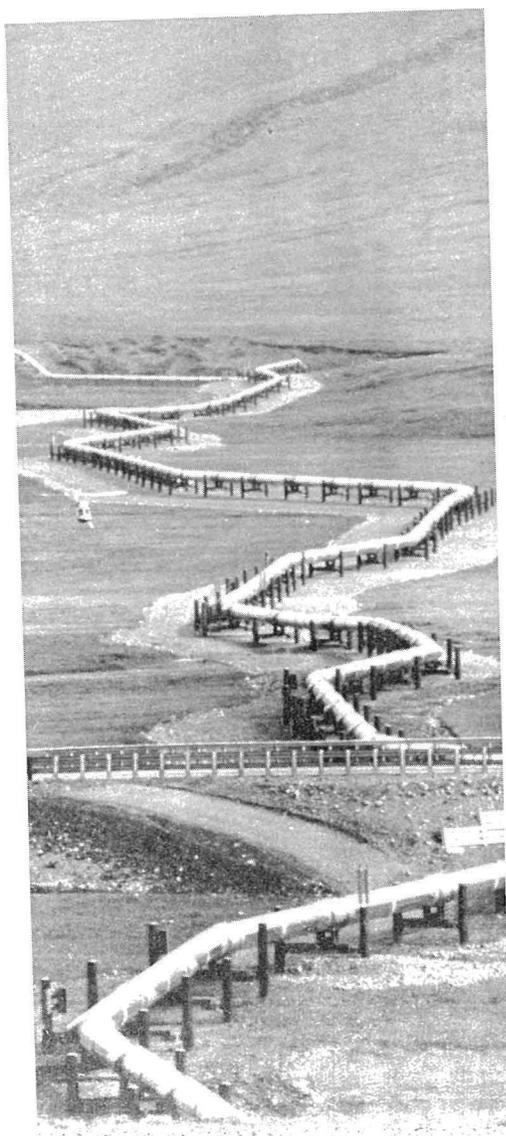
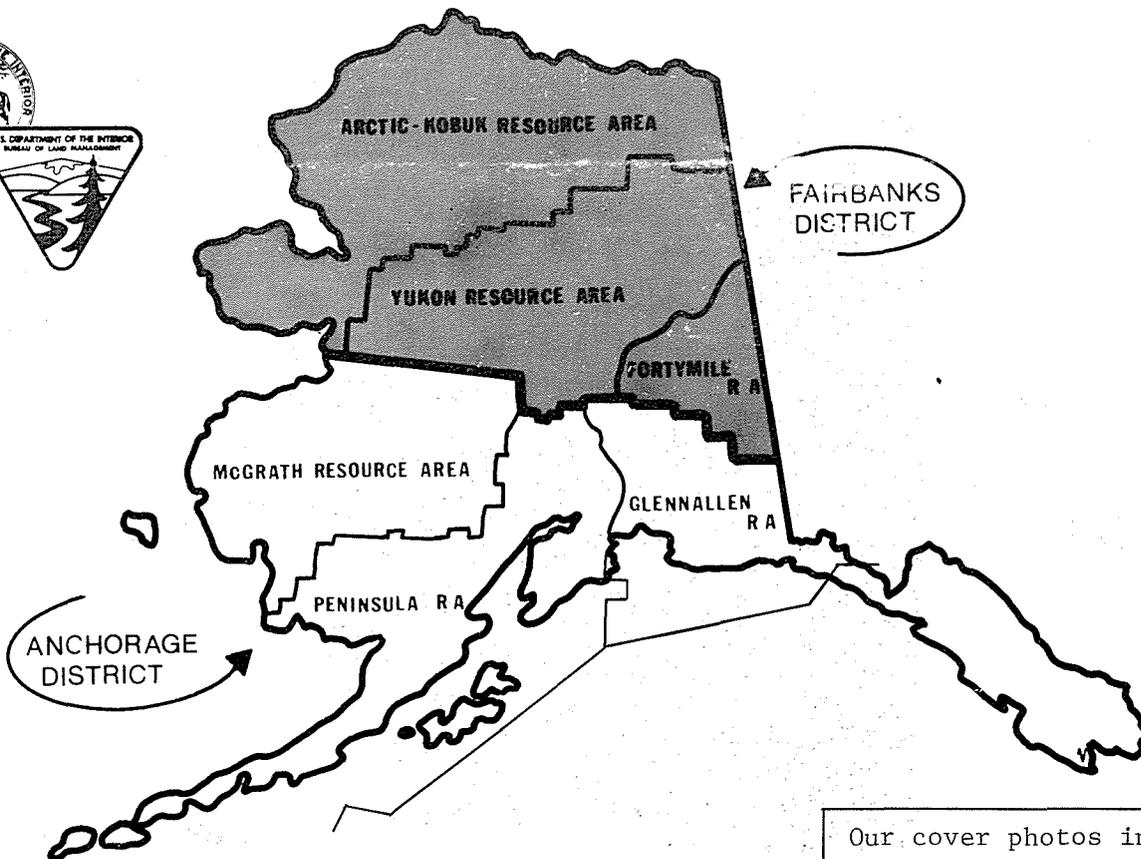


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Dogs Attack Moose on Campbell Tract

Free running dogs are becoming a problem on the Campbell Creek tract managed by BLM. Earlier this week a pack of dogs attacked a moose calve near the BLM office. The dogs are probably not wild, says Larry Mangan, Peninsula Area wildlife biologist, but are just pets which congregate

in packs when allowed to run free.

When they come upon a moose or other wild animal their instinct is to chase the animal and they will attack it if given the chance. The problem could become critical if it continues since a number of moose winter in the Campbell Creek area.

Mangan says residents of the area should know that there is a \$300 fine for permitting pets to run loose. He adds that State Fish and Game Protection Officers are authorized under State law to shoot dogs if they see them chasing game.

The protection officers will be patrolling the tract regularly to keep informed of the situation. ●

Susitna Basin Studies Delayed

Snow depths varying from nothing at all to eight foot drifts slowed the progress of the Army Corps of Engineers cat train as it moved from the Denali Highway toward the site of the proposed Watana hydroelectric project in the Susitna River Basin.

BLM field personnel accompanying the cat train to monitor mobilization said the corps had underestimated the amount of time it would

take to move in the equipment used for performing geological tests.

The Corps will be conducting the tests in the Watana and Devil Canyon sites in order to comply with a request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for information about soils, earthquake potential, and gravel sources.

These preliminary studies must be conducted before OMB will release funds appropriated for extensive feasibility studies in the basin.

Dwayne Carson, on loan to BLM's Anchorage

District from the Alaska Pipeline Office, left Talkeetna March 6 to monitor the cat train, consisting of two tractors, two large nodwells, and one small nodwell, a house trailer on a sled, and two small drills. The house trailer which will be used as an emergency shelter and office space during the test is being used by the crew as it travels to the Watana site.

Later a second cat trail will follow with a larger drill mounted on a swamp buggy.

The delay in moving to the project sites will push the testing into the spring and summer season," says David Dagenhart, Glennallen Area geologist, who has also been on the job monitoring the project. He said the corps should be able to complete drilling on the river before break-up, but fears that other work will not occur until summer.

The proposed dam sites are located on federal public land currently managed by the BLM. Most of the acreage has been selected by Alaska Native Corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Prior to giving the Corps of Engineers permission to conduct the studies, the BLM's Glennallen area staff prepared an Environmental Analysis of the project and wrote several pages of stipulations with regard to how the work may be conducted. ●

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