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MEMORANDUM

To: Victoria Rutson, Chief,
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board

From: Mark Peterburs, Project Manager

Subject: Northern Rail Extension Project
Quarterly Progress Report, January-March 2014

This quarterly progress report is submitted in accordance with the *Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the Surface Transportation Board, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the Alaska Railroad Corporation, Northern Rail Extension Between North Pole and Delta Junction, Alaska*, STB Finance Docket 34658, executed in December 2009. This progress report covers the period from January 2014 through March 2014.

Project Progress – January to March 2014

Key activities/milestones conducted during the reporting period are summarized below.

Historic Properties:

- Completed and submitted the 2013 Annual Report for the PA

Construction:

- Girder erection complete
- Removal of temporary decking, scaffolding and bridging completed
- Removal of temporary access trestles completed
- Removal of temporary access causeway nearly completed
- Mining and stockpiling of Type-A embankment material started

Public Outreach:

- Met with local property owners, borough and other stakeholders to discuss the establishment of a Tom Bear "Road Services" district

Milestones/Planned Activities – Next Reporting Period

Construction:

- Complete removal of causeway and trestle piles





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- Begin construction of approach embankment
- Initiate ballast pan bolt-up and bridge construction

Historic Properties:

- Quarterly progress reporting
- No other historic properties related tasks planned at this time

Public Outreach:

- No public outreach activities are planned at this time

NRE Project Photographs



Figure 1. Girder Construction, March 2014





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Figure 2. Trestle Removal, February 2014.



Figure 3. Trestle and Pile Removal, March 2014.





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Figure 4. Causeway Removal, March 2014.

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