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Memorandum

To: DM-F

From: State Director, Alaska

Subject: Policy Regarding 1974 Trail Atlas Filed by the State of Alaska

In 1974, the State of Alaska filed a "Trail Atlas" with BLM together with a letter transmitting the maps. This letter does not purport to be a request for notation of our records. It does not cite any authority for construction and/or maintenance of the trails.

Even if the April 8, 1974 letter had requested notation of our records under R.S. 2477, we could not have complied with the request as we had no authority to note such claims until we received the new 2800 manual in late 1982.

Had a formal request to note our records on the basis of the 1974 Atlas been made after September 10, 1982, (the date of the manual release), we would still be forced to deny the request. The maps and other information in the Atlas do not meet the requirements of BLM Manual 2801.24B. The maps are not of a scale and quality which would allow us to accurately transfer the claimed trails to our records.

Therefore, we consider the State's "Trail Atlas" as submitted to be informational material only and have treated it as such. Although the 1974 State "Trails Atlas" is not adequate for notation to the BLM records, these data are appropriate, - - and should be used - - in BLM planning documents. An instruction memo setting up procedures for this will be issue in the near future.

State Director