

Establishing a Policy between BLM and Alaska Outdoor Council

Report to International Right-of-way Association, November 14, 1996

In the spring of 1996 the Alaska Outdoor Council board of directors authorized the formation of a committee to begin asserting RS 2477 rights-of-ways with the Bureau of Land Management. That committee is composed of Dick Bishop, Lisa Harbo, Kathleen Dalton and Byron Haley.

This action was taken because of growing concerns about access to state and private lands AND because there was no apparent leadership by the current administration in the State of Alaska.

Until June, 1996, BLM in Alaska had no established public process for assertions of RS 2477. The occasional RS 2477 right-of-way which the State of Alaska sought for a transportation route was handled on an individual, negotiated basis with BLM. There was no public process.

AOC designed a form that identified the route with its legal location, its name, the State's ID number. Attached to that form were the following: an inch-to-mile map with route traced; documented historical proof of use; width statement. These documents were witnessed and notarized before submission to BLM.

At a meeting (requested by AOC) on June 26, BLM Interior and Northern Director Dee Ritchie accepted AOC's assertion form. He instructed his lands agents to accept our assertions. He also instructed his agents to date stamp and sign each assertion **and** to serialize the assertions in BLM's right-of-way filing system.

In the interim July-September AOC asserted 240 RS 2477 rights-of-way. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time went into this work. It is estimated that each assertion took a minimum of four hours to copy, organize, notarize, and submit.. We estimate that each file cost AOC \$3.50 in basic material and copy costs. Those hours and dollars were volunteer by AOC.

A copy of each case file we handled was kept by Alaska Outdoor Council.

In September the AOC committee took a breather. We felt that the 240 rights-of-way asserted had represented most priority routes. We also felt that we had established a legal paper trail that may give us standing in the future.

Attachements: AOC filing form
List of 240 assertions

240 RS 2477 rights-of-way asserted by Alaska Outdoor Council
with BLM, June - Sept. 1996
(this document is: A:\240ALPH.LST)

<u>ROW name</u>	<u>Date asserted with BLM</u>	<u>State's RST #</u>
Akiak - Crooked Creek Trail	8/12/96	21
Aklakchak/Akalak - Phillips Bros - Russian Mission Trail	8/12/96	22
Akulurak - Kotlik with Spru to Kwiguk Trail	8/22/96	1495
Alatna - Shungnek Trail	8/12/96	105
Alexander's Village - Vehtenjerlo Lakes	8/15/96	881
Alfred Creek Trail	8/15/96	825
Aniak - Tuluksak Trail	8/12/96	24
Aurora Trail (Dahl - Deering)	7/17/96	16
Batzulnetas - Nabesna River Trail	7/24/96	162
Beaver - Horse Creek - Chandalar Trail	8/15/96	257
Beaver - Caro Trail	8/15/96	27
Beaver Lake via Bryan Creek Trail	7/24/96	256
Bellum's Crossing - Chitina River Trail	7/17/96	1794
Bellum's Crossing - Kotsina River Trail	7/17/96	1791
Bennett's Cutoff Trail	8/7/96	28
Berg Creek Trail	8/5/96	1689
Bergman - Cathedral Mountain Trail (Allakaket - Bettles - Coldfoot - Nolan Trail)	8/5/96	1611
Bethel - Kasigluk	8/7/96	31
Bethel - Quinhgak Trail	8/12/96	30
Bettles - Wild Lake Trail	7/8/96	10
Bettles - Coldfoot Trail	7/24/96	209
Betzulnetas - Susiota Pass Trail	7/24/96	83
Bielenberg Trail	6/26/96	230
Birch Creek - Portage Creek Trail	6/26/96	808
Boulder Creek Trail (near Central)	6/26/96	810
Boulder Creek - Mills Creek	7/31/96	1790
Boundary - Lassen Landing Strip Trail	8/5/96	792
Buck Creek Trail	8/12/96	1675
Candle - Deering Trail	8/15/96	1737
Candle - Kiwalik	8/15/96	42
Canyon Creek - Walker's Fork Trail	8/15/96	260
Central - Deadwood Creek Trail	7/17/96	618
Chicken - Franklin Landing Strip Trail	6/26/96	10
Chignik Lagoon - Aniakchak River	7/17/96	394
Chikaloon River Trail	8/26/96	427
Chisana - Bonanza Trail (Chisana - Big Eldorado Creek)	7/31/96	277
Chisana - Horsveldt Trail	7/24/96	265
Chitina River - Sterlna Creek Trail	7/17/96	1805
Chitina - Elliot Trail	7/17/96	1416
Circle - Fort Yukon Trail	8/5/96	270
Circle - Chalyitsik - Yukon Border	8/12/96	476
Clear Creek Trail	8/5/96	1685
Coldfoot - Chandalar Lake Trail	7/1/96	9
Copper River Trail	8/5/96	1567
Copper Creek Trail	7/24/96	483
Copper River Bluff Trail	8/5/96	1374
Copper River - Kotsina Connections Trail	7/8/96	1393
Copper Creek Trail	8/5/96	1697

