

NEDAA - The Gravel Magnet

3/4" video, 1988. N.N.Y.B., colour, sound, 58 min. 50 sec.

The Alaska Highway was a technical and engineering first in the early 1940's. It provided a gateway to the north and in the process changed the history of the native people in the Yukon. This documentary features testimony from Yukoners who worked on the highway and who experienced the impact of the highway.

Archives has one 3/4" master designated for storage and one 1/2" VHS viewing copy. VHS and Beta circulating copies are available at the A/V Unit.

Subject headings: Alaska Highway - Personal narratives; Alaska Highway - Social aspects; Indians of North America - Yukon Territory - Social conditions

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Time/Footage	Description	Format (Colour/ bw/mag/opt/sil)
0.00	Scenery, 1942 radio broadcast about the Alaska Highway	Colour Sound
1.43	Title	
1.50	Indian elders Virginia Smarch, Sue Van Bibber, Jessie Joe and others talk about their early memories of the Alaska Highway	
3.29	Early footage of Alaska Highway construction, history of the highway and other war inspired projects	
4.38	Indian elders and Charlie Taylor discuss the traditional Indian way of life	
6.52	Narration: that way of life threatened by highway	
7.33	Indian elders David Johnston and Kitty Johnston, Charlie Taylor and James Quong discuss the surveying and building of the highway	
13.15	Virginia Smarch, Sue Van Bibber, Harry George, Grace Chambers, George Johns and Jessie Joe discuss the influx of soldiers, conditions at the time and the economic boom brought about by highway construction	
19.18	Sue Van Bibber and others discuss the epidemics that were spawned by highway construction	
23.43	Charlie Taylor, Jessie Joe and others discuss the problems caused by overhunting by construction workers	

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26.10	Charlie Taylor discusses the social problems caused by the construction boom	Colour Sound
27.17	Sam Williams, Charlie Taylor, Louie Fox and others discuss how the building of the highway precipitated more government interference in Indian peoples lives	
30.57	Lucy Wren, Charlie Taylor and others discuss how the highway drew Indians away from their traditional settlements	
36.31	Kitty Grant, Paul Birckel, Flo Smarch, Rosie Johnston and others reflect on how the Indian way of life has changed since the highway was built	
44.46	Old radio broadcast, Charlie Taylor, Paul Birckel, positive effects of highway	
49.47	Indian elders, to them highway symbolizes the end of their old way of life	
52.25	Barbara Barde, Producer, discusses why she decided to do a program on the Alaska Highway, discusses impact of the highway on natives	
56.50	Joanne Henry concludes the program	
57.24	Credits	