

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES
JUNEAU, ALASKA
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Memorandum Report

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From: James A. Williams, Associate Mining Engineer, Juneau, Alaska
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A detailed list of the Fortymile operations is included with this report.

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they plan to continue this operation or not.

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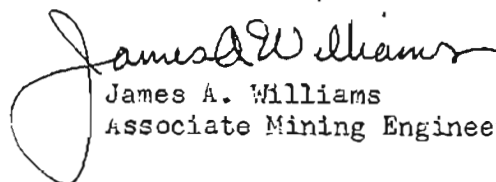
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Respectfully submitted,


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MINING OPERATIONS FOURTH DIVISION

FAIRBANKS PRECINCT

Fortymile District

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Franklin Mining Co., Fairbanks	Chicken Creek	Dragline-Bulldozer- Hydraulic	5
Johannsen, Ed, Chicken	Ingle Creek	Hydraulic	1
Meldrum, Bill Chicken	Chicken Creek	Bulldozer-Hydraulic	1
Purdy, Fred and Arthur, Chicken	Myers Fork and Atwater Bar	Bulldozer-Hydraulic	2
Rheims, J. and Wilke, J., Boundary	Canyon Creek	Bulldozer	2
Rosenbush, B., Fairbanks	Fortymile River	Sniping	1
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