

NORTH Commission Members Named By Governor Hickel

Members of the North Commission to develop the transportation of northern interior Alaska were named Wednesday by Gov. Walter J. Hickel at Juneau.

One of their first projects will be construction of a winter haul trail from Livengood to the Arctic Slope — through Anaktuvuk Pass. As routing now stands, the trail will pass through or near the villages of Livengood, Bettles, Anaktuvuk Pass and

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Umiat.

It will cross the Yukon River above Rampart, swing through the Fort Hamlin hills, then head north through Anaktuvuk Pass to Umiat. Eventually, the trail might extend to wherever oil or mineral discoveries occur.

A winter haul trail is created by clearing brush over the tundra. As the ground freezes, heavy vehicles can travel without any need for paving. Though the system has been widely used in northern Canada, it has not been tried here. It is relatively

inexpensive to create.

The trail will serve as a supply route for the petroleum industry on the north slope and the mineral mining to the south. However, it also can be used by villagers.

New jobs may be created for the people who live along its route. John Rowlett, Fairbanks oil and gas consultant, foresees the need for service facilities, warehouses, possibly an overnight inn and maintenance workers.

He named five nationally known transportation executives to the new commission and five Alaskans.

They are:

Russell G. Smith, chairman of the Asiatic Development San Francisco.

Donald G. Smith, former manager of Alaska Railroad, now assistant vice president of operations for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Samuel F. Pryor Jr., former vice president of Pan American World Airways, New York.

Everett Hutchinson, under-secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

William P. Lear, president of Lear Jet Corp., Wichita, Kan.

Albert C. Swalling, Anchorage contractor.

John B. Coghill, Nenana businessman.

John B. Manley, general manager of the Alaska Railroad.

Jack H. White, Anchorage insurance and real estate executive.

C.W. Snedden, publisher of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

The group will be known as the NORTH Commission (Northern Operations of Rail Transportation and Highways).