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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Denali National Park and Preserve

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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July 23, 2020

Ms. Judith Bittner  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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Dear Ms. Bittner,

Denali National Park and Preserve is changing the proposed design of a fence for the dog yard and the number of free standing lights at the Park Kennels which we consulted with you on in the fall of 2019 (File No. 30130-IRNPS 2019-01211). As submitted in 2019 the park was proposing fencing the current open dog yard into two separate areas with fencing mimicking the historic pens that used to encompass all of the dog houses by fencing in a small area. The current proposal is for fencing in the entire dog yard with a perimeter fence, and including three new exterior lights and four large gates on the fence. While the proposal to enclose the entire yard in fencing is more of a departure from the historic pen layout than the 2019 proposal, this will be mitigated through the continuation of keeping the character defining features of the pens present in the new perimeter fence. The Park Kennels Building (B105), dog pens (B105b), and dog houses (B105a) contribute to the Mt. McKinley Headquarters Historic District. Please find details of the updated proposed project in the enclosed Cultural Resource Report No. 2020-DENA-023 and Coversheet.

Based on our review, the project would not adversely affect the integrity of the Historic District or the contributing features listed above. We have reached a National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, determination of "No Historic Properties Adversely Effected" (36 CFR Part 800.5(3)(b)). We request SHPO response within 30 days of receipt of this letter per 36 CFR 800.3(c). If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Phoebe Gilbert at (907) 683-9540, or by email at [phoebe\\_gilbert@nps.gov](mailto:phoebe_gilbert@nps.gov).

Thank you in advance for your review,

Brooke Merrell  
Acting Deputy Superintendent

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