Cripple Landing - Rennies Landing Trail	8/7/96	730
Cripple - North Fork Innoko River Trail	8/5/96	731
Crooked Creek - Aniak Trail	8/22/96	59
Deadman Lake Campground Road	7/31/96	1591
Dikeman - First Chance Creek Trail	8/15/96	557
Dixie Pass Trail	8/5/96	1696
Eagle - Circle Mail Trail	7/17/96	67
Eagle - Alder Creek Trail	7/17/96	11
East Fork Creek Trail	8/5/96	1699
Egegik - Kanatak Trail	8/12/96	68
El Dorado Slate Road	7/17/96	414
Elliot - Kotsina Trail	7/8/96	69
Elliott Creek Trail	7/24/96	844
Eureka - Rampart Trail	7/8/96	7
Explorers Kenai River Trail	7/31/96	634
First Chance Creek across Glacier Creek - Horsefly Creek Trail	8/12/96	556
Fort Gibbon - Kaltag	8/12/96	287
Fort Yukon - Beaver	8/12/96	478
Fort Yukon - Birch Creek Trail	8/12/96	446
Fort Yukon - Christian	8/12/96	477
Fortymile - Franklin	8/28/96	78
Foster's Camp - Grass Valley Trail	8/7/96	397
Fourth of July Creek Trail	7/8/96	286
Gardiner Creek Trail	7/31/96	1590
Glacier - Kantishna via Caribou Creek Trail	7/17/96	492
Glacier Creek Mines Trail	8/5/96	1346
Golovin - Council Trail	8/22/96	84
Goodnews Bay - Togiak	8/12/96	86
Goodnews - Arolik River	8/12/96	326
Gordon - US Border Coastal Trail	8/26/96	1646
Graveyard Creek - Cabins Trail	7/17/96	823
Hajdukovich - Macomb Plateau Trail	7/1/96	3
Harrison Creek - Portage Creek Trail	6/26/96	8
Herning Trail	8/28/96	1467
Holy Cross - Kalskag Trail	8/22/96	92
Homestake - Serpentine Hot Springs Trail	7/17/96	1482
Hooper Bay - Scammon Bay	8/15/96	93
Horsveldt - Canadian Border	8/5/96	1304
Hudson Lake Trail	7/8/96	1380
Hurtle Creek Trail	7/24/96	1365
Hutlinana Hot Springs Trail	8/5/96	1845
Iditarod - Dishkaket Trail	8/28/96	97
Island Bay - Salmon Creek Trail	8/12/96	282
Jack Wade - Boundary	8/5/96	1065
Johnson River - Kinak Trail	8/22/96	406
Jualin Mine Road	7/8/96	4
Kaltag - Dishkaket	8/15/96	63
Kaltag - Solomon	8/26/96	299
Kanatak - Becharof Lake Road	8/12/96	1176
Kennicott Mine Trails	8/5/96	1349
Ketchumstuk to Tanacross	8/26/96	391
Keystone Trail	8/15/96	1851
Kiana - Klery Creek	8/28/96	114
Kiana - Selawik - Shungnak	8/15/96	115

