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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: April 26, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/6/89

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SJR 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

[RESURRECTION CREEK ROAD UPGRADE]

Requesting the U.S. Forest Service to upgrade Resurrection Creek Road in the Chugach National Forest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- [] be replaced with _____ [] the same title
- [] have attached amendment(s) [] a new title
- [] do pass
- [] do not pass
- [] no recommendation
- [] individual recommendations
- [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Date/Dept)

- [] fiscal impact _____
- [] zero fiscal note _____
- [] zero with analysis _____

- [] fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fn/analysis DOTPF 4/5/89

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

Do Not
Pass No Rec Amend

Ray Wallis Wallis
Tom Hoff Hoffman
Donald Larson Larson
Cliff Swackhammer Swackhammer
Tay Brown Brown
Koponen Koponen
Ulmer Ulmer
Barnes Barnes
Shultz Shultz
Phillips Phillips
Rieger Rieger

co- Donald Larson
 Chairman's Signature
 co- Tom Hoff

STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SJR 25
PUBLISH DATE: 4/5/89

FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:
Title: Upgrade Resurrection Creek Road

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: Central Region

Sponsor: Kertula and Szymanski
Requestor:

Components:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTURAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER*	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

Prepared by: William R. Snell, Regional Director
Division: Central Region

Phone: 266-1440

Date:

Approved by Commissioner: Mark S. Hickey
Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Date: 3/20/89

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

Fiscal Note Analysis
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ASSUMPTIONS

The Resurrection Creek Road is not a State owned right-of-way. DOT&PF provide incidental maintenance of the road between the Hope Road and the Hope Airport in order to ensure access to the airport, especially during the winter months. The lands surrounding this section of Resurrection Creek Road have been selected by the Kenai Borough as part of the Borough's entitlement under Alaska Statehood Act. The remaining lands in this area are in private or federal ownership. In light of these facts, we assume that improvement of the road by the U.S. Forest Service or the Kenai Borough will have no impact on the State's operating budget.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

1. Positions: None required.
2. Other Expenditures: None required.
3. Funding: Not applicable.
4. Section Cost Analysis: Not applicable.

