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File No.: 3130-1R Surface Transportation Board

SUBJECT: Construct and operate rail line between Eielson Air Force Base (North Pole) and Fort Greely (Delta Junction), Alaska

Victoria Rutson
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Rutson,

The State Historic Preservation Office received on April 6, 2006, your letter regarding the referenced project and the attached report titled *Site location model and survey strategy for cultural resources in the Alaska Railroad Northern Rail Extension Project area* by Northern Land Use Research, Inc. (December 2005). We also met/teleconferenced with Dave Navecky (SEA Project Manager), Alan Summerville (ICF Consulting), Bob King (BLM) and Peter Bowers and Ben Potter (NLUR) on April 19, 2006 regarding this project. Based on the meeting and our review of the report, we find the proposed site location model and survey strategy acceptable.

Please contact Stefanie Ludwig at 269-8720 if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Cc: Alan Summerville, ICF Consulting Service, LLC