Kianga River Trail	7/24/96	179
Killeak Lake Trail	7/24/96	870
Kimball Pass Trail (Bernard Creek Trail)	7/17/96	1355
Kinak - Kipnuk Trail	8/22/96	116
King's Country Trail	7/31/96	405
Kiwalik - Noorvik	8/15/96	117
Kiwalik - Kotzebue	8/22/96	367
Klutina Boat Landing Trail	8/5/96	1372
Kluvesna Creek - Clear Creek Loop	7/31/96	1671
Knik Glacier Trail	8/12/96	17
Kobi - McGrath (via Nikolai and Big River)	7/17/96	345
Kobi - Kantishna Trail	7/17/96	343
Kotlik - Marxhall	8/22/96	120
Kotsina Trail	7/17/96	121
Kotzebue - Noatak Trail	7/24/96	122
Kotzebue - Nimiuk Point Trail	8/22/96	1738
Koyuk - Bald Head Trail	8/22/96	755
Kuskuland River - McDougall Creek Cabins Trail	8/5/96	1350
Lake Minchumina - Kuskokwim River Trail	8/5/96	758
Larsen Bay - Karluk River Trail	7/31/96	127
Lewis Landing - Dishkaket	8/12/96	129
Lick Creek Trail	7/31/96	1584
Lignite - Stampede Trail	7/8/96	340
Lignite - Kantishna Trail	7/17/96	344
Lilliwig Creek Trail	8/28/96	159
Little Melozitna Hot Springs Trail	8/22/96	1844
Long Lake - Chitina River Trail	8/28/96	1345
Malaspina Glacier TRail	8/5/96	1232
Managite Trail	7/17/96	425
Manker Creek Trail	8/5/96	1676
Marvel Creek Cat Trail	7/8/96	5
McCarthy - Green Butte Trail	7/24/96	135
McClaren River Trail	7/31/96	305
Melozitna Hot Springs Trail	8/5/96	1846
Merrill River - Stony River Trail	6/26/96	388
Middle Fork Trail	8/5/96	1699
Millard Trail	7/24/96	139
Mt. Drum Trail	8/5/96	1668
Nabesna - Chisana (Route 2)	8/5/96	439
Nabesna River - Canadian Border	8/5/96	374
Nabesna - Chisana Trail	7/17/96	12
Nabesna - Northway Trail	7/31/96	321
Nation River - Rampart Trail	7/17/96	466
Nenana - Kantishna Trail	7/17/96	346
Nikolai Mine Trail	8/5/96	372
Nikolai Mine - Nizina River Trail	8/5/96	1354
Nilumat Creek - Towak Mountain	8/22/96	505
Nimiuk Point - Shungnak Trail	8/22/96	124
Ninemile Point - Choris Peninsula Trail	8/22/96	669
Nizina River - Dan Creek Road Trail	8/5/96	1343
Nizina - Chitina River Trail	7/24/96	156
Nizina - Bremner Sled Road	7/24/96	155
Nizina - Chisana Glacier Trail	8/5/96	361
Nome - Teller Trail	8/22/96	158