COMPUTATIONS

Not applicable.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

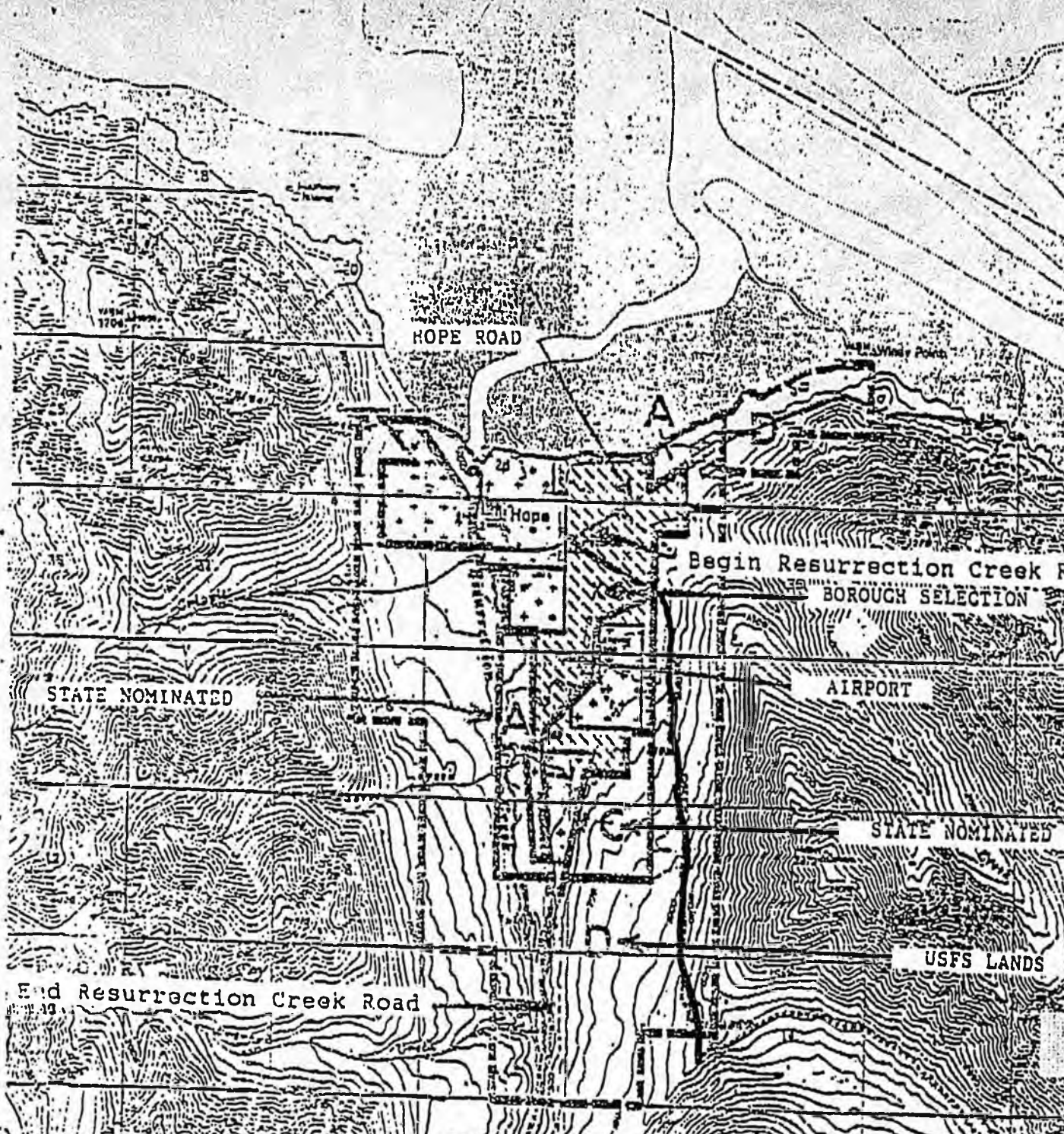
None.

IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT






It is likely that the Kenai Borough will become responsible for maintaining those portions of the road passing through their entitlement lands once these lands are conveyed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map showing the road and adjacent lands.




LEGEND

-  State owned
-  Existing state selection
-  Private (including Native owned)
-  Boundary of selection
-  Boundary of area not recommended for selection

0 3 6 miles

scale 1:63,360



NFCG NOMINATION FOR SELECTION

HOPE ADDITIONS
740 Acres

SEWARD D-7, D-8
T.9 & 10N., R.2W., S.M.

Chugach National Forest

1 IN THE SENATE

BY KERTTULA AND SZYMANSKI

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the U.S. Forest Service to

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upgrade Resurrection Creek Road in the

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Chugach National Forest.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the Resurrection Creek Road provides access to the trailhead

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of the Resurrection Pass Trail; and

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WHEREAS the Resurrection Pass Trail traverses the Chugach National

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Forest between Hope and Cooper Landing and is maintained by the United

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States Forest Service; and

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WHEREAS the Resurrection Creek Road is receiving ever increasing

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volumes of traffic due to increased use of the Resurrection Pass Trail by

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tourists and recreationists; and

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WHEREAS the last portion of the Resurrection Creek Road is passable by

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only one lane of traffic; and

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WHEREAS the increased use of the Resurrection Creek Road by tourists

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and recreational users has generated a need to upgrade portions of the road

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to meet appropriate engineering and safety standards;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States

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Forest Service is respectfully requested to upgrade that portion of Resur-

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rection Creek Road that provides access to the Resurrection Pass Trail; and

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be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the ef-

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forts of the Alaska delegation in Congress to obtain funds for the United

