

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017



The Honorable Andy Josephson  
State Capitol Room 13  
Juneau, Alaska, 99801  
Sent Via Email

Dear Representative Josephson:

As an Anchorage, Alaska based business with property abutting the Alaska Railroad right of way in South Anchorage, I want to express my support for HB 93. I want to restore my property rights as a successor to the original Alaskan homestead. My family purchased the land from the widow of Lionel Tietze who homesteaded in 1952. A copy of the original Homestead Patent is enclosed.

I can assure you Dimond Center will do everything to continue to work with the Alaska Railroad as future safety and intermodal opportunities present themselves.

Thank you for your efforts,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Ashlock', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hugh Ashlock  
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Tietze Homestead (Old sawau to Arctic 76k to 100k)

Anchorage 016261

4-1040  
(October 1948)

# The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Land Office at Anchorage, Alaska, is now deposited in the Bureau of Land Management, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862, "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Lionel N. Tietze has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the following described land:

Seward Meridian, Alaska.  
T. 12 N., R. 3 W.,  
Sec. 7, NW 1/4, SW 1/4,  
Sec. 18, NW 1/4.

The area described contains 160 acres, according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, on file in the Bureau of Land Management.

NOW KNOW YE, that there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Lionel N. Tietze, the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Lionel N. Tietze and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

And there is also reserved to the United States a right-of-way for the construction of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, in accordance with the Act of March 12, 1911 (38 Stat. 305).

Excepting and reserving, also, to the United States, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of August 1, 1946 (60 Stat. 755), all uranium, thorium or any other material which is or may be determined to be peculiarly essential to the production of fissionable materials, whether or not of commercial value, together with the right of the United States through its authorized agents or representatives at any time to enter upon the land and prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right-of-way thereon for roads, roadways, highways, tramways, trails, bridges, and appurtenant structures constructed or to be constructed by or under authority of the United States or of any State created out of the Territory of Alaska, in accordance with the Act of July 24, 1947 (61 Stat. 418).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned authorized officer of the Bureau of

Land Management, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 17,

1948 (62 Stat., 476), has, in the name of the United States, caused these letters

to be made Patent, and the Seal of the Bureau to be hereunto affixed.

[SEAL]

GIVEN under my hand, in the District of Columbia, the **NINTH**

day of **MAY** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine

hundred and **FIFTY-TWO** and of the Independence of the

United States the one hundred and **SEVENTY-SIXTH**.

For the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

By Kellie B. Jeffery  
Chf., Patents Section.

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