



Mosquito Fork Navigability- Fortymile RS 2477 Report 2011 Field Season Report

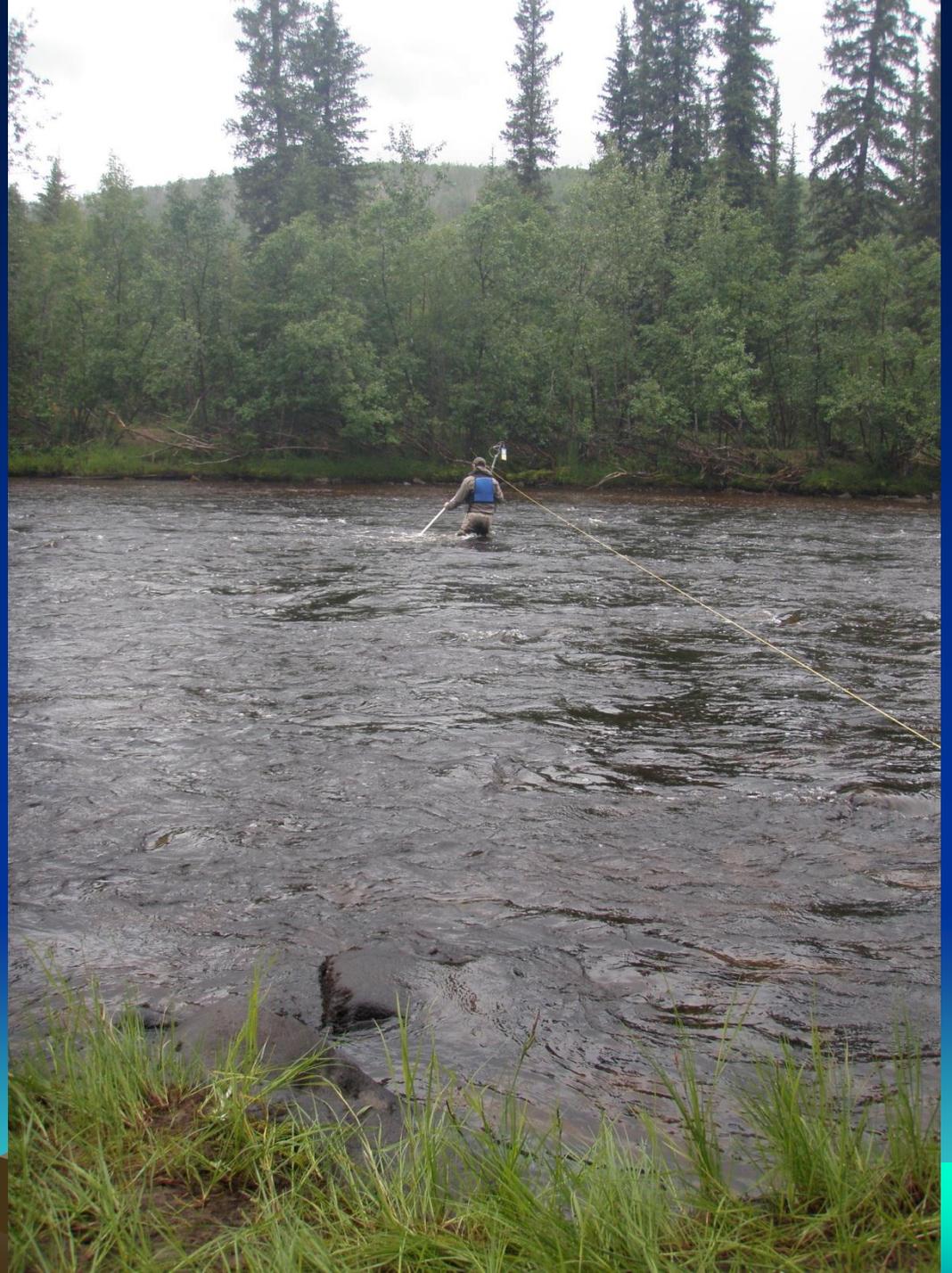
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Mission Statement

- Protecting the Alaskan lifestyle through the assertion and defense of access to Alaska's Public Lands and Waters



A Wild and Scenic River
is a post
statehood
withdrawal,
thus, if
navigable,
State owned



Is Mosquito Fork Navigable?



