

Oil Field Road Progressing Toward Slope

JUNEAU—Construction crews departed Stevens Village Friday and are proceeding in -10 degree weather with work on the winter road to Alaska's giant oil fields at Prudhoe Bay, Highways Commissioner Cosby Steen reported to Gov. Walter J. Hickel.

Steen also reported that the state's decision to proceed with construction of the winter road has won approval from the Alaska Carrier's Association, the organization representing truckers in the state, and from The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

ACA managing director Edward R. Saunders wired congratulations to Hickel on the decision to construct the winter

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road.

"This action is strongly in the public benefit because it will save substantial amount of time in construction when time is of such vital importance," Saunders said.

The Fairbanks Chamber wired Hickel, "Congratulations on your decision to expedite the construction of the road to the North Slope."