



Northern Rail Extension Project

A project of the Alaska Railroad Corporation

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MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Tom Brooks, P.E., Chief Engineer
Vice President, Projects, Maintenance, and Engineering

From: Mark Peterburs, Project Manager

Subject: Northern Rail Extension Project
Quarterly Progress Report, January 2012 – March 2012

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 is the third quarterly progress report prepared, covering the period from January 2012 through March 2012.

Project Progress – January to March 2012

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

Historic Properties:

- Prepared and submitted 2011 Annual Report to STB, 1/6/2012

Construction:

The project is in winter shutdown. The only construction activities during the reporting period included:

- Removal of overburden at Brown's Hill Quarry to prepare for riprap production
- Construction and maintenance of ice roads for clearing and grubbing
- Clearing and grubbing on the island and west and east banks

Public Outreach:

Public Outreach continued including:

- ARRC project open house in Fairbanks (January 2012)
- NRE open house in Salcha (March 2012)





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Milestones/Planned Activities – Next Reporting Period

- Construct launching toe
- Resume levee construction
- Prepare for annual cultural resources awareness training for supervisory employees and contractors (scheduled for August 6, 2012)

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