

Report describes channel erosion along Trans Alaska pipeline route

A new open-file report by the U.S. Geological Survey presents results of repeated site surveys and aerial photographs at 26 stream crossings along the trans-Alaska pipeline system route during the period 1969-74 and provides chronologic records of channel changes that predate pipeline-related construction at the sites.

The 1974 surveys and photographs show some of the channel changes wrought by the

construction of the haul road from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay and by construction of camps and working pads all along the pipeline route.

No pipeline crossings were constructed before 1975. These records show that channel changes together with flood and icing measurements are part of

the U.S. Department of the Interior's continuing surveillance program to document the hydrologic aspects of the trans-Alaska pipeline and its environmental impacts.

The report is entitled "Channel Erosion Surveys along TAPS Route, Alaska, 1974," by Joseph M. Childers and Stanley H. Jones. Duplicated copies are available from Room 316, Skyline Building, U.S. Geological Survey, 218 E Street,

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