

Bennett, John F (DOT)

From: Bennett, John F (DOT)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 1:49 PM
To: Eagan, Pete (DOT)
Subject: FW: Chitina Cemetery Road

Pete, I haven't read this completely yet but it came after a phone call with Scott Ogan. A couple of years ago they started the process to assert an RS2477 on the Chitina Cemetery road which comes off of the Edgerton as it enters Chitina. I guess the battle is turning ugly and he has notified me that they believe there is a gate blockading the road and that it might be in the highway ROW. Recognizing that until they resolve the validity of the RS2477, if we notify the owner to remove the encroachment, they can always move it slightly outside the ROW and still keep people out. I told him we would pursue this by first contacting M&O to locate the road and measure the distance from the Edgerton centerline to the gate so we can see if it is an encroachment. If so, then we need to send out an encroachment removal letter. I know you are getting a lot of practice in Glennallen these days so this should go smoothly... Feel free to copy Scot Ogan directly once we get a response from M&O and also to let him know when we send out the encroachment letter if we find that it is in fact an encroachment. JohnB

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From: Schade, David W (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 12:58 PM
To: Joyner, Joseph M (DNR); Mueller, Linda J (DNR); Ogan, William S (DNR)
Cc: Clusiau, Stephanie J (DNR); Sorensen, Kevin L (DNR); Weber, Rocky E (DNR); Bennett, John F (DOT)
Subject: FW: Chitina Cemetery Road

All,
Please see the following attached message from Scott. He is in Juneau, and asked me to forward to this group.
Scott is at 465-3401 if anyone needs to contact him this week.
Thanks,
Dave

From: Schade, David W (DNR)
Sent: Tue 3/27/2012 4:55 PM
To: Ogan, William S (DNR)
Subject: FW: Chitina Cemetery Road

Scott,
Have you moved this up the chain of command. I would really like to see a public answer to this one.
Dave

From: Sorensen, Kevin L (DNR)
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 9:47 AM
To: Ogan, William S (DNR); Clusiau, Stephanie J (DNR); Schade, David W (DNR); Weber, Rocky E (DNR)
Cc: Sullivan, Kent (LAW)
Subject: FW: Chitina Cemetery Road

Attached is an email from Judy Block updating the Chitina Cemetery Road situation. If any of you have questions for me don't hesitate to ask.

Kevin

From: Judy Block [<mailto:blockwahrer@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 1:12 PM

To: Sorensen, Kevin L (DNR)

Subject: Re: Chitina Cemetery Road

Hey Stranger; Happy New Year/Happy Spring! It's been such a long time since we last had contact, I bet you thought I was FINALLY out of your hair!??? No such luck....sorry. With the unseasonably warm weather, and the possibility of an early Spring, Chitina residents are out & about earlier than usual! And, with the early melting and Memorial Day right around the corner, as happy as we all are to get a jump on summer, there is a MUCH higher than normal amount of impatience, discontent, & DRASTIC intentions regarding STILL looking at that GATE ON THE CEMETERY ROAD!!!!!! Did we, or did we NOT win the RS2477 designation???? And if we DID win, as we had been led to believe, WHEN is the GATE COMING DOWN????? A few people....including my partner & I...who have the equipment & skill to remove it WITH NO COLLATERAL DAMAGE....would be more than happy to do the deed at no cost to anyone if allowed. However, there are faaaaaaar more people who have very plainly, loudly, & in NO uncertain terms, announced that, if it's still up when the weather allows clean-up & visitations, will not only take the gate down, but burn the B&B while they're at it. And, given our remote location, & loss record of our Volunteer Fire Dept. (who have mostly said they won't respond anyway!), it is a VERY credible threat!!! As much as I, & the majority of REAL Chitina residents personally DESPISE Tucker/Hilgendorf, I have had my home burn with everything I own inside, & I don't wish that fate on ANYONE!! Even though all Tucker/Hilgendorf will lose are ill-gotten Historical & Archaeological artifacts, I would also HATE to see THOSE destroyed!!!! This is NOT meant to be a threat, & speaking for myself, having been patient this long, I will NOT do anything outside the Law (remember, it was ME who first chose the LEGAL route rather than allow the Townsfolk free reign!). But it IS a "head's up" that should NOT be taken lightly by the State. It WILL happen if the State does not take SOME KIND OF ACTION PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY!!!!!! If nothing else, a Public Meeting explaining what's going on with the gate should be a **#1 priority ASAP!!!!!!** Especially since the State employees were KNOWN to have STAYED at the B&B during the decision process. Nothing personal Kevin, but the STATE has done an inexcusable & atrocious job dealing with this matter, & have SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED the REAL Chitina Residents, our determination, sense of right & wrong, & outright HATRED of Tucker/Hilgendorf. PLEASE respond and let me know what the deal is while I still MIGHT have a chance to "diffuse" a smoking, rumbling volcano!!!! Thanks very much for all you've done in the past, and PLEASE don't misunderstand my intent with this letter. I do NOT hold YOU personally responsible, but rather, look to you for help. PLEASE give me SOMETHING reasonable & concrete ASAP to pass along to the Townfolk. I'M being deluged with questions, threats, & held "responsible" because I took on the LEGAL COURSE ALONE, & convinced them to have faith, patience & trust. NOW that's rapidly leaving my control, & without something "Official", I can't stop the train wreck ahead!!!!!! Sincerely & Gratefully; Judy Block

From: "Sorensen, Kevin L (DNR)" <kevin.sorensen@alaska.gov>

To: Judy Block <blockwahrer@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 2:24 PM

Subject: RE: Chitina Cemetery Road

Hi Judy, I need to go to Chitina to do some field work. They held off my travel until the new fiscal year, which starts tomorrow. I expect that I will be down there in the next two to three weeks. I basically have every ready unless the field work uncovers a real surprise. After that it just needs to go through the system which I hope doesn't take long, but is completely out of my control.

Thanks,
Kevin

From: Judy Block [<mailto:blockwahrer@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 2:02 PM

To: Sorensen, Kevin L (DNR)

Subject: Chitina Cemetery Road

Hey Kevin; Any news on the RS 2477 designation of the Chitina Cemetery Road? Has there been any activity/momentum at all? Please give me an update. Thanks. Judy