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File No.: 3130-1R FRA/STB/Port Mackenzie Rail Extension

SUBJECT: Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska
Consultation with Knik Tribal Council, Dena'ina Cultural Historian and
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Commission

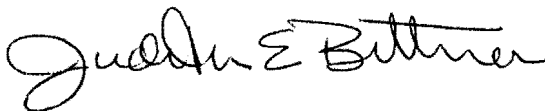
Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Rutson,

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed your correspondence regarding the referenced project (received on April 16, 2009) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Sharing the Dena'ina perspective with us is helpful. We concur that including analysis of a potential contemporary Dena'ina cultural landscape in your identification of historic properties under 36CFR800.4 will be beneficial.

Please contact Stefanie Ludwig (907-269-8720) if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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