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The Iditarod Trail by designated as a National Historic Trail by Congress on November 10, 1978. Only the "Federally Administered" areas were included by the legislation.

The BLM Iditarod Project Office studied the entire trail between 1979-1981 and made recommendations for the entire trail system in the booklet I gave you. [see page 69, 100(e) -]

The section of trail through Survey 1726 is an important link between the Road System and the portion of trail on state land (and homesteads). However, the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT recommended cooperative management and possible acquisition of a route.

The State and Mat-Su Borough are investigating their rights as a prior and existing public right-of-way along the whole trail system. This would probably affect Knik lands and Survey 1726, if a decision is ever made.

The State feels that it is important to have a trail between Knik Hall and their land a mile or so out. However, I don't think (my opinion) they are necessarily want the trail next to the grave houses.

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