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States Forest Service budget for upgrading the Resurrection Creek Road.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,

1 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; to
2 the Honorable Clayton Yeutter, Secretary of Agriculture; to the Honorable
3 F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; to the Honorable Jim
4 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable
5 Robert C. Byrd, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agen-
6 cies of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; to the Honorable
7 Sydney R. Yates, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Interior and Related
8 Agencies of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations;
9 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
10 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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February 2, 1988

Mr. Dalton Dulac
Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest
201 E. 9th Ave, Suite 206
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Sir,

This letter concerns a proposed upgrading of the Resurrection Creek Road in Hope, Alaska.

The Hope/Sunrise Advisory Planning Commission was appointed by the mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to advise the borough on land related matters in the Hope and Sunrise area. The KPB currently contracts the maintenance of a large portion of the Resurrection Road. The southern portion is Forest Service land and is not maintained. We have been asked to comment on upgrading this road even though much of the road lies outside KPB selected areas.

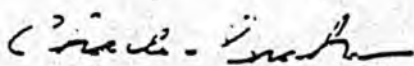
At our meeting of January 6, 1988, we adopted the following resolution:

- (1) that the southern portion of the Resurrection Road, as staked by the USFS in the summer of 1987, be upgraded as staked. This area lies between the Resurrection Valley trailhead (station 69+00) and the Hope Mining Company cabins at the top of the hill (station 33+00). We recommend that the upgrading be limited to this area. We request that this work be expedited.
- (2) that consideration of any further upgrading of the Resurrection Road be included in the current USFS planning process.
- (3) that an inviolable ROW (right-of-way) be secured before further upgrading.
- (4) that historical aspects of the area such as the old tailing piles be recognized, and
- (5) that the question of road maintenance be considered.

This matter was discussed by the community at a town meeting on January 30, 1988, and a resolution was passed recommending an upgrading of the area as described above.

Much appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,



Charles Graham, Chairman
Hope/Sunrise Advisory Planning Commission
POBox 11
Hope, Ak. 99605

T. 10 N., R. 2 W.

Sec. 27, SW4, and that portion of the SW4SE4
lying south of the Hope Highway;

Sec. 33, E2SE4; and

Sec. 34, W2, NW4NE4;

excluding from the lands herein tentatively
approved U.S. Survey Nos. 1093 (HES 72),
2636 (HES 247) and 4881.

Containing approximately 283 acres.

Aggregating approximately 445.99 acres.

Excepting and reserving to the United States a right-of-way
thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the
United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391,
43 U.S.C. 945).

The grant is subject to the reservations, limitations, and
conditions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
(78 Stat. 241), and the requirements of the regulations of the
Secretary of the Interior, as modified or amended (43 CFR 17).

This document confirms that all right, title, and interest of the
United States in and to the lands described above is deemed to
have vested in the State of Alaska pursuant to Sec. 906(d)(1) and
(2) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of
December 2, 1980 (94 Stat. 2371).

Elaine O. Wilde

Acting Chief, Branch of State
Adjudication

Introduced by: Skogstad
Date: December 15, 1987
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 87-121

SUPPORTING THE ALASKA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION EFFORTS TO OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE UPGRADING OF RESURRECTION CREEK ROAD IN HOPE, ALASKA

WHEREAS, ~~the~~ Resurrection Creek Road is receiving larger volumes of traffic yearly to the trailhead of Resurrection Trail; and

WHEREAS, the last portion of Resurrection Creek Road is passible by one lane traffic only; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in tourism a need exists to upgrade the necessary portions of Resurrection Creek Road to insure suitable safety standards;

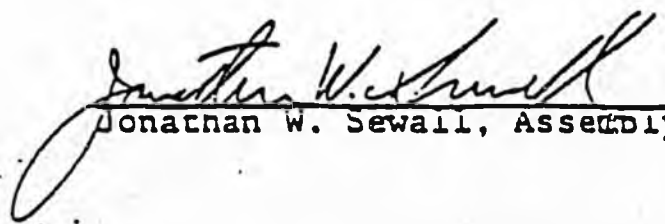
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports all efforts by the Alaska Congressional Delegation to obtain the funds necessary into the Dept. of Agriculture's budget for the upgrading of a portion of Resurrection Creek Road.

