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Subject: FW: Resending - Update R2T Elliott Highway to Tofty ROW Map

John and Marty,

I am forwarding on the below email that was sent back in early September from Manley Land Surveyors. Let me know if you require additional info of the area. As described below by Elaine, 'my' line is based on what was surveyed by MLS to be existing CL of Tofty Road – with line segments and curves added to the geometry.

Thanks.

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From: Manley Land Surveyors <mls99756@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 6, 2013 at 10:45 AM
Subject: Update R2T Elliott Highway to Tofty ROW Map
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Good morning:

This email is to update the ADOT&PF with our proposed work plan and procedures to complete the Road to Tanana, Elliott Highway to Tofty Right of Way Map.

The land status in the Tofty area, portions of Sections 8, 17, & 18, T. 3 N., R. 16 W., F.M., has continued to change during our work on this project. This area began as federal land, state selected, containing federal mining claims, with two sets of overlapping state mining claims. Between the spring of 2012 and the beginning of September 2013, land within these sections, exclusive of the federal mining claims, became State TA land, new state mining claims were staked by Mudminers LLC, state mining claims staked by Shoreham Resources were closed, and state mining claims staked by Jack Neubauer were closed. Currently, Doug Baker (Mudminers LLC), the owner of the federal mining claims, is in the process of converting all of the federal mining claims to state mining claims. Doug presently has state claims staked over the entire area, including over his federal claims, which are not currently state land, having been excluded from the recent TA. The process through BLM and the State of Alaska will result in the relinquishment of the federal claims on the same day that the state receives TA for the land within them. Doug was hoping that the process would be completed by the end of August, but based on a recent conversation with Melody Smyth, BLM Land Law Examiner (271-5536), the process will take at least two to three more months to be finalized.

The right of way of the Tofty Road is a total of 100 feet wide within the State of Alaska TA'd land.

The right of way of the Tofty Road would be 'ditch to ditch' within the federal mining claims as they were all located prior to Public Land Order No. 601, effective August 10, 1949. It is beginning to appear likely that these areas will end up being a non-issue.

I spoke with Marty Shurr earlier this summer regarding the width of the Tofty Road right of way when the federal mining claims are relinquished and the land becomes entirely State of Alaska TA'd. Marty said that it is his understanding, based on past projects, that the right of way will be a total of 100 feet wide after the federal claims are relinquished. Is everyone in agreement on this?

We held off drafting work and most field ties on the Tofty section of the right of way map. There have been so many possibilities, including field ties to corners of two layers of now closed state claims and complicated federal claims, now anticipated to be closed. We made no field ties to any of these corners, hoping to see it shake out as it now appears that it will.

This spring, we recovered and tied the pertinent corners of the Mudminers state mining claims staked and filed during late 2012 and early 2013. If the land transfer process is completed as anticipated, all field work is now complete to calculate and draft the Tofty area of the right of way map.

Jonathan developed a mathematical design centerline for the Road to Tanana project. We compared 340 points from the Cache Creek area westerly to the Doyon township that were field located in 2012 based on the centerline of the existing dirt road with Jonathan's design centerline: 80% (273) are within 5 feet, 18% (60) are within 5 to 10 feet, and only 2% (7) are over 10 feet. For many years, the Tofty area has been an active mining area and because of our local history in the area, we know of portions of the traveled way that have been rerouted over one quarter of a mile in just our thirty years. We would like to have ADOT&PF ROW authorize the use of Jonathan's design centerline as the centerline of the 100' PLO ROW within the State of Alaska TA'd land.

We plan to complete drafting the ROW map from the Elliott Highway intersection to the west line of Section 16, T. 3 N., R. 16 W., F.M. this fall. We will continue to avoid the Tofty area until the federal to state mining claim process is complete. It seems quite likely now that we will be able to complete and submit this last ROW product this winter.

Please email us that you are in agreement with the work plan and procedures discussed above, or let me know if you have questions or other comments. Thank you for your attention to this. It will be nice to see this ROW Map completed.

Best regards,

Elaine

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