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Re: Programmatic Agreement for Proposed Port MacKenzie Rail Line

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Per the conference call on March 23, ARRC had two items to follow up on: provide more detail about the working group and suggest alternative wording for the Coordination with Other Federal Agencies.

I looked at the wording again that Doug Gasek proposed for Coordination with Other Federal Agencies. I think I was misreading it during the conference call, so I am not suggesting any alternative wording except to change "MOA" to "PA".

With regard to Development of the Working Group (Part III), we offer the following changes for your consideration to elaborate on the role of the working group and consultation/coordination with the signatories (STB, FRA, ACHP, SHPO). The proposed new wording is highlighted. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Barb

A. Development of a Working Group

1. The Working Group, consisting of representatives of ARRC, MSB and KTC, in consultation with the signatories to this Agreement, will develop a detailed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) once an alternative has been licensed.
2. The MOU will address identification, evaluation, and mitigation efforts including conducting additional surveys in moderate to high probability areas not previously surveyed; oral history interviews; and a workshop with the Tribes to assess potential effects on historic properties, including effects on current harvest areas such as the ceremonial moose hunt area.
3. Results of work conducted under the MOU will be documented in the Annual Reports (see Stipulation VII.A.) as appropriate.
4. Results of work conducted under the MOU will be subject to oversight, review, and approval by signatories to this Agreement. Specific procedures will be addressed as necessary in the MOU.

>>> <David.Navecky@stb.dot.gov> 3/16/2011 10:42 AM >>>

Hello Everyone -

We have concluded the comment period on the February 10, 2011 draft of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the proposed Port MacKenzie Rail Extension. I have attached two documents for your use:

Notes from the February 24, 2011 conference call of the Parties where we discussed the February 10 draft PA and the next steps in the process
Copy of all written comments received from the Parties on the February 10 draft PA

Next Conference Call of the Parties

At the suggestion of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), we will convene a second conference call of the Parties to discuss the key comments of interest to the Parties and how those comments may be addressed in the final draft PA. This conference call will be held a week from today, as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Savings Time / 10:00 AM Alaska Time
Call-in Number: 877-423-6338, Access Code 660091

Next Steps and Schedule

With the input received from the upcoming conference call and your written comments on the February 10 draft PA, the STB will prepare the final draft PA (in consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and ACHP) for signature by the parties. The proposed schedule for this process is provided below:

March 23 Conference call of the Parties to review comments received on the February 10 draft PA
March 15 - April 1 STB prepares final draft PA in consultation with ACHP and SHPO
April 4 STB distributes final draft PA to the Parties for signature

Thank you all so much for your continued patience, cooperation and participation. If you have any questions, please call or email me at your convenience.

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(See attached file: Port MacKenzie 2-24-11 PA Conference Call Meeting
Minutes_Final.docx)(See attached file: Draft_PA_Comments.pdf)