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Judith Bittner
Alaska State Historic Preservation Office
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Office of History and Archaeology
550 West 7th Avenue
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34658, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Northern Rail
Extension Project, Phase I: Inadvertent Discovery Report on FA1-02118

Dear Judith Bittner:

I have e-mailed you and Shina Duvall a copy of the report, Northern Rail Extension, Tom Bear Trail Cabin, FA1-02118, Inadvertent Discovery Report and NRHP Evaluation for your review. I have also e-mailed you both a copy of the Coversheet for the discovery as required by your Office. The Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in the above proceeding supports the findings and conclusions of the report. Notably, we support the report finding that the Site, FA1-02118, is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under any criteria and no historic properties would be affected by recommencement of construction of the construction access road. As you know, STB is the lead agency for preparing cultural resources documentation required under these authorities. As the lead agency, STB has the statutory obligation to fulfill the requirements pursuant to the Section 106 regulations.

I am serving as OEA's project manager for the cultural resources and tribal consultation portions of the project. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a call to discuss the report or project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-245-0293 (Gliddenc@stb.dot.gov). I am Faxing a copy of this letter to you today, September 14, 2011.

Sincerely,

Catherine Glidden
Office of Environmental Analysis

Cc: Shina Duvall