

To Excavate Gravel—

Line Permission

Permission to excavate gravel from 13 places along or near the Sagavanirktok (Sag) River north of the Brooks Range has been requested of the Corps of Engineers by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

The company seeks permits also to obtain material from three sites close to the Tsina River in the general vicinity of Thompson Pass, northeast of Valdez.

In all, some 6,705,000 cubic yards of borrow material are involved in the 16 applications. The material is sought for use by Alyeska in construction of a state road, access road, pipeline pad, and appurtenances.

Excavation will be by conventional methods and at distances ranging from 50 to 100 feet from the streams' main channels. The contractor will provide berms and diversion, drainage, and flow channels to control flowing waters in the areas of their borrow operations.

Eight of the 13 places along or near the Sag River range from 4 to 22 miles south of Happy Valley Camp. The rest are from 2 to 8 miles north and northeast of the Camp.

This type of work comes under the scrutiny of the Corps of Engineers which is the agency responsible for the administration of Federal laws for the protection and preservation of navigable waters.

The environmental impact statement of the pipeline filed by the Department of the Interior with the Council on Environmental Quality on March 20, 1972, covers the environmental aspects of the proposed pipeline construction.

No further action need be taken, therefore, on the projects in that regard. Corps deliberation relates to the effect which the physical presence of any proposed structures and related work may have on navigation.

In that connection the Alaska District Engineer welcomes any comment or questions on the proposed works.

Persons wishing further information concerning these proposed construction projects may

write to the District or phone the Permit Section of the District's Construction Division at 279-4123.

May 31, 1974 is the deadline for receiving responses to the notices of these applications the District has mailed to many interested organizations and individuals.