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FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:  
Title: Upgrade Resurrecuon 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  
SJR 25

ASSUMPTIONS

The Resurrection Creek Road is not a State owned right-of-way. DOT&PF provides 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 those lands are conveyed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map showing the road and adjacent lands.

IN THE SENATE

BY KERTTULA AND SZYMANSKI

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

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

WHEREAS the Resurrection Creek Road provides access to the trailhead  
of the Resurrection Pass Trail; and

WHEREAS the Resurrection Pass Trail traverses the Chugach National  
Forest between Hope and Cooper Landing and is maintained by the United  
States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS the Resurrection Creek Road is receiving ever increasing  
volumes of traffic due to increased use of the Resurrection Pass Trail by  
tourists and recreationists; and

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

WHEREAS the increased use of the Resurrection Creek Road by tourists  
and recreational users has generated a need to upgrade portions of the road  
to meet appropriate engineering and safety standards;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
Forest Service is respectfully requested to upgrade that portion of Resur-  
rection Creek Road that provides access to the Resurrection Pass Trail; and  
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the ef-  
forts of the Alaska delegation in Congress to obtain funds for the United  
States Forest Service budget for upgrading the Resurrection Creek Road.

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

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

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 5-DAY NOTICE March 17, 1989  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER

\*\*FISCAL NOTE(S) MUST BE ATTACHED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035  
2/7/89

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE April 5, 1989

Mr. President:

Transportation Committee considered SJR 25

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

and recommended:

- replace with CS \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- attached amendment(s) and  new title
- \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent adopted
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL NOTE(S) attached  zero  fiscal impact  
 appropriation no FN attached  Gov. FN introduced w/ bill

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*Zehrenkamp* \_\_\_\_\_

*Paul Fitch* \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_

*Pat Housheer* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Hynd Jones (No Rec)*  
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee backup attached

6/881

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.

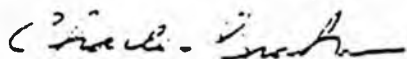
At our meeting of January 6, 1988, we adopted the following resolution:

- (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

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Forest  
Service

Chugach NF

201 E. 9th Ave.  
Suite 206  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Reply to: 1510 (7720)

Date: March 30, 1989

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula  
Alaska State Senate  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Kerttula:

In response to the inquiry of your aid Paula Terrel regarding the Resurrection Creek Road, the Chugach National Forest does not have funds identified in its budget for improvement of the road as it is staked. The Forest let a contract in 1988 for brushing and to replace culverts. In addition potholes and soft spots were filled, turnouts constructed and some tailing piles leveled to increase visibility. Spot grading occurred between stations 15+90 to 81+00.

The next phase of our planning process, Management Area Analysis, will begin for four units on the Kenai Peninsula later this year. The Resurrection Creek Road will be included as part of that process.

With regard to the need to secure a right-of-way through the Hope Mining District, we do not feel a right-of-way is necessary because of the Forest Service's legal mandate for management of lands within the forest. The Forest is responsible for maintenance of those portions of the road which cross national forest land and the borough and state are responsible for the remainder of the road. As Jan Deleo mentioned, we are currently maintaining the road through private land owned by Arthur and Lois Melickian because of an error in the patent that conveyed the road from public to private ownership. The Forest Service is attempting to clarify ownership.

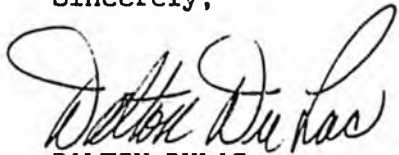
With regard to Senate Bill 25 Forest Service policy does not permit me to take a position on pending legislation without an official policy. In response to Ms Terrel's question I can say that Congress does occasionally appropriate funds for specific purposes. Our normal funding process for construction projects is one of multi-year funding.

Senator Kertulla

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If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to have yo' r staff contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dalton Dulac".

DALTON DULAC  
Forest Supervisor

cc: WO (LA)(7720)  
R-10 (RF)(1500)(PAO - Legis Affairs Coord)  
CNF (1510)(\*RD)  
Sen Stevens & Murkowski, & Cong Young Anchorage & Kenai Offices

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.A.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  
Dane 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 Reclamation 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 \$100.00 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 Pay Street 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 Motzham

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, PO. Box 62115  
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 donot 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

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

Dear Sirs.

I have been living  
up Resurrection Rd. for 372  
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

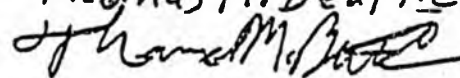
Joe Krusyn  
General Delivery  
Hope Alaska

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

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.

