

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Artwin Schmidt
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DATE :

FROM: Bruce Short
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SUBJECT: Possible Boat Launch Site
 on Klawock Lake

There exists at mile 14.2 on the Craig-Hollis road an access to Klawock Lake where a boat launch site could be put in with minimal work and materials.

A pull over presently exists on the side of the road opposite the lake, and an amount of fill is already present on the lake side of the road. The lake side has a nice stand of large spruce-hemlock with a light understory, mostly vaccinium, and a mossy floor, potentially a nice rest/campsite area. The access to the lake is between the beginning of fill and a creek; here a minimal cutting of trees would be necessary.

This access is the closest to the road with the least drop of any observed along the lake. From the shoulder of the road to the lake edge measured 29 meters with an approximate drop of 4 meters. The lake bottom slopes to a depth of about 1 meter, 10 meters from shore, then drops off rapidly. Bottom is fairly hard gravel and sand here.

Presently, a USFS boat is at the cabin on the lake, and a boat launch with no access from the road built by USFS, previously with boats for public use but none now exists at the northwest end of the lake. There are no facilities though for the launching of privately owned boats. Klawock Lake has very good sport fish potential; the best fishing areas most easily accessible or only accessible by boat. With possible increased use of Klawock Lake due to the ferry dock of the Alaska State System and for use by the people of Craig and Klawock, I believe a boat launch site would be of potentially great recreational value to the area.

Pictures of the site area, Hollis road, pull over, and fill areas were taken.

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SUBJECT: Boat Launch
 Big Salt Lake

I looked into the possible areas for a boat launch on the Big Salt Road that Mr. Day suggested to you. There were two possible sites approximately 7-8 miles out the road. One, located approximately at Station 451, was a temporary road made so that equipment could be unloaded at the beach and taken up to the road. The other location, near Station 460, was the result of a rock slide due to blasting, which was subsequently pushed over the bank and reaches a point about 100 feet from the beach.

The road from the beach at Station 451 appears to be the better situated of the two relative to the suitability of the beach slope to launch a boat. Crushed rock was used as the base for this access, which goes approximately for 200 feet from the shoulder to the beach. The grade is quite steep, close to 10 percent, and two-thirds of the way down there is an approximately 80° corner to the last third of the road to the beach. This grade and turn could present difficulties to backing a boat trailer down, but I am not really familiar enough with trailers to say. I'm sure that cartop boats could easily be unloaded here. I do feel that the potential of this road for a boat launch access should be considered before it is "blown" by the Forest Service. I have three pictures of the road that should be on the next roll of film I send in.

The site at Station 460 is of a gentler slope, but I feel is unsuitable due to the fact that the beach is in a shallow, tidal flat area. The crushed rock here would make a good pull off area; it is about a 10 percent grade from the road for 75 feet, then only a slight slope to its end another 60 feet beyond. The fill ends about 100 feet from the beach with a drop of about 15 feet. Pictures were also taken of this area.

I think that the road at Station 451, if looked at and found suitable, would require a minimal amount of work and materials, bringing to grade, a finish surface, some ditching and the launch ramp, to make the Big Salt Lake accessible by road.