Nome Creek Mine - Steese Highway Trail	6/26/96	1645
Noorvik - Selawik	8/12/96	639
North Tractor Trail from Gordon - US Border	8/26/96	912
Northway Airport - Jatahmund Lake	7/31/96	1588
Norton Bay - McKinley Creek Trail	8/22/96	747
Nugget Creek Trail	8/5/96	1687
Nuka Bay Trail	6/26/96	160
Nulato - Dishkaket Trail	8/15/96	161
Nuvagapak Point Landing Strip - Kogatpak River Trail	8/22/96	913
Ophir - Iditarod Trail	8/12/96	165
Ophir - Dishkaket Trail	8/15/96	164
Orange Hill Trail	7/31/96	400
Paimut Portage Trail	8/22/96	317
Paimute - Marshall Trail	8/22/96	168
Palisades Portage Trail	8/15/96	840
Pass Creek Trail	7/31/96	1670
Pass Creek Trail	7/31/96	1571
Platinm Creek Trail	7/24/96	319
Poker (Pokok) Lagoon Southeast Trail	8/26/96	914
Porcupine Creek Trail	8/5/96	1686
Portage Bay - Mt. Demian Oil Camp Trail	8/12/96	367
Ptarmigan Creek Trail	8/5/96	423
Quartz Creek Trail	8/5/96	1677
Quigley Ridge Trail	7/17/96	493
Quinhagak - Goodnews Bay	8/12/96	173
Rampart House - Demarcation Point	8/26/96	560
Rex - Roosevelt Trail	7/17/96	491
Rex Creek Trail	7/24/96	43
Richardson Highway - Fish Lakes Trail	7/31/96	1717
Roaring Creek Trail	8/12/96	1695
Roosevelt - Kantishna Trail	7/17/96	341
Roosevelt - Glacier Trail	7/17/96	342
Sawmill Gulch Trail	8/5/96	1344
Scammon Bay-Hamilton - Kotlik Winter Trail	8/22/96	323
Scotty Creek - High Cache Trail	7/31/96	1586
Sepertine Hot Springs - Shismaref Trail	7/17/96	470
Shageluk - Holikachuk	8/12/96	506
Slatka Creek Trail	8/12/96	1684
Snettisham - Mines Trail	8/15/96	1137
Snowshoe - Beaver Trail	6/26/96	109
Sourdough Hill - Nizina River Trail	8/12/96	1673
Spruce Creek Trail	7/17/96	348
St. Anne Lake Trail	7/17/96	1712
St. Michael - Kotlik Trail	8/22/96	190
Steele Creek - Franklin Trail	7/31/96	284
Streina - Kuskulana Trail	7/24/96	194
Strelna Creek - Rock Creek Trail	7/31/96	1669
Swede Lake Trail	7/8/96	232
Tamauariak River North - Camden Bay	8/26/96	916
Tana River Trail	8/5/96	363
Tanada Lodge - Copper Lake Drainage	8/5/96	1592
Tanana - Allakaket - Bettles	8/7/96	269
Tanunak to Umkumiut Trail	8/15/96	327
Taylor Creek - Serpentine Hot Springs Trail	7/1/96	6

Nomination and Assertion, RS 2477 Rights-of-way

To and before the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior
Fairbanks, Alaska

Citation: RS 2477, Section 8 of the Act of July 26, 1866, Revised Statute 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932), Repealed October 21, 1976.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Attach additional pages if needed)

Name	(print name)	(signature)
Address		
City	State	Zip code
Phone	FAX #	
Contact or Business Address	City, State, Zip	Telephone/FAX

*One of four members of RS 2477 committee, Alaska Outdoor Council. See attachment for additional names.

RS 2477 RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) INFORMATION

- 1) Location:
- 2) Name of Nominated Right-of-way: _____
State of Alaska RST # (if available) : _____
- 3) Date Asserted: _____
- 4) By Whom: List one or more names (also see above):

- 5) Attached, RS 2477 ROW Historic Summary (Detailing construction dates, purpose of use, width etc).
- 6) Attached, Map scale 1:63,360
- 7) Attached, additional documentation (if applicable)
- 8) Witnesses to this assertion action:

- 9) Assertion received by:

Name and Title

Date

Certification Statement

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature (s):

Notary: This certification was subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me on
____ day of _____, 19 ____.

at _____

Signature of notary: _____

My Commission expires _____