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2 attachments



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Hi Najah and Tracie,

Based on the comments received during our meeting on October 21, we have developed the attached outline to revise the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Extension of the Alaska Railroad to Port MacKenzie. For your reference, the draft PA that was in the Draft EIS is attached. Please let me know if you have any comments or revisions.

Thanks very much,

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Preamble

- Update Whereas clauses regarding invited and other signatories
- Update Whereas clause per Iditarod eligibility and evaluation needs of the Dena'ina potential historic property

Stipulations

I. Administrative Considerations

No Change

II. Applicability of this Agreement and Area of Potential Effects

No Change

III. Tribal Consultation

No change to the text in Stipulation III, but the draft Plan for Tribal Consultation or PTC (Attachment B) should be updated to reflect the level of involvement and specific consultation needs expressed by the Knik Tribal Council and other Tribes (esp. Native Village of Eklutna) and Alaska Native organizations (esp. Knikatu, Inc.) during the recent outreach effort. The PTC should include:

- A. Training of Knik Tribal Council (KTC) and other individuals knowledgeable in Dena'ina history to recognize artifacts
- B. Conducting more interviews to supplement Dena'ina history within the study area
- C. Training of KTC individuals on how to conduct interviews
- D. Consulting with KTC on National Register eligibility findings related to Dena'ina sites and historic districts along the alternative licensed by the STB
- E. Reviewing of Treatment Plans by KTC

IV. Identification of Historic Properties and Assessment of Effects

Re-organize into the following three parts, while making the discussion simpler and more specific under each part:

- A. Dena'ina potential historic property
 1. Link to interviews and treatment in the PTC (Attachment B)
 2. Document essential character defining features
 3. Assess integrity within the APE of the licensed alternative
 4. Establish boundaries of eligible sites or historic districts along the licensed alternative

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5. Assess potential adverse effects for eligible properties within the APE of the licensed alternative
6. Consult to minimize potential adverse effects on eligible properties within the APE of the licensed alternative
- B. Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District-Historic Vernacular Landscape
 1. Hold workshops with mushers and other interested parties to discuss contributing features and boundaries of landscape within the APE of the licensed alternative and potential effects
 2. Determine ages for contributing resources with unknown ages within the APE of the licensed alternative
 3. Identify whether currently considered non-contributing resources relate to either period of significance and retain integrity
 4. Determine the possibility of currently unidentified contributing resources and features
 5. Consult on potential grade-separation mitigation to keep historic long distance dog sled trails intact and to maintain their connectivity
 6. Consult to minimize potential adverse effects on eligible properties within the APE of the licensed alternative
- C. Archaeological Sites

Simplify current stipulations IV.A. through IV.H. This may replace the ID Plan.

V. Treatment and VI. Monitoring

No change

VI. Curation

Insert first subsection to provide curatorial assistance to KTC and Knikatu, Inc.

VII. Annual Meeting and Reports

Change title to Annual Report, and only include the text now under Stipulation C. Any meetings or other reports will be discussed in the PTC and in Stipulation IV. A., B., or C.

VIII. through XVI.

No changes

Signatories

Add invited signatories and concurring parties per recent outreach and meeting

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Attachments

- A. **Plan of Action:** No changes
- B. **PTC:** Update as discussed under Stipulation III above
- C. **ID Plan:** Consider revising or dropping based on 2008 and 2009 annual reports. The specific content may be added to Stipulation IV.C. If this would possibly delay the signing of the PA, then the ID plan should remain unchanged until after an alternative is licensed.