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**From:** mardeb@gci.net  
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**Subject:** Re: TVRR (fka TMRy)

Tom,

To help with your search for documents and maps relating to the abandoned TVRR (TMRy) ROW in the project area attachment, I suggest that you contact Tim Sprout at DOT ROW to get the PLO for the Old Steese. Also Karen Tilton or John Bennett at R&M may have some information on the relationship of the railroad with the Old Steese.

Also you may want to look at the BLM & DNR status plats for the USMS, USS or other cadastral surveys for any plats which would show the ties to the railroad and old steese.

The boro GIS doesn't depict just the USMS since they have been subdivided into many taxlots after they were surveyed. But I have looked at the old FNSB waiver maps which showed them to come up with a few suggested USMS 760, 1758, 1932 & 1756 to look at. Most of the field notes along with the actual plat itself will show ties to tracks, trails and other salient features that intersect with the exterior boundaries.

My connection out here at 15 mile CHS Rd is too slow to get at the internet sites for the boro, BLM and DNR to track them down for downloading.

I do know that the ARR quit claimed most of the ROW for the TVRR which relinquished their claim to the alignment after it was abandoned. There are a few segments that were either conveyed to powerlines or trails on some by DNR such as Musk Ox Sub and some remote parcels but generally the easement that was granted by the Feds for the permit approved for the Chatanika branch.

I have attached the ACAD drawing that one of the FNSB GIS techs made from the original 1907 survey field notes of the TVRR that was the permit for the ROW granted. The problem with that map is that the POB for the entire alignment started at a witness corner for the Chena Townsite and tied into on of the terminal reserves for the Chatanika branch. It was previously rendered by the drafting manager in 1992 with less certainty until we got the survey notes from archives.