

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRAILS COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 4, 1982

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trails Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Robert Tucker for the purpose of discussing the Fish Creek Management Plan. Committee members in attendance establishing a quorum were Bob Tucker, Jim & Karen McNeese, Ron Aklestad and Dorothy Jones.

Staff in attendance were Ellen Wycoff and Rodney Schulling from the Planning Department. Also in attendance were Pat Beckly, Bill Bettlock, Ron Crenshaw and Gary McWilliams of the Department of Natural Resources and Bob Thom of the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Chairman Tucker noted that the purpose of the meeting is to coordinate the Fish Creek Management Plan, which is a joint Borough/State plan to develop commercial agriculture on the east side of the Big Su, with the Iditarod Trail which passes through this area. A presentation was given by Bill Bettlock on the projects and the effect on the trail. Three alternatives were discussed in the presentation, to accommodate both trail and utilization of agricultural lands.

The portions of the Trail that pass through the agricultural project have not been tied down as yet. The trail was surveyed in 1908 and 1912 but the Goodman Survey has not been located, it was surveyed by the Army for the postal service. Ron Crenshaw has been trying to locate this survey. The State Archives in Juneau have been searched and also the Seattle Archives. Mike Kennedy, the State Historian, is still working on this. Ron Crenshaw and Joe Redington are going to map the trail as soon as Joe is back from Nome.

The Trails Committee recommended that the historical alignment of the trail be preserved. (This was alternate #1). Try where possible to coordinate the highway system, planned for the project, with the historic trail. To reduce the buffer area for the trail.

Robert Tucker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ellen Wycoff