



Kotzebue to Cape Blossom Road Draft Environmental Assessment

Project No. 76884/NCPD-0001(204)

Appendix B

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Appendix B National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Consultation Letter



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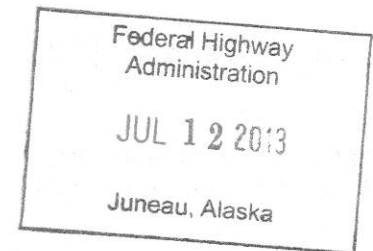
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Subject: Kotzebue to Cape Blossom Road Project

Dear Mr. Huestis:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated June 17, 2013) on June 20, 2013.

Following our review of the documentation, we concur with your determination that because the Kotzebue White Alice Communication System Historic District (KTZ-00037) has been adequately mitigated and subsequently demolished, it has been rendered **not eligible** for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Further, we concur with your determination that KTZ-00190 no longer contributes to the historic district, but remains individually **eligible** for the NRHP under Criterion A. Finally, we concur that KTZ-00231 and KTZ-00232 are **not eligible** for the NRHP.

As there are no historic properties present within the project's area of potential effects (APE), we concur that a finding of **no historic properties affected** is appropriate for the proposed undertaking.

Your letter indicates that a great deal of consultation on potential effects to historic properties has been ongoing since at least late 2007. We are accustomed to receiving initiation letters that include preliminary information about the scope and scale of these types of projects as well as a preliminary definition of the APE, especially when there are potential effects to historic properties or when a cultural resource inventory is conducted. Our records do not indicate receipt of an initiation letter on the subject undertaking. Despite our concurrence with the determinations and finding of effect provided, in the future, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to be involved in consultation early in an undertaking's planning (per 36 CFR 800.1[c]).

As stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Additional information provided by the local government, Tribes, or other consulting parties may cause our office to re-evaluate our comments and recommendations. Please note that our comment letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Shina duVall at 269-8720 or shina.duvall@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
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