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September 17, 1976

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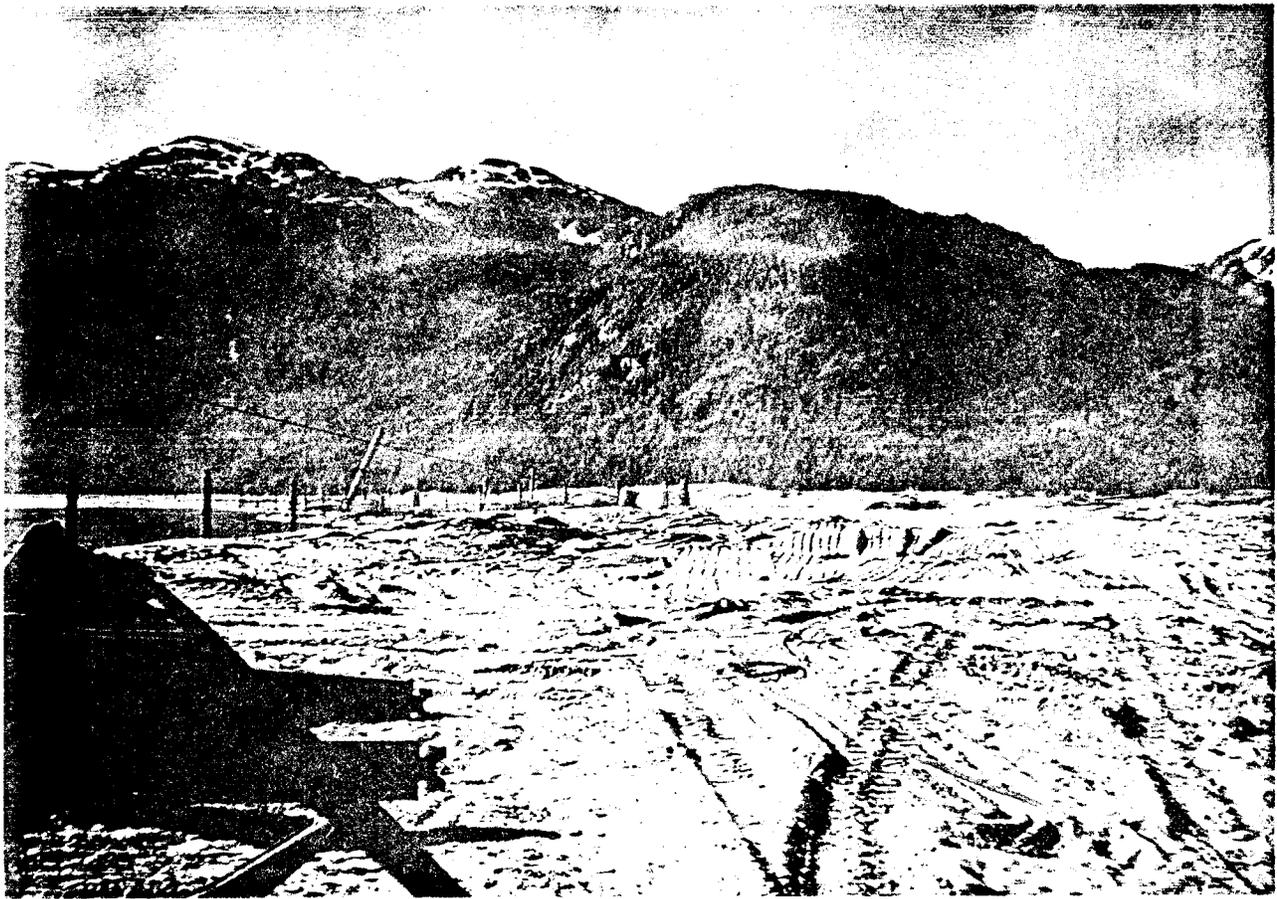
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