

## Alaska Public Land Orders Relating to Highway Rights of Way

### Introduction:

When I first came to work for DOT&PF in October of 1986, the initials PLO did not have the meaning to me that we are now here to discuss. Although one's first thought might go to the newspaper headline describing the latest terrorist atrocity by some middle eastern organization. However, in Fairbanks there was once another meaning to PLO.

Sometime in the early 1980's an anonymous owner of a wayward canine, either too stubborn or too impoverished decided that they either wouldn't or couldn't pay the bail required to release their dog from the North Star Borough Animal control center.

Instead they initiated a midnight assault, surreptitiously entering the exterior enclosure and releasing all of the dogs. Obviously, the work of professionals, they were smart enough not to release just their own dog, a clue that even the Fairbanks police might have had success with. Too my knowledge, the perpetrators were never found.

However, a note was left at the scene which claimed responsibility for the breakout by the **PLO**...the "Puppy Liberation Organization".