

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

July 2, 1947

Mr. Frank Nash, Superintendent
Alaska Road Commission
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Leonard Smith has confirmed his authorization to build the branch road to Grenac and others off the Farmers-Birch Hill road. He has set up \$3,000. A field allotment of \$1,500 is enclosed.

Mr. Smith did not see Yankovich on his recent trip to Fairbanks but desires that we continue our efforts to get the work done on this road. Funds for this project are included in the increase given you in May for route 7N.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor
Ike P. Taylor
Chief Engineer

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

FAIRBANKS ALASKA
JANUARY 2 1946

FROM NASH FAIRBANKS
TO ROAD COMMISSION JUNEAU

HOMESTEADERS ON ROUTE SEVEN N ADVISE ROAD BLOCKED ACCOUNT DRIFTS
THEY REQUEST IT BE OPENED PD ESTIMATED COST EIGHTY DOLLARS
RECOMMEND THIS BE AUTHORIZED

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

MARCH 20 1945

FROM FRANK NASH FAIRBANKS

TO ROAD COMMISSION JUNEAU

FARMERS LOCATED ON FARMERS BIRCH HILL ROAD REQUEST SNOW REMOVAL BE PERFORMED
TO ALLOW THEM GET IN THEIR SPRING SUPPLIES ESTIMATED COST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
RECOMMEND THIS BE AUTHORIZED ADVISE

TANANA VALLEY FARMERS ASSOCIATION
Fairbanks Alaska
Box 845

19 March 45

Mr. Frank Nash,
Superintendent, Alaska Road Commission,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Farmers residing around the "Farmer's Loop", from the KFAR radio broadcasting station on around, are snowed in and find it difficult to get to town.

The situation is becoming acute, since these farmers are now receiving their fertilizers and supplies for commencing their spring work.

It is the understanding of this organization that funds are provided for the maintaining of these farm roads - keeping them open and traversible - in winter, during the spring runoff, etc, and it is earnestly requested that the Farm Loop in particular be opened and kept passable. This includes the section line roads leading to Mr. Charles Fidelers farm, and the road passing Mr. Hawman's and Mr. Cox's farms, also on a section line. Farm produce stored on these places are now inaccessible.

The Farm organization expresses appreciation of the Road commission in keeping the Steele Creek and Badger Roads open.

If your office is not in position to maintain the Farm Loop road will you kindly notify us.

Yours truly,

M.G. BRADWAY, Mgr.,
By

Sec'y.

Mary J. Kelly

TANANA VALLEY FARMERS ASSOCIATION
Box 1208
Fairbanks, Alaska.

15 June 45

Highway Engineer,
Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

It is desired to call to your attention the deplorable condition of one of the important farm roads adjacent to Fairbanks, Alaska, and ask that your office give attention to the matter at the earliest possible date.

The road is locally known as the "Farm Loop Road", and in addition to being a well-populated farming road is also a popular drive for Fairbanks residents.

Though it is now June 15 the road is impassable for all but tractors. The road is approximately 8.8 miles long, and deep mudholes along over three miles of its length are causing seemingly endless trouble.

The stretch mentioned affects 10 farms, making travel to Fairbanks, only a few miles distant, practically a day's journey, IF they can get through. On top of this, unwary drivers from town are constantly getting mired, causing the farmers to lose valuable planting time when they have to stop to pull out the "tourists".

The road has not been ditched along the sides this spring, which would aid in drainage. By simply putting adequate culverts in a few places, the road could long ago have been high and dry. The local Road Commission office has had a truck working on the road for several weeks, but not in a very intelligent manner. The crew have been cutting boughs and poles, trying to corduroy. The wood naturally sinks out of sight when the first car passes, if it passes. One farmer reports that without exaggeration, more an understatement, that he has had to pull out forty (40) cars.

We beg relief.

Yours truly,

C.J. JAMISON, President,

M. Kelly
Sec'y.

cc: Fairbanks Rd. Com.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
FAIRBANKS ALASKA

June 21, 1945

Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Reference your letter of June 18, in regard to the condition of the Farmers Loop Road.

This road at present is in fair, passable condition and every effort has been extended by our small maintenance crew to keep it open throughout the spring breakup period. It has been several years since this road was regraded, and sections of it have never been surfaced. The unsurfaced sections are the ones we have been having trouble with. Such sections have become out of shape, overgrown with brush and ditches filled up; the result being no drainage and during the spring breakup and after heavy rains, such sections become very soft.

A few days ago Mr. Taylor and I were discussing the condition of this road and have come to the conclusion that the only way to remedy the situation is to completely regrade and resurface the entire route except the section from the junction with the Ester Road to KFAR'S transmitter.

Very truly yours,

Frank Nash,
Superintendent

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 18, 1945

Mr. Frank Nash,
Superintendent, A. R. C.,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Smith, the Territorial Highway Engineer, has received a complaint as to the condition of the Farmers Loop road. I notice you have been furnished a copy.

Mr. Smith asks that you please advise us the circumstances so that he will know what form of reply to make.

Very truly yours,



G. H. Skinner,
Chief Clerk.

FAIRBANKS ALASKA
FEBRUARY 3 1948

FROM NASH ROAD COMMISSION FAIRBANKS ALASKA

TO ROAD COMMISSION JUNEAU ALASKA

RESIDENTS FARMERS LOOP ROAD REQUESTING SNOW REMOVAL AT TERRITORIAL
EXPENSE PD THIS ROUTE COMPLETELY BLOCKED DUE TO SNOW DRIFTS PD
ESTIMATED COST TO OPEN SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS PD RECOMMEND THIS BE
AUTHORIZED