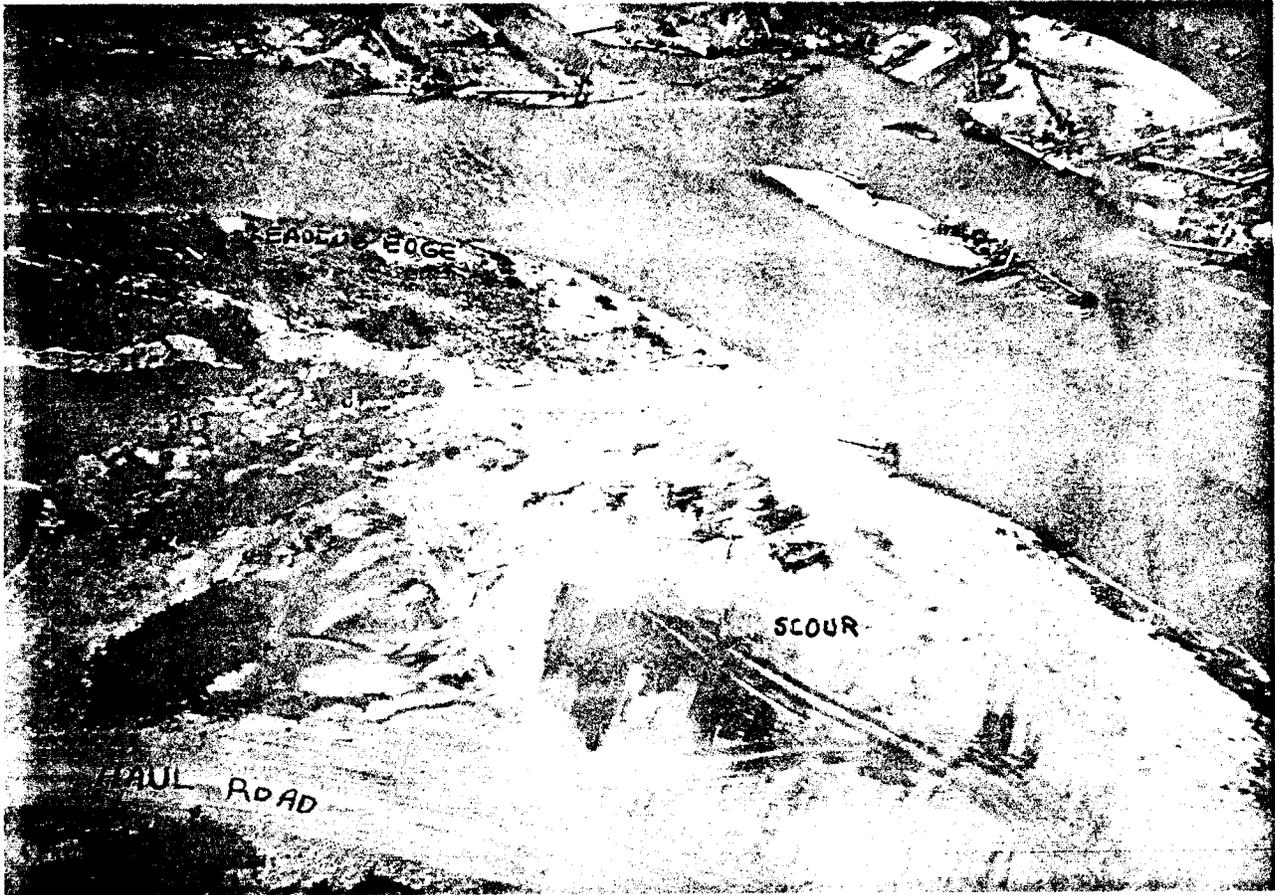
EXAMPLE OF IMPROPER STREAM CROSSING
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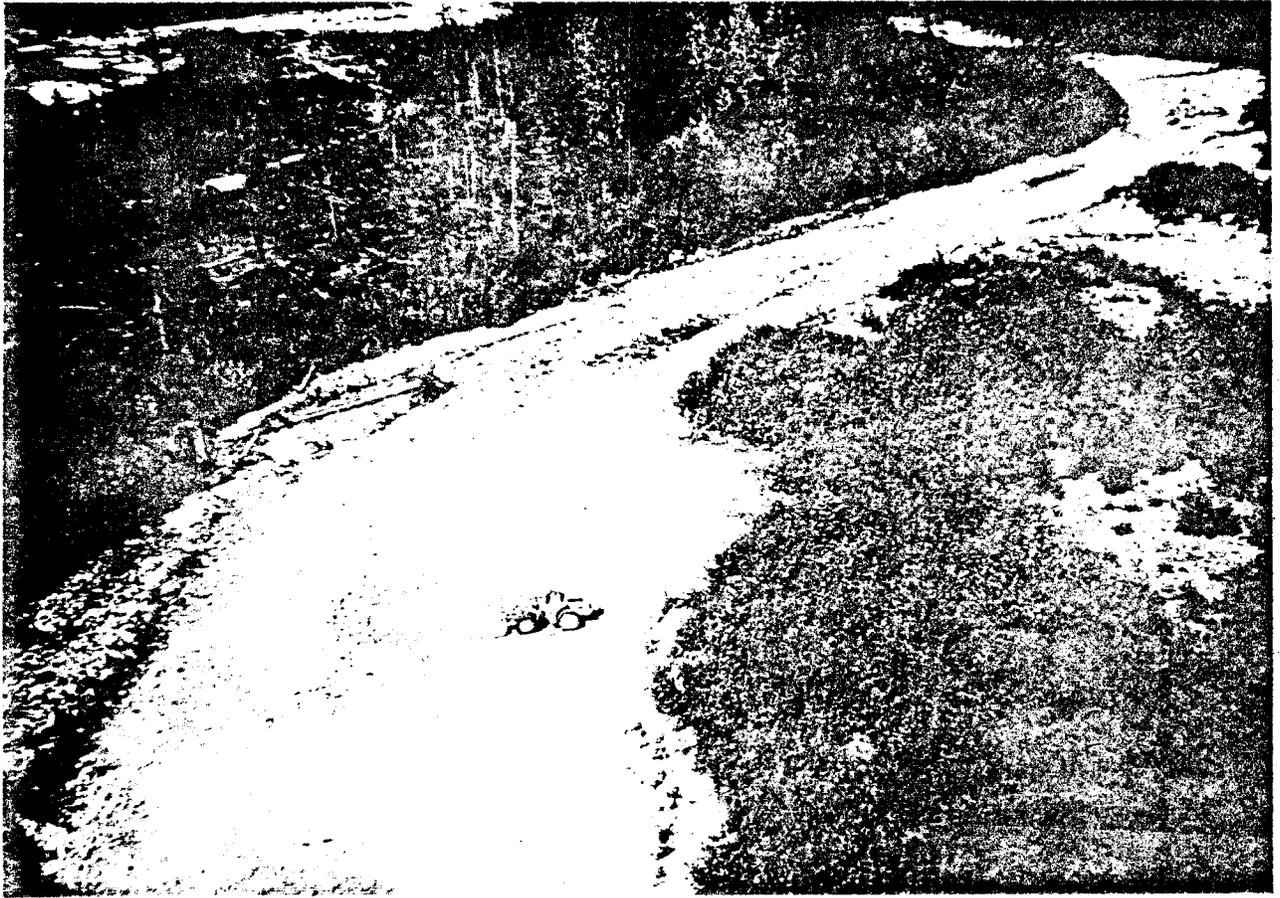
EQUIPMENT DISTURBANCE OF TIDELAND AREAS NEAR CAMP



