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Attn: Stan Constantine

Omnibus Act Quitclaim Deed  
for public roads

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The Bureau of Land Management has not been recognizing the State's title to road easements established under P.L.O.'s 601 and 2665, and later quitclaimed to the State by deed on June 30, 1959. While the Bureau of Land Management has noted P.L.O. right of way widths on primary and secondary roads, it has ignored the 50 foot centerline right of way on local roads as established by the same P.L.O. This is exemplified in the Northway Native, Inc.'s appeal where the Bureau of Land Management does not recognize the State's valid title to the Northway junction to Northway Road, (page 50, Omnibus Act Quitclaim Deed). The chain of title is complete from the Interior Department to the Commerce Department to the State, as outlined in the attached memo to the Attorney General's in Anchorage, on Northway's appeal. This may be a good time to get the Bureau of Land Management to recognize the State's title to these P.L.O. easements and to note them on their status plats.

The fact that the local road right of way is not noted on Bureau of Land Management status maps has caused much confusion and sometimes people will not believe we have right of way on the roads, as last year on Ketchum Creek Road, in the Circle mining district (listed in the Omnibus Act Quitclaim Deed). This has been particularly troublesome in the mining areas with miners trying to block access, and could well become a problem for our local service roads and trails program.

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Attachments: Pleading - Northway Response to Answer  
Memo to R.D. Shumway from W. Johansen dated 6/19/79  
Letter to Martha Mills dated 6/15/79  
Letter to Carl Johnson dated 2/1/79  
Letter to Carl Johnson dated 12/18/78