Section 2. That this resolution be sent to Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, Representative Don Young, Senator Robert Bird, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on the Interior and related agencies and Representative Sydney Yates, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on the Interior and related agencies.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 15th DAY OF December, 1987.

ATTEST:


Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President


Borough Clerk

Date: January 30, 1988
Action: Unanimous Do Pass

Resolution of Hope Inc./ Hope Village Council

Supporting the upgrading of a portion of Ressurrection Road

Whereas, the portion of Ressurrection Road running South from the Hope Mining Company cabins has been in need of upgrade for many years; and

Whereas, with a minimum of improvements the safety of this portion of Ressurrection Road would greatly increase;

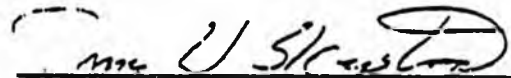
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE HOPEINC./HOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the community of Hope hereby endorses and supports adequate funding to upgrade a portion of Ressurrection Road beginning at Hope Mining Company and ending at the trailhead for Ressurrection Trail.

Section 2. The work endorsed in this resolution should follow the Chugach National Forest Service report titled FDR902.

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by members of Hope Inc./Hope village Council on January 30, 1988.


James W. Skogstad/ President Hope Inc.

P. O. Box 109
Hope, Alaska 99605
October 23, 1987

Chugach Forest Supervisor
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

As a resident I'm writing to express support of the upgrading of Resurrection Creek Road in Hope, Alaska.

The road is in sad shape. It needs more than a grader smoothing it over now and then. Like a cut that won't heal it needs some skin over it. We are wasting time and money trying to maintain a road that needs the once over. In the long run it is cost effective to resurface Resurrection Creek Road.

Local residents as well as visitors will benefit with less wear and tear on cars, less road maintenance expense, and a safer journey.

Sincerely,



Dru E. Walker
Hope Gold

P.O. Box 85
Hope, AK. 99605
October 26, 1987

Re: Resurrection Creek
Road

Chugach Forest Supervisor
Anchorage Alaska

Dear Sir,

I would like to be on record as supporting improved maintenance of the Resurrection Creek Road, Hope Alaska. Currently this road begins as a 24ft. top, changing to a 12 ft. top at mile 3, and finally a 9 ft. top at mile 4 of the 4.5 mile road. This road was built by bulldozer upon native soil or mining spoils and accross soft areas with corduroy.

This road is subject to heavy summer traffic as the only route to a public recreational mining area and to the trail head for the popular Resurrection Trail. With increased summer traffic, many times vehicles must back up when meeting other vehicles. The dust is often so thick that headlights must be on.

These inadequacies are more than an inconvenience but instead pose a safety hazard that must be corrected immediately.

Sincerely,

John Sorenson P.E.

FOREST SUPERVISOR,

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE JUST RECENTLY ARRIVED
IN HOPE, ALASKA. I HAVE EXPRESSED
A DESIRE TO MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW,
WHO HAS LIVED IN HOPE, SOME SEVEN
YEARS, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE
TAKEN FOR A RIDE, UP THE
RESURRECTION CREEK ROAD. SHE
INFORMED ME THAT SHE CONSIDERS
THE ROAD IS TOO DANGEROUS.

SINCERELY YOURS,
STANLEY W. [unclear]

NOV 11, 1987

FOREST SUPERVISOR

Resurrection creek
road is not fit
for mules
David Wheel

1000 5 01
Steve Simmons
P.O. Box 30
Hope, AK. 99605

To Whom it may Concern...

