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Reference: 1974 Department of Highway Assertion

Dear Carl:

In 1974, Commissioner Campbell of the Department of Highways sent BLM a trail inventory for the State of Alaska. This inventory was to reaffirm state ownership of these trails. Many of these trails had been dedicated to the state:

- 1) under the Ombudsman Act
- 2) RS 2477 grant under 43 U.S.C. 932.

We assume that since the ownership of these right-of-ways was never questioned by BLM, that BLM recognizes their validity or existence.

In our talks leading to the September 1984 agreement, this previous inventory was discussed. BLM was concerned that this prior assertion was of such a scale as to be difficult to plat on your status plats. While in principle the state agrees the scale submitted to BLM may be difficult to plat, we feel it does represent a positive act on the part of the state to clearly accept the RS 2477 grant.

It was therefore our intention in our September 1984 agreement to further define these right-of-ways by submitting more detailed maps to assist you in platting them on your status plats. This process would also allow us to submit assertions left off the 1974 document.

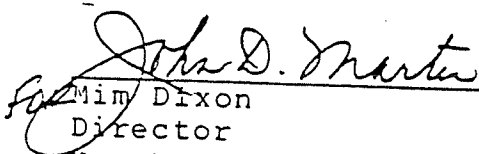
We were also under the impression that since BLM was the record keeper for all federal lands that BLM would plat these right-of-ways on all federal lands.

It is our sincere hope that this letter further defines our intention to protect state right-of-ways in our 1974 transmittal to BLM.

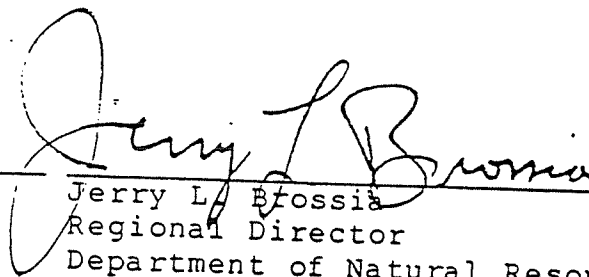
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We appreciate your support and effort to protect and preserve access right-of-ways and look forward to working with you in the future to resolve the many facets revolving around the RS 2477 issue.

Sincerely,

  
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