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ALASKA HIGHWAY FEATURED IN NEW WEB EXHIBIT

WHITEHORSE –Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor is pleased to announce the opening of an archival web exhibit on June 8 at 7 p.m. at Yukon Archives.

The new web exhibit by Yukon Archives, titled *The Alaska Highway: A Yukon Perspective*, captures the excitement, the drama and the immensity of this wartime construction feat.

“The new virtual website covers the complex history of the Alaska Highway and the Canol pipeline’s construction,” Taylor said. “The stories of the Highway are told through a remarkable collection of photos, sound recordings, film footage and textual records digitized from the holdings of the Yukon Archives.”

The building of the Alaska Highway was an engineering marvel by US Army Engineers and civilians who were challenged to create a pioneer road through the wilderness in record time. The project was full of difficulties and adventures and much was learned about road construction in northern climates.

The exhibit also contains a section that documents the highway’s profound impact on First Nations people, wildlife, the environment and the economy.

The Alaska Highway: A Yukon Perspective web exhibit was made possible in part through the Canadian Culture Online Program of Canadian Heritage, Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives. Matching funding was provided by Yukon’s Department of Tourism and Culture.

A new bibliography of sources pertaining to the planning, construction, and subsequent use of the Alaska Highway and Canol projects is now available at Yukon Archives. The publication will be available at the website launch. The publication includes books, photographs, films, sound recordings, diaries and many other types of records that document these extraordinary events in Yukon's past.

The new web exhibit and the *Alaska Highway and Canol Bibliography* can be viewed on-line at www.alaskahighwayarchives.ca.

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