

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

FAIRBANKS ALASKA

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Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen;

Reference your letter of July 28, in regard to Operations Orders re work on the Hot Springs-Eureka Road and the Eureka airfield.

Last May while in the Hot Springs section the matter of the status of the ground on which the Eureka airfield is located was investigated and it was found that this ground has all been staked for placer mining purposes by the following; Eric Bergman, E. L. Johnson, Ed Wurtzbacher and A. H. Reider. Mr. A. H. Reider was contacted in regard to this matter and he advised as follows; quote; In reply to your letter will say that I saw Mr. Ed Wurtzbacher he informs me that the Eureka field is on his ground No. 7 below and that said ground is under option to Cleary Hill Mining Co. (deed in escrow) and he could not give any title to any one. Unquote. Other parties mentioned above own ground adjacent to the present field.

This matter was reported to Mr. Hesse, verbally, while in Fairbanks last spring, at which time it was decided, that in view of the above, we would not perform anywork on this field. Therefore nothing has been done. This matter was mentioned in my situation report for May dated June 16.

Mr. Whitehead was contacted by myself in regard to required road work between the airfield and operations on Pioneer Creek. Wilkinson was instructed as to the work requested and performed some work on this section, the extent of work performed is not known at this time. After Wilkinson performed this work the ARC loaned Mr. Howard Bayless a partner of Mr. Whiteheads a grader with which he was to perform some additional road work on Pioneer Creek.

If firther work is required it would hardly be practicably to handle it from Wilkinsons present camp. However it is believed that arrangements can be made with interested parties whereby they could take care of 2 or 3 men for a few days.

Upon my next visit to the Hot Springs section a trip will be made up Pioneer Creek, after which recommendations will be made.

Very truly yours

Frank Nash
Supt.