ADCP Electronic Hydro Survey

Travel Trade and Commerce

"navigable water" means water that, at the time the state achieved statehood, was used, or was susceptible of being used, in its ordinary condition as a highway for commerce over which trade and travel were or could have been conducted in the customary modes of trade and travel on water; the use or potential use does not need to have been without difficulty, extensive, or long and continuous;



Case Law: Customary Mode of Trade and Travel



- Gulkana (Alaska v Ahtna) Quieted title to the Gulkana River, based upon the commercial use of a raft capable of carrying 1000 lbs

Rafting on the Mosquito Fork

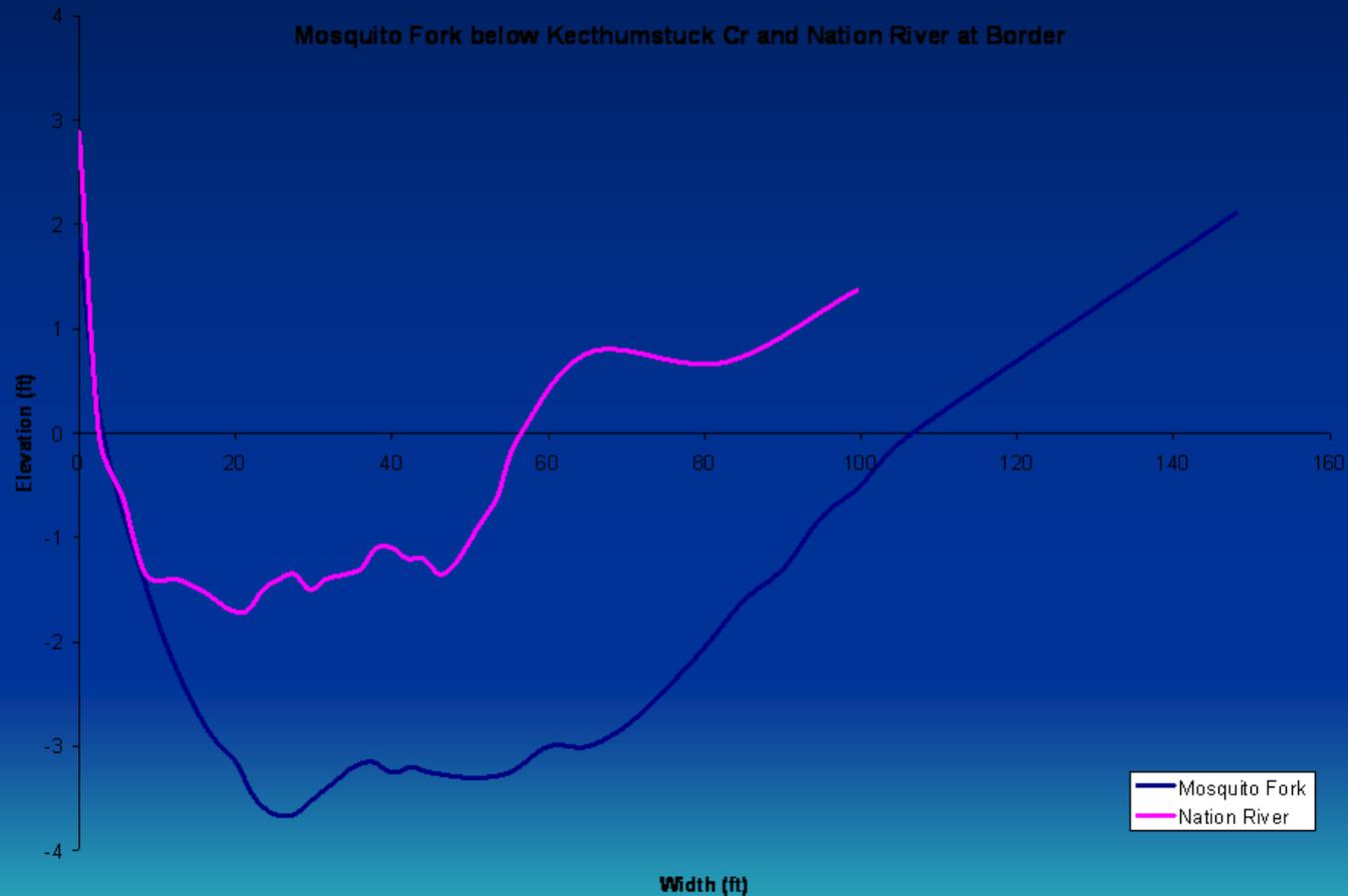
Physical Characteristics



Nation River at Canadian Border looking south
Adjudicated Navigable by IBLA and 9th Cir

- **Susceptibility:** Physical characteristics, the genesis of the hydrological research project. What is the yardstick?

