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Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) Compliance
Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project Multiple Property Documentation: Iditarod Dog Sledding Properties in the Point MacKenzie Area, 1967-1978
Docket No. FD-35095

Dear Ms. Bittner and Ms. Nadals:

Enclosed please find the Alaska Railroad Corporation's (ARRC) final report, *Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project Multiple Property Documentation: Iditarod Dog Sledding Properties in the Point MacKenzie Area, 1967-1978*.

This report is a result of a mitigation measure included in the *Workshop Summary and Implementation Plan* and consultation among SHPO and the Working Group following final submittal of that document in November 2012. This consultation determined that the Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District (IDSHD) is better suited to designation as a multiple property, and additional documentation should follow a multiple property approach. This approach was approved during consultation among the Working Group, SHPO, and STB in December 2013. A draft of the multiple property documentation was provided to the Working Group, STB, and SHPO in May 2014, and comments following that review have been addressed in this document where determined appropriate.

We have provided an electronic .pdf file (without appendix) with the email transmittal. An electronic .pdf file of the report with appendix will be included in the mailed hard copy of the report.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at (907) 265-3095, or by email at lindamoodb@akrr.com.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project Multiple Property Documentation: Iditarod Dog Sledding Properties in the Point MacKenzie Area 1967-1978, HDR, Inc., February 2015

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