknek, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your petition for a road from Naknek to Egegik.

The funds available for road work in Alaska this year so far as now known will be sufficient only for maintenance and it will not be possible to undertake new projects of this type unless considerable additional funds are made available.

In order that this office may have as much information as possible in connection with this project it is requested that you advise the number of people who will be served by the road and the estimated probable tonnage which will be moved over it.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,
Chief Engineer.

IPT:IW
CC Edmunds

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 21-1934

Mr C.A. Soper
Wasilla.

Dear Mr Soper:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 16th, concerning the granting of a right of way for a road thro Laurence W Lückwood's property, leading to your homestead.

Since the petition was forwarded to Juneau, I have not been advised that there are any funds with which to build your road, and so far I understand no Public Works funds are available, so unless further funds are appropriated for Alaska there will be no chance to start work on this project.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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Wasilla Alaska
April 16 - 34

Mr. Edmonds,
Anchorage, Alaska,

Dear Sir

I am enclosing plat
of road to my place,
including Lockwood's consent
to cross this Homestead
he wants road as he has
no out-let from Homestead
This would give road for
several other Homesteads
I remain yours Truly

C A Soper
Wasilla

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 16-1934

To: Mr. Kreft
O. Kreft and Son
Kodiak

Dear Sirs:
Gentlemen:

This acknowledges receipt of the petition concerning the building
of a road. **This acknowledges receipt of the petition forwarded recently**
concerning the building of a proposed road from Kodiak to Sycamore Bay.

The petition has been forwarded to our main office at Juneau

Yours very truly

Yours very truly
M.C. Edwards

M.C. Edwards
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 16-1934

Mr Ira P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from Kodiak, in reference to building a proposed road from Kodiak to Sycamore Bay.

While no survey has been made of this project, it is estimated that it would cost approximately \$25,000 to build this road to the same standard as the local roads at Kodiak.

Yours very truly

W.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

*See Reconna
May 29th 1928*

Petition

We, the undersigned, request that the following described road work be done by the by the Alaska Road Commission during the coming season. To build a road approximately three miles in length from the town of Kodiak to Sycamore Bay. This road would serve the H.P. Walker patented homestead on Sycamore Bay and open up the country between the two points. It would further serve the people of Uzinkie, permitting them to row to Sycamore Bay and walk over the proposed road to Kodiak at such times as they could not make the trip by water due to rough weather.

Susan Shuravloff
Mrs Alex Simeonoff
Chas Walker
C.C. Buchanan
Albert Kraft
Norman Noble
Anton Kvas
S.B. Thorsheim
Fred Mahle
Eugene D. Weaver
Oscar Bostronin
Ben J. Sholl
Tom Karsh
Walter Sargent
Peter L. Unger
Loyd B. Hardy
Chas Madsen
Mrs Walker
Mrs Elizabeth Andersen
Mrs Chas Meyer
D.W. May
W.C. Anderson
Fred Sargent
Paul Walkoff
Louis Jensen
T. Flynn
Wm Sundberg
W.J. Erskein
R.P. Atkinson
M.J. Loughran
Albert Lind
J.B. Brown
Hilbert Andersen
George Hendrickson
C.A. Mattie
Mrs Lee Pryer
D.L. Pryer
Clarence Selig
Gabe Karluk
Edwin Cetah
W. Ekstvonn
Mrs A.E. Can
Mrs B.J. Sholl
J.M. Blinn
Karl Armstrong
Nick Shuravloff
Walter Shuravloff
J.W. Walker

John Norton
Mike Kerr
Mrs Mike Kerr
Miss Marian Kerr
Emil Christoffersen
Mrs E.C. Christoffersen
Bill Simeonoff jr
Mrs Fred R. Sundberg
Otto Mahle jr
O.C. Olsen
W.A. Anderson
Mrs W. Anderson
Harry Morrison
Alex E. Simeonoff
Charles Norring
Mrs Charles Norring
Chas Huotarie
Henry Johnson
Louis Thompson
Mr & Mrs Petroff
Mr & Mrs Krogstad
Alfred Torgramsen
W.H. Troutt
Dick Wasbrekoff
Samuel Kolkoff
Oscar Andersen
P.B. Woche
Benjamin Woche
Mrs A. Peterson
Andrew Peterson
Rev N. Kashevaroff
Betty Kashevaroff
Dick Paterochin
Arkadia Pestrikoff
Augusta Yevicaloff
Annie Yevicaloff
Mrs Fred Fomin
Val Morrison
D.E. Simeonoff
Ernst Magnusen
Chas Skinner
C.R. Anderson
Geo O. Thompson
Jessie Nelson
Helen Anderson