UNSTABLE SOIL AREA WITH ROAD CAUSES SILTATION PROBLEMS



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EQUIPMENT ON FLOOD PLAIN OF RIVER CAUSES INCREASED SILTATION



CHANNELIZATION OF STREAM AS A RESULT OF GRAVEL REMOVAL

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October 15, 1976

Dr. Dave Gibbons
Fisheries and Wildlife Program Manager
Stikine Area, Tongass National Forest
Box 309
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 1976, in response to our concerns regarding the timber operations on the North Bradfield River.

We were pleased to learn that the Forest Service has already initiated a review of this sale area.

I appreciate the invitation to participate in the field work this month, but previous commitments make it impossible. I would appreciate being kept advised of the progress of the review. Our initial correspondence and photographs were merely an attempt to point-out operations we felt were impacting the fish and wildlife resources. We feel it is our duty to bring these problems to your attention when they are observed, and we will continue to do so.

I apologize for not being able to get to Petersburg to participate in the field review, but the previous commitments had already been made.

Sincerely,



Richard Reed
Regional Habitat Protection Supervisor

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
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October 4, 1976



Mr. Richard D. Reed
Regional Habitat Protection Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Reed:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of September 17, 1976 concerning timber operations on the North Bradfield River.

As you recommend in your letter, the U.S. Forest Service has already formulated an interdisciplinary team (ID Team) which has conducted two reviews of this area. We are planning a third review the latter part of October, 1976, and invite you personally along as an advisor. The recommendations formulated by the ID team during the past two trips have already been carried out on-the-ground in the North Bradfield Timber Sale.

During the preparation of this sale, Forest Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel spent a considerable amount of time with on-the-ground reviews of the sale. Road, bridge and gravel removal locations were agreed upon and recommended changes were incorporated into the final timber sale layout. At this time, Mr. Joseph R. Blom, Chief of Habitat Development, in correspondence with the Forest Service, did not identify the proposed gravel removal activities as a fish resource problem. Today, however, ID team specialists are reviewing this activity and other activities as to their potential or present effects upon the fisheries resources of this area.

The Forest Service will continue the ID team approach to solving the complex land management problem of the North Bradfield Timber sale. I hope you will make it a point to join the ID team review of this area in October.

Sincerely,

for 
DAVE R. GIBBONS
Fisheries and Wildlife
Program Manager

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

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