Dear Sirs,

I would like to bring to Someone's Attention
the condition of Resurrection Creek road
in hope ALASKA.

the road is in very poor condition!
the potholes and washouts are to Extreme
Proportions. the road is very Hazardous
and needs much work to bring it to
a safe Standard.

I would appreciate someone taking
some Action to get Resurrection Creek
road upgraded / improved and or rebuilt

Thank you

Steve Simmons

October 18, 1987

Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regard to the poor condition of Resurrection Creek Road near Slope, Alaska.

My two daughters and I live on this road and daily travel is becoming increasingly difficult. The road is full of "dick holes", has water running across the surface in several places and because there isn't any gravel on the road it's slick & muddy now. It's impossible to go more than 15-20 m.p.h. without getting the vehicle and passengers "shook up".

Hundreds of cars drove Resurrection Rd. this last summer going to the parking lot where Resurrection Pass Trailhead starts and to Faystake - a replica of an old mining town. Most of the cars were from out of state. Many made comments to, and other residents in Slope about the appalling condition of Resurrection Road.

Several people stopped at my house
inquiring as to how the rest of the
road was. (I live about three miles
on Resurrection from Hope Rd.)

It seems that funds should be
available to grade and gravel Resurrection
Creek Road. Especially with the increase
of popularity that Resurrection Pass
Trail is gaining and, also, Fairbanks.

Thank-you

Sincerely,

Marcus DeBuck

Box 66

Hope, AK 99605

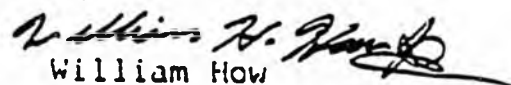
Chugach National Forest
Dalton Du Lac
Forest Supervisor

Dear Sir:

I have lived in Hope, Alaska since 1980. I drive the Resurrection Creek Road many times and I feel the road does not meet public safety standards. The road is very bumpy, nasty road.

I would appreciate if you would upgrading this road very soon.

Sincerely Yours.


William How

Date: Feb 8, 1988

Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

Dear Sir,

I have lived in Hope for
5 years. During this period
I have driven Resurrection
Road numerous times, both
for business and personal
reasons. This road is B+D.
There are pot holes and
"ponds" year round. There
are many places where
culverts are needed. This
road is unsafe, and causes
thousands of dollars in
damage to many vehicles.
The people in Hope would
appreciate anything that
can be done.

Sincerely, Derjick Morgan
and Morgan

Box 114 Hope 99605

Ray Mc Cormiskey
POB 142
HOPE, AK 99605

Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest
Dear Sir

I would like to see Resurrection Road improved. The road is too narrow in several places. There are countless potholes, rocks and standing water.

This summer & fall has cost me over \$1,000.00 in repairs due to the condition of the road.

Getting the road condition corrected would save residents & tourist dollars that could be used for better things. Ray Mc Cormiskey

Dear Sir,

People who have travelled on Resurrection Creek Rd. have complained quite a bit about the road conditions.

Working at Discovery Cafe when people ask about the Resurrection Creek Rd. since they want to go to Paydreck I tell them that the road condition is very bad & that going there ~~is~~ in their cars wouldn't be too good.

Improving the road will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thank you,

Katy Matye

NOVEMBER 10, 1987

FOREST SERVICE SUPERVISOR

DEAR SIR;

THE RESURRECTION CREEK
ROAD IS TOTALLY UNSAFE FOR
VEHICLE TRAFFIC. IT IS A LONG
DITCH THAT IS FULL OF POTHOLES,
BLIND CURVES, VERY NARROW
PASSAGE. THE ROAD CREATES
ALOT OF VEHICLE REPAIR PROBLEMS.
I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
MAJOR UPGRADING.

