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Office Environmental Analysis

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Re: Docket No. FD 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation - Construction and Operation
Exemption - A Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska: Comments on
Quarterly Report No. 9

Dear Ms. Floyd:

In its November 17, 2011 decision granting the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) the authority to construct and operate the Port MacKenzie rail line extension, the Board imposed 100 mitigation measures on the project. Mitigation Measure #98 requires ARRC to submit quarterly reports to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) on the progress of, implementation of, and compliance with the Board-imposed mitigation measures. On April 29, 2014, OEA received ARRC's Quarterly Report No. 9 for the quarter ending March 31, 2014.

OEA has reviewed Quarterly Report No. 9 and our comments are attached. OEA requests that these comments be addressed in Quarterly Report No. 10, which will cover April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Navecky, OEA's Project Manager, at 202-245-0294.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Jay Johnson, Venable LLP

ATTACHMENT
Docket No. FD 35095
Port MacKenzie Rail Line Extension

I. OEA Comments on Quarterly Report No. 9
(Quarter Ending March 31, 2014)

General Note: The current monitoring report is Quarterly Report No. 9, not No. 8 as cited in ARRC's submittal. The next monitoring report will be No. 10.

Mitigation Measure #49 (Page 15): Has ARRC conducted, or plan to conduct, its annual consultation with ADF&G on known bear den locations that may occur within 0.5 mile of construction activities?