

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donald E. Beitinger
Central District Right of
Way Agent

DATE : April 11, 1975

FROM: R. Eugene King *REK*
Assistant Central District
Right of Way Agent

SUBJECT: PAXSON MAINTENANCE STATION

In answer to your question as to the ownership of the above-captioned maintenance site: The answer is "yes" - we own it!

A chain of title derives from creation of the State of Alaska by God when he tired of making the world and found he had some mud and rock left and flung it down in the north Pacific in sheer disgust - thus creating the State of Alaska:

Ownership passed to the Russian Government by virtue of discovery by Vitus Bearing under the auspices of the Russian Orthodox Church - then known to Russia as the "Vicar of God".

Subsequent to this: It was purchased by the United States of America for a little over \$7 million dollars - which is about the amount of the employees' recent pay raise - and the only time in history the U.S. ever made a good deal - and there was some doubt about that at the time!

After assumption of ownership by the U.S., the subject property was among many transferred to the Secretary of War by the President of the United States by Executive Orders in connection with the Washington/Alaska Military Cable & Telegraph System.

Subsequent to that: By virtue of Executive Order 7127 dated August 6, 1935: transferred from the Secretary of War to the Secretary of The Interior for use of the Alaska Road Commission.

Then, on September 17, 1956: Transferred from the Secretary of The Interior to the Secretary of Commerce for the use of the Bureau of Public Roads.

And, finally: Transferred by Quitclaim Deed dated June 30, 1959 to the State of Alaska - where it now vests!

DIST. ENGR.	
✓ PRE-CONST. ENGR.	12
DESIGN	
✓ RIGHT-OF-WAY	12
MATERIALS	
ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION	
TRAFFIC/UTILITIES	
ADMIN. OFFICER	
FINANCE	
PERSONNEL	
SUPPLY & SERV.	
CONST. ENGINEER	
PIPELINE COORDINATOR	
MAINT. ENGINEER	
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	
REVIEW ENGINEER	
RETURN MAIN FILE	

REK: so

