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Subject: RE: ARC road classification
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016 7:31:26 AM

Thank you Karen – those are interesting.

I put a request into NARA in Maryland yesterday to view the survey instructions for USSs 2696-2707 (which are archived as a GLO E series letter), on the reasoning that the SIs might cite a reason for the 50' from CL setback used for the Richardson. The SIs were issued a month or so before the GLO became the BLM, and represent the only SIs issued in the 1940s for lands adjacent to an actively maintained ARC road I'm aware of, so maybe there will be a clue there.

Also, I'm attaching a bit of correspondence relating to the 17 Act (or whatever it's common reference turns out to be) that may be of interest. Note in particular that it was repealed in 1941.

Best regards,
James

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Jim – I have never seen anything official prior to the AFC's discussion but I do have a memorandum from Noyes to Taylor in September of 1948. From this memo I think it's reasonable to conclude that Ike Taylor prepared ARC Memo No. 2.

Thank you for sharing your spreadsheet with us!

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Subject: RE: Southcentral area PLO/DO/SO 2665 inventory, in a searchable spreadsheet

I agree – the ARC 40s etc. may only be /likely are only a snapshot of the roads that were included in the OQCD, which doesn't preclude other things also being PLO. It was interesting to see that the change sheets on the back of some of the ARC 40s noted that certain roads were 'reclassified inactive', which sounds a lot like the status of everything pre-1949 that wasn't brought forward into the ARC 34 and 40 lists.

Overall the goal of making the spreadsheet was to give new adjudicator here at SCRO the ability to generally query the DOTPF omnibus road history without having to wade into 8 million old documents they weren't already familiar with - a general research aid, not a fine scale tool.

On a different but related topic, have you ever seen record of an ARC width classification that predates the field committee's recommendation of 300/200/100 of 1948.10.9? See attached memo from 1948.10.13 that states that the ARC had a through/feeder/local classification that predated the AFC.

Many thanks,
James

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Thanks James, that's quite a summary! Your statement that assumes the routes listed in the ARC 40s were PLO/DO/SO based is most likely not 100% accurate but it would be hard to distinguish at the route level. I say this because we know that ARC/BPR during the 50's and earlier acquired private easements for certain widenings and realignments of existing routes but the orders only discuss the routes as a whole rather than a parcel by parcel basis. This will be very helpful to tract a route through the various ARC/BPR inventories. Thanks so much! JohnB

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John and Karen,

Please find attached an excel spreadsheet that tabulates all of the road inventory sheets I'm familiar with from 1949 to 1959 against route numbers, descriptions, mileage and classification, etc for southcentral Alaska roads. It should serve as a quick reference for ARC/BPR road listings as to when roads may have constructed or taken under maintenance, PLO widths (100 vs. 200 vs. 300, etc.), an estimate of the amount of orphaned PLO ROW in Southcentral (my interest in summarizing the data; also that statement assumes that only routes listed on the ARC 40s etc were PLO/DO/SO, which is a

working assumption only for the purposes of compiling this spreadsheet), and it gives an interesting overall view of how the listed highway system grew between 1949 and statehood. It's also word searchable.

Enjoy! Let me know if you see any notable corrections. Please feel free also to distribute to anyone else who may find this useful.

Regards,
James

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