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SUBJECT: Guidelines for Vacation
Requests

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Many section lines in Alaska have easements on them, as mandated by various statutes. It is the responsibility of the Alaska Department of Transportation to protect the public's right of access. Before granting a request for a vacation of a section line easement, we will ensure that right is preserved.

No hard and fast rules can be established concerning vacations, and each request must be considered in light of its specific situation. However, we offer the following general guidelines by which we will consider vacation requests.

Conditions favorable to vacation:

1. Adequate alternate public access provided to all land adjoining the entire subject section line.
2. Concurrence of all landowners adjoining entire subject section line.
3. Hardship created by easement unavoidably dividing subdivision lot.

Conditions unfavorable to vacation:

1. Existing use as road, trail, utilities, etc.
2. Suitability of grade and/or location for potential road, trail or utility use.
3. Vacation not necessary.

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Again, each request for vacation will be considered separately, with the objective being the preservation of public access. We hope these guidelines will be of help in planning future land development.

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