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Subject: Notification of Inadvertent Adverse Effect - Park Road MP 62.7 and 63 Bypass Construction

Dear Ms. Jostad:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated June 28, 2019) and attached report titled *2019 Archaeological Survey Summary Report: Park Road MP 62.7 and 63 Bypass Construction* on July 1, 2019. We have reviewed the documentation and agree that a finding of adverse effect is appropriate for the project as a result of the inadvertent effect caused by the contractor's failure to follow the conditions that would have avoided an adverse effect to the Park Road Historic District.

We look forward to working with your office to resolve the adverse effect through the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). As there are several current projects that either have or will adversely affect the Park Road, and future maintenance or replacement may have adverse effects on the Park Road, our office believes it may be appropriate to develop a Programmatic Agreement that will guide current and future resolution of adverse effects. We recommend considering mitigation options that include producing interpretive materials for the public that will convey the story of the Park Road.

Please note that the agency official shall notify the Advisory Council of the adverse effect finding (36 CFR 800.6[a][1]) and that other consulting parties such as local governments and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking (36 CFR 800.3). Additional information provided by the 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Sarah Meitl at 269-8720 or sarah.meitl@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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