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Fwd: RE: Port MacKenzie Rail Extension: 15-day Review of
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Draft MOU
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Here is the response from the SHPO office. Let me know if you have any questions. barb

>>> "Duvall, Shina A (DNR)" <shina.duvall@alaska.gov> 9/21/2011 11:52 AM >>>

Hi Barb et al.,

We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts on the MOU. We have no additional comments and wish to confirm that we are satisfied with the changes that have been made. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the development of this document.

Best regards,

Shina

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Subject: RE: Port MacKenzie Rail Extension: 15-day Review of Draft MOU

Dave,

ARRC, MSB, and KTC representatives have been working closely with SHPO representatives to revise the MOU to address SHPO's comments. The attached document is the result of those efforts. Extensive changes were made in Sections 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 in particular, and Attachment B is new. Although a second review of the MOU is not required in the PA, we recommend a 7-day review to confirm that STB and SHPO are satisfied with the changes. Once we hear back from you, the MOU will be signed by ARRC, MSB, and KTC, and I will send a copy to STB and SHPO for your files. Thanks for your help, and let me know if you have any questions. Barb

>>> "Duvall, Shina A (DNR)" <shina.duvall@alaska.gov> 8/26/2011 4:02 PM >>>

Hi Dave,

By way of introduction, I joined the Alaska SHPO at OHA in mid-June and will be serving as the coordinator of the Review & Compliance unit here. I have been working with Doug here in our office as well as the rest of the Working Group members to get caught up to speed on the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension project. I look forward to working with you and hope to have an opportunity to meet you and other state/federal agency colleagues in person when time and circumstances allow.

Our office has reviewed the Draft MOU. Please see the attached document for our tracked changes and comments/suggestions. We generally worked to simplify and clarify the document so that a lay reader will be able to better understand its intent/purpose. In addition to the changes and comments in the attached, we offer a couple of general comments for your consideration.

Primarily, we believe that this document would better fulfill its originally-intended purpose, as described in the PA, if it incorporated the actual proposed curation agreement/policy, identification methodology, standard treatments, etc. as appendices or attachments. It appears to some extent, that the language in the MOU simply reiterates what is already stated in the PA (i.e., it describes what the purpose of the MOU is, rather than carries forward its intended tasks).

Additionally, we believe that more clarification could be provided regarding the responsible parties and the time frames each party has to accomplish tasks.

We look forward to working with the Signatories, the Working Group, and other consulting parties on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance.

Best regards,
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Judy -

The Programmatic Agreement (Agreement) for the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project was executed on June 15, 2011. The Agreement outlines the creation of a Working Group, consisting of the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), and the Knik Tribal Council (KTC). The Working Group will be responsible for completing certain tasks under the Agreement and reporting back to the STB and your office, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The roles and responsibilities of the Working group are to be defined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Working Group has prepared a draft MOU, and today I am providing you the draft MOU for a 15-day review and comment period, as specified in Stipulation III.A.4 of the Agreement.

Accordingly, please review the attached draft MOU and provide any written comments to me by Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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(See attached file: PMRE-PA_MOU_Draft-072111.docx)