

Sen. John Coghill

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Senator Coghill

Thank you for defending the rights of the average Alaskan to use the right of ways granted to us by RS-2477's. The Klutina Road is a text book example of an RS-2477. The State should defend it to the end and not consider anything less or as the AG says a "win-win".

We have talked to many experts on RS-2477's and they all agree that the Klutina Road is a good a case as we can get. We would suggest the Legislature call on a few of these experts for their opinion on the strength of the States claim that the Klutina Road is a valid RS-2477. We doubt they will support the AG's claim that the State has a weak case.

The Klutina Lake Road is part of an historic trail system (established in 1889) which was codified by the Legislature in 1998. The purpose of this legislation was to assure the State accepted responsibility for and asserted management of these public rights-of-way for all Alaskans. This RS-2477 has provided access, parking, camping, mining and river access both to private and public lands for many years

If this pattern of use doesn't qualify the Klutina road as an RS-2477 what does? What characteristics would an RS 2477 need to have for the state to take a challenge to court? We think the Klutina Road is as good as it gets and the State should not back down!

Once again thank you for your continuing support of valid RS-2477's and especially the Klutina road. If the State's AG is unwilling to defend Alaska's rights she should not be confirmed by the Senate.

Best regards

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