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The AKRR's argument that the easement is "exclusive" to them is preposterous. Regardless of the fact that the 9th circuit failed miserably to uphold the law, the RR's claims of exclusive use of the ROW are not now, and never have been grounded in the law.

The very supposition as put forth by the RR that the Homestead Act didn't actually convey complete legal access to Alaska Homesteads with a RR ROW fits nicely in the category of ridiculous. Yet with the consistent effort over the years to misinform and obstruct the due process of law since ARTA, this is exactly what many Alaskans have come to believe.

The RR should focus on the job granted for the easement - safely running the train, and leave vested property rights alone and where they legally belong - with the property owners and their heirs and successors as is right and lawful.

The state of Alaska has let this mess fester for far too long and HB 136 will be very helpful in restoring the stolen surety in property value back to Alaskan railbelt property owners.

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