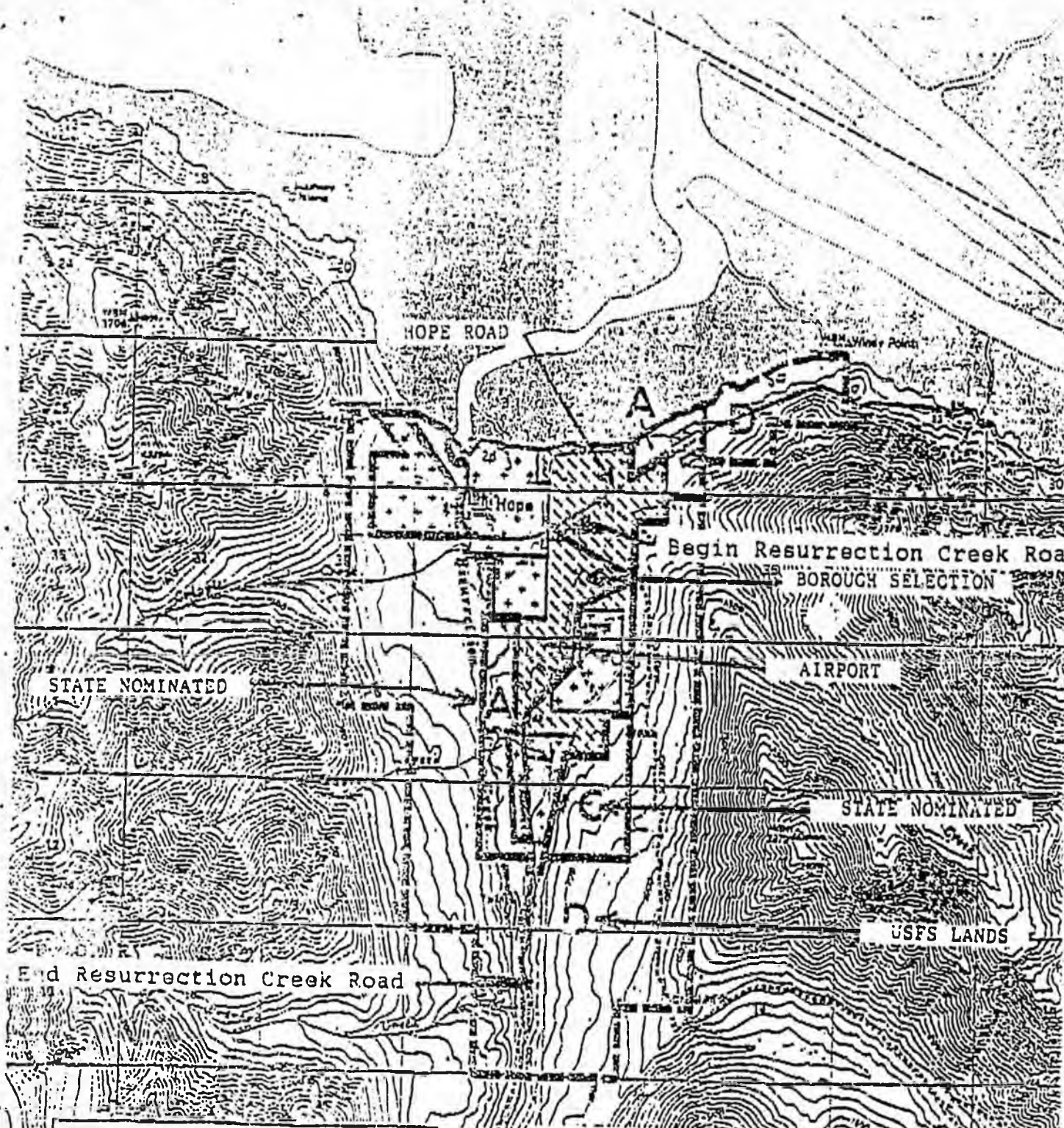
The road is in sad shape. It needs more than a grader smoothing it over now and then. Like a cut that won't heal it needs some skin over it. We are wasting time and money trying to maintain a road that needs the once over. In the long run it is cost effective to resurface Resurrection Creek Road.

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




**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

Location Map

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;

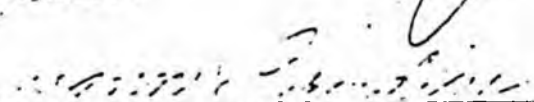
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

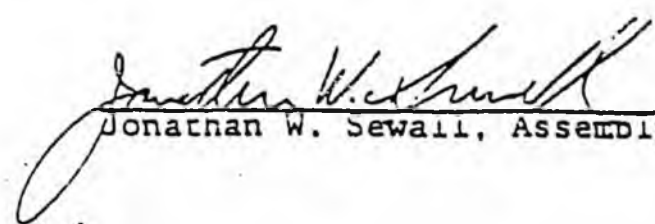
Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports all efforts by the Alaska Congressional Delegation to obtain the funds necessary into the Dept. of Agriculture's budget for the upgrading of a portion of Resurrection Creek Road.

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:

  
Borough Clerk

  
Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

Resolutions + Letters of  
Support

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 saftey of this portion of Ressurrection Road would greatly increase:

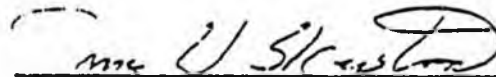
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE HOPEINC./HOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL:

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.

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, FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE  
TAKEN FOR A RIDE, UP THE  
RESTRICTION CREEK ROAD. SHE  
INFORMED ME THAT SHE CONSIDERS  
THE ROAD IS TOO DANGEROUS.

SINCERELY YOURS

W. J. [unclear]

NOV 11, 1987

FOREST SUPERVISOR

Resurrection creek  
road is not fit  
for mules  
David Wheel

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.

1000 10 01  
Steve Simmons  
P.O. Box 30  
Hope, AK. 99605

To whom it may concern...

Dear Sirs,

I would like to bring to someones 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 "chuck 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 "clunked up".

Hundreds of cars drove Resurrection Road 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 me 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