Kodiak Petition Cont'd

Max Shuravloff
 Efram Shuravloff
 Larry Morgan
 George Dalsbo
 Mrs H. Morrison
 Wm J. Robertson
 Mrs Wm J. Robertson
 Mrs Emil Olsen
 V.P.Morrison
 Masiave Wills Hauster
 Mrs L. Hardy
 Efka Pestriakoff
 Ele Metrokin
 Ennis Nekeferoff
 Ed Bensen
 Ernest Danielsen
 Nels Christianson
 A.Riddell
 O. Gisule
 August Heitman
 Mrs Efka Pestriakoff
 Natalie Pestriakoff
 Mrs Agnes Feeney
 Florence Ponchene
 Speridan Patarochin
 C.Haritonoff
 Nick Karluk
 Mrs Chernoff
 Miss Mary Yecociff
 John Hubley sr
 Kia Hubley
 Hans Gerdrum
 John Morrison
 John Lohr
 J.P.Anderson
 H.H.Lancler
 Peter Gregoroff
 Mrs Senafont Gregoroff
 Ben Gregoroff
 Herman Ponchene
 Tim Chernoff
 Chris Andersen
 Mrs Chris Andersen
 Mrs S.B.Thorsheim
 A.F.Demidoff
 Susie Peterson
 Mrs A.Johnson
 Mrs C.C.Buchanon
 Kelly Simeonoff
 Peter Romanoff
 Senofont Malutin
 Jas Lohr
 Andrew Kashevaroff
 Nicholas Chernoff
 Fred Malutin
 Mrs S Malutin
 Andrew Lohr

A.H.Huseby
 Mrs Curley Hendrickson
 Mrs Val Morrison
 Mrs Geo Christofferson
 Martin Larsen
 Bill Heitman
 George Nekeferoff
 Joe Amuknuk
 Frank F. Wills
 Jacob Amuknuk
 Fred Fomin
 Pete Heitman
 C.R.King
 Harry Norton
 Archie Kellog
 John Hubley jr
 Costia Yoseda
 George Yoshida
 Louis Dumas
 Mrs Walkoff
 Mrs J.C. Kristensen
 Bill Zharoff
 Wm Shreeve
 Mrs Chris Leite
 Gust Goodmansen
 John Goodmansen
 Mrs Thos Swenson
 Mrs Costia Yosheda
 Mr Sergay Walkoff
 Thos Swensen
 Carl Brumstad
 Douglas McLean
 Wm Romanoff
 Mike Metrokin
 Walter Poole
 Chas G.Anderson
 Mrs Chas G. Anderson
 Chris G. Mattsen
 Marie Mattsen
 John Paulson
 Harry Brown
 Mike Shuravloff
 Mrs Hartman
 Mrs J. Heitman
 Joe Heitman
 A.F.Lyman
 Fred Kvasnikoff
 Harry L.Holt
 Oscar Nelson
 Mrs Edward Cohen
 Wm Simeonoff
 Mrs P.L.Unger
 Emil Olsen

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 16-1934

Mr Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer
Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail for a road from Ozinski, on Spruce Island, Kodiak group, to Gulkisns cove.

I have no knowledge concerning this route.

Yours very truly

M.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage
April 16-1934

Mr O.L.Grimes et al
Ouzinki.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition received in the last mail concerning a proposed road between Ouzinki and Onheims Cove.

I have no knowledge of this road, the distance or the kind of ground traversed, so have been unable to make any statement regarding the estimated cost to our head office, but have transmitted it to Juneau for their consideration, and no doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Yours very truly

W.C. Edmunds
Sup't.

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,

Chris A. Opheim

Copy

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 Sir:

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 - Gregorioff
Mrs Abram Gregorioff
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 anywheres and work for harmonious results. Kindly regard this as a business letter on behalf of this association and answer our questions. And take the nessary measurers for a solution of this problem.

Thanking you,

Committee

Tollak Oles
Axel Christen
Simon Josephsen

Tomold Hansen
A. Y. Mathon
John Wilson
Secretary

The Cook Inlet Associated Fishermen And Workers Union

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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,

Paul Paul A. Shadura
Priest of Kenai Parish.

ME

Ninilchik, 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 I 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.

Alex 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.

Neil A. Gordon
Walter Jackinsky
Bertram Harris
Alfred Cooper
Simon Oskoloff

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

April 6, 1934

Mr. Carl R. Trowbridge 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:IF
CC Edmunds

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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 Wodd 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 Foseth jr
Emil Sorensen
Mrs Bessie Peterson
Albert W. Ball
Mrs W.F. Moody
Lloyd 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.F. 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
Fred Carlson
John Nelson
D. Lopez
Alex Nelson
Elia Akelkok

Emil Egeland
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

Oscar Kajander

Mrs W.N. Reed

Carl P. Nunn

Martin Monsen

Wm Hill

Mrs Martha Monsen

Emil Gustafson

John Monsen

Clare Mendenhall

Chas A. Johnsson

Mrs Clare Mendenhall

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

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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

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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 CJA 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

M.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.