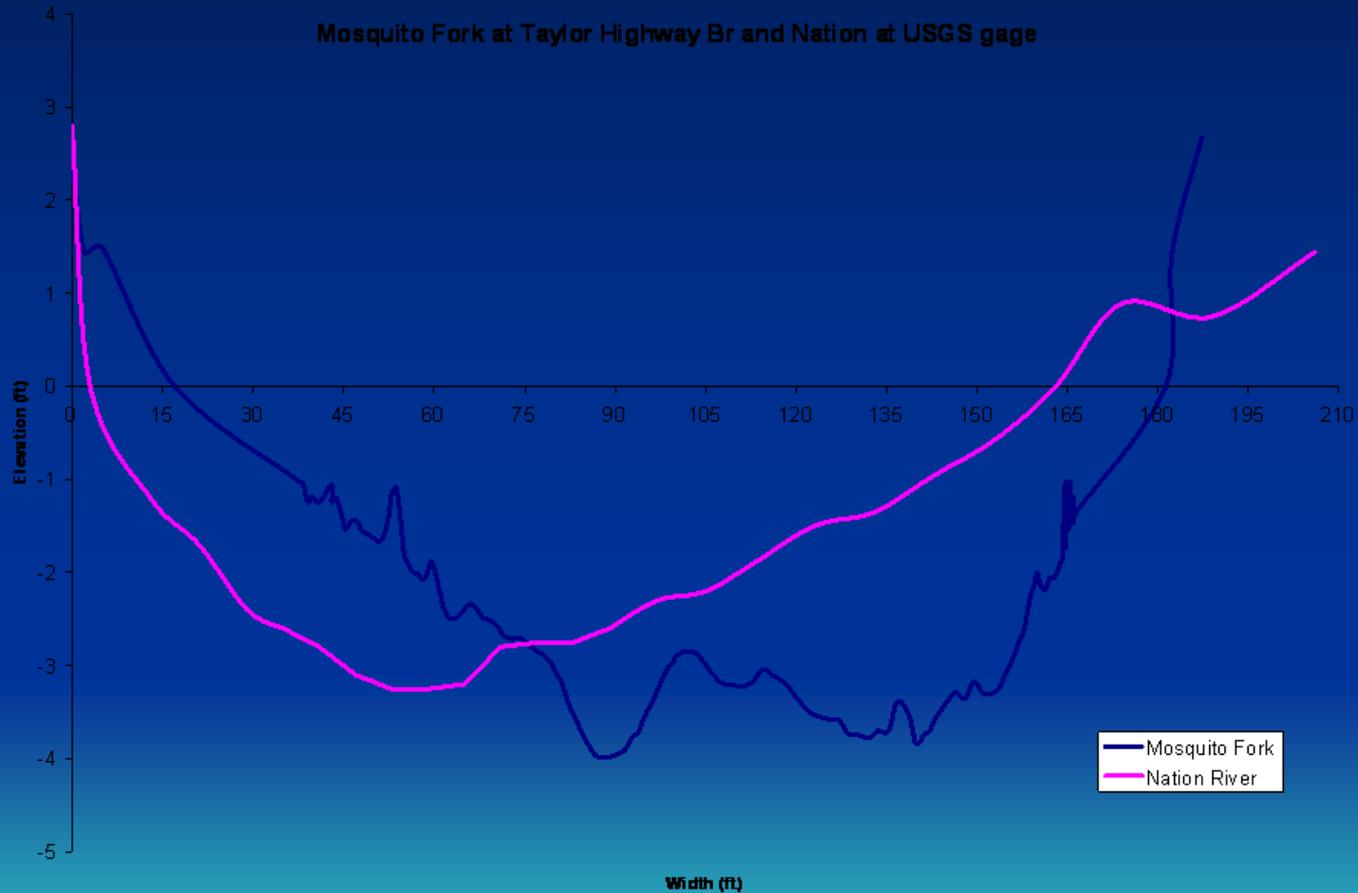
Comparison of Nation and Fourtymile at Upper Reaches



Nation River Near Yukon River



Comparison of Nation and Fourtymile at Confluences



Historic Mosquito Fork Poling Boat



Mosquito Fork Above Ketchumstuck



Navigating the “Non Navigable”



More “Non Navigable” Navigation



I Do Not Always Get My Way



- But, we are fully resourced (new Atty)
- Focused on task
- Finalizing reports
- Interviewing witnesses
- Coordinating weekly

Approval to Litigate Pending



RS 2477 Field Work Summary



RST 1594 WAMCATS Research



- Extensive Archeological and ground surveys
- Confluence of Champion and Little Champion

Chicken Ridge Road Recon



WAMCATS Cabin Ruins



RST 1594 Teddy's Fork



Traveling Down Champion Creek (RST 1594)



Historian/Archeological Research



WAMCATS Artifacts



WAMCATS Telegraph Line and Insulator



WAMCATS Cabin Ruins



More WAMSCAT Cabins



Ruins at Franklin (RST 10)



RST 10 (Chicken to Franklin)



RST 421-1832



What is next on RS 2477s?



- We are on the hunt for;
- Continued collaboration with Utah
- Witnesses of use before 1969
- Historical evidence
- Archeological evidence
- **Cases in the State's best interest to prosecute**