

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
FAIRBANKS ALASKA

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Alaska Road Commission,
Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

James McDonald and others operating in the vicinity of Eureka in the Hot Springs area, advises that the Eureka Airfield is in poor condition and unsuitable for use by planes operating in that District.

As explained by them, the trouble is that during the Spring of 1943 the USED started to do some work on the Field and only half finished it, leaving the runway in a bowl or saucer shape so that it has no drainage.

Mr. McDonald advises that two days work with a tractor and grader should be sufficient to afford sufficient drainage to allow the Field to properly drain so that it can be used early in the season.

Mr. McDonald advises that if this work is authorized, that he will furnish all fuel necessary and a man to operate the grader. The cost to the Territory would be equipment rental and tractor operator's wages.

As our equipment is in Hot Springs, this means that a tractor operator's services would be required for 6 or 7 days to move the equipment and perform the required work. In view of which, it is estimated that the cost to the Territory would be approximately \$250.00.

It is to be recalled that this Field is not on our list of approved projects and the Field and surrounding area is privately owned land.

Very truly yours,

Frank Nash,
Superintendent

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