Kasilof, Alaska.

March 16, 1934

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. McLane

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 SHOWINGX SUPPORTING ESTIMATE STOP SENDING
PETITION TO YOU NEXT MAIL

EDMONDS

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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	
Mrs Archie P. McLane (and 3 Children)	Kasilof Alaska
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 16 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.

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 ✓



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA January 22, 1934

Mr. H. C. Henricksen, 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 CWA 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 H. 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:WJ

CC Edmunds
CC Governor's Office

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 Fryck
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

M.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

M.C.Edmunds
Sup't.

A handwritten signature, possibly "M.C. Edmunds", is written in dark ink. A long, thin diagonal line is drawn across the signature from the bottom left towards the top right.

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.

Where 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 Fryck 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.

Stacilla; Alaska
October 17, 1933

Mr. Edwards

I am writing you a few lines concerning my road. I talked to Mr. W. yesterday and he said he wouldn't grade my road up this fall, and I don't 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 my Truck doesn't seem to want to do it.

I've got 4 tons of potatoes & some other vegetables to haul in the spring and I can't get it out to the main road so I wish you would notify Truck about my road.

this fall, because there's
no use for me to talk
to him about it anymore.
When I was in France
they told me soldiers
that any time the gov-
ernment caused help was
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 and
I'll do anything do 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 so I leave for such
a little job.

Yours truly
Oscar Anderson
Shawnee, Kansas

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 KARNES

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WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE YOUR FOREMAN KODIAK COME TO OUZINKIE
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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

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HAVE YOU ANY RECORD OF ANY PETITION OR REQUEST FOR ROAD FROM
NORTH SHORE OF ILIADNA LAKE NEAR BIVERTSONS ROADHOUSE TO POINT ON
NEWHALEN 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

Wasilla

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 Wasilla 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 Pakeneit district five miles from Wasilla.

This road is to join the Bogard Road between mile 4 and 5 on the Section line between Sections 32 and 31, following the Section line to the lake, from there to the school house at Mrs. Anderson, & then to the Willow Creek road. It will benefit 7 families. This road is about two miles long, has been slashed most of the way. It will save us approximately 10 miles if anyone wishes to go to the mines. It will also benefit

the
Pahreem 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. Stridger

Clyde V. King

Geo. S. Workier

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-western 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 main road 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. Sheppard

Stutzer Slafes

Mrs. Hannah Klockentger

Mac Harrington

Chas. Miller

Glady's Dietz

Bertha Munson

John Bower

Gust Anderson

T. H. Olsen

Robert King

Wm Hunter

V. C. Svedlund

Chas. H. Park

Phenney Boring

Oscar Munson

Lawrence P. Slavin

Mrs Munson

Toni Collins

Alfred Anderson

Albert Fanning

Mrs Albert Fanning

W. T. Hurstons

Ford Bechtel

John Bechtel

Ford S. Lund

Clair Lund

Stanley Nielsen

Peter Nielsen

Mrs Nielsen

Miss Malvina Seldovian

Mr. E. J. Hallie

Ed. Anderson

Chas. Erickson

R. B. Gray

E. G. Stahlin

H. Ohlsen

Mr. J. M. Woodard

Emilia Peterson

John M. ...

J. R. Citterden

Wasilla Alaska
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Mr. Edmunds
Anchorage, Alaska,
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing Petition for
for. There are three Homesteaders
to Benevit by this road at
present and will open up
other Homestead land.

also is good location for road
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 Tasilila-Fishhook road and the Matanuska Trunk road, as follows:

- Falk	Married (two children)
X.B. Wilson	Bachelor
Wm. 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,

W. C. Edmunds,
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* 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.	1095.00
Grading 2 " 24 "		1517.	3035.00
			<u>\$5,100.00</u>

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 ~~be~~ 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. F. 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. /cu
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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.

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CC Territorial Board
Senator Bragaw
Mr. Edmunds ✓

Wasilla, Alaska.

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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 T. 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.

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CC Mr. Edmunds
Inc. 1 (copy of letter)

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[Signature]

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March 8, 1933

Mr. George T. McMahon, President
Alaska Exploration and Mining Co.
Peters Creek Placer Company
Box 136
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:IW
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.

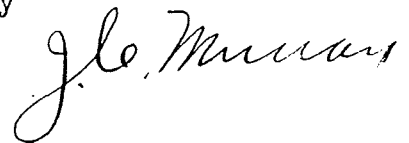
Dear Sir:-

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
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February 27, 1933

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 mileage 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 mileage 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. Ueack	"	"
John G. Johnson	"	Wasilla
Nellie St. Clair	"	"
Hugo E. Ueack	Trapper	"
Mrs. O. O. Krogh		Matanuska
O. O. Krogh	Postmaster	"
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	"