SINCERELY YOURS
DAVID BROWN

USFS Supervisor: Edward R. Cole
Chugach NF: P.O. Box 62
Hope, Ak 99605
Nov. 10, 1987

Dear Sirs:

I have lived in Hope for the past eight years (since 1979) and have a log house near the Hope airstrip about 1 1/2 miles up Resurrection Creek Road.

The road has deteriorated over the years and, except for very rare grading, no maintenance has been done. The road is badly pitted with potholes year round and becomes quite muddy in spring, requiring 4 wheel drive to travel.

Because of the severe jolting & vibration the rear axle was broken, rear door hatch catch

has had to be replaced, and steering column broken on my truck which was brand new. When I came to Hope I'm sure that the rough road conditions are accelerating the wear & tear on it.

lately driving over 10 mph has been risky. Since 1979 population and travel on Resurrection Creek Road has multiplied many fold. Four households lived on the road in 1979-80 Now close to 18 households are occupied year round. During this time no material has been added to the road bed. I strongly urge funding improvement of this road before it becomes worse.

Sincerely,
Ed Cole

Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

Dear Sirs:

I am a resident of Hope and travel Resurrection Creek Road frequently.

This road is in need of much necessary repairs. The potholes just keep getting worse and multiplying. The road in the spring is impassable except with a 4 wheel drive because it gets so muddy and torn up. There are places where it is so narrow that two cars cannot pass each other.

Many families live up Resurrection Creek Road and have problems getting to their homes. Vehicles are being torn up from traveling the road. Many of the repairs are expensive, and depending on the cost people have to leave their vehicles sitting until they can afford to repair them. So the road causes many hardships, since people in our community have to carry their water.

I don't feel that it is unreasonable to ask that this repairs be made. It is not only hard on the vehicles of the people in our community, but also the hikers and weekend miners that

Forest Supervisor

use the road. It is not uncommon to have a tourist looking for someone to repair a tire after they have traveled the road.

In the winter many people have to change their plans and not go up the trail because parts of the road glaciate over and make it either hazardous or just too much of an inconvenience to continue up the road. This is a problem that the families are facing every year.

Anything that can be done to repair this road and make it

more safe and reliable.
It needs to be widened
in places and have the
potholes fixed, with more
top grade gravel put
where it gets so muddy
and impassable. After
this is done we ask that
it be maintained so
that we don't have these
problems in the future.

Thank you

Debra Logan
P.O. Box 93
Hope, AK 99605

Dear Sirs.

I have been living
up Resurrection Rd. for 3 1/2
years. And I feel that the
amount of activity on
the road that it could
use a great improvement.
Not only would I personally
like to see the road improved,
but see our towns thrive on
tourist business, the road
discourages alot of people

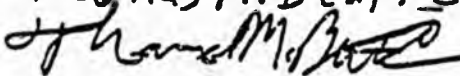
Joe Krug
General Delivery
Hope Alaska

11-1-87

To The
Forest Supervisor
Chugach National Forest

Please fix the Resurrection
creek Road for it is the
"Pit". This Road is badly
in need of Repair.

I Drive this Road for Business
and pleasure. Also this
Road does not meet Public
Safety standards according
to your own reports
The People of Hope would
appreciate anything that
can be done.

Sincerely
Thomas M. Beattie


Discovery Gate
Hope, Alaska
10-29-87

FOREST SUPERVISOR
CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

DEAR SIR;

ENOUGH TRAVELERS HAVE STOP HERE
AND ASKED ME ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE
RESURRECTION ROAD TO THE TRAIL HEAD.

SOME DID COMPLAIN ABOUT THE STATE IT
WAS DURING DIFFERENT TIME OF THE YEAR.

I NOTICED SOME UP GRADING HAS BEEN
DONE RECENTLY, BUT MORE SHOULD BE DONE
TO THE ROAD TO MEET SAFETY NEEDS.

ESPECIALLY THAT SECTION AFTER THE LOG
CABIN ON THE HOPE MINING COMPANY.

Sincerely,

J. Kagimoto