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Re: PMRE Proposed Final APE

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Catherine,

Welcome to the Port MacKenzie Project! You have a quite a challenge for the new year, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Elizabeth Grover with HDR would also be a good resource. I have tried to answer all your questions below.

Indirect affect area.

A review of the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey (AHRS) data maintained by the Office of History and Archaeology was conducted as part of Stephen R. Braund & Associates' (SRB&A) identification and evaluation efforts undertaken for the EIS/Section 106 analysis for the entire PMRE Project area, which includes the indirect effect area. This information is included in SRB&A's 2009 and 2010 reports. An update of this data set was obtained by the PMRE Working Group in Summer 2011 to inform the Area of Potential Effect (APE), 2011/2012 field efforts and work associated with the Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District (IDSHD).

Previous Surveys. As mentioned above, SRBA prepared two cultural resource surveys during the EIS process -- I can send you electronic copies of these documents if you need them. This fall, based on the scope of work in the MOU between ARRC, MSB and KTC, MSB and KTC cultural resource personnel conducted additional surveys

in some of the segments/areas where construction is scheduled to begin this spring. The Working Group is currently preparing the draft report, and it will be submitted to STB and SHPO for review this month. Additional surveys for remaining areas requiring survey will be conducted during the 2012 field season.

TCPs. The Working Group, which includes KTC, is not addressing TCPs, as TCPs have not been identified as a concern for this area. As determined/discussed during consultation associated with the drafting of the Programmatic Agreement, although the project is within the Dena'ina cultural landscape, which is important to the Knik Tribe, it is not considered a TCP. Also, refer to page 6-15 of the EIS, which states "Consulting parties did not identify any traditional cultural properties in the study area during government-to-government or NHPA section 106 consultation for the proposed action."

Let me know if you have any additional questions. Barb

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Hi Barbara,

Thanks for sending documents regarding the Port Mackenzie APE. The pdf file is sufficient as I was able to download everything successfully this morning. No need to send a hard copy.

Just curious to know if there will be a site file search completed for the indirect affects area since there will be no updated surveys done there. I would also like to know how potential TCP's are being addressed by the Working Group. On that note, it might be helpful for me to have copies of surveys that the railroad has already completed in the currently designated APE to bring me up to date.

The actual designation of the APE (direct effects and indirect effects areas) looks fine to me.

Thanks,
Cathy

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> Judy and Catherine,
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> In accordance with Stipulation II.D of the Port MacKenzie Rail
> Extension (PMRE) Project Programmatic Agreement, the Working Group
> developed a proposed final Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the
> PMRE Project. The attached letter submits the proposed final APE

> for a 15-day review.
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> I mailed a hard copy to Judy. Catherine - if you would like me to
> mail you a hard copy, please let me know. Happy New Year! Thanks, Barb
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