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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,

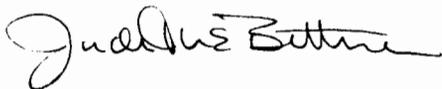
The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) received on August 18, 2006, your letter regarding the referenced project. We have reviewed your revised survey and testing strategy in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We agree with the following:

- The type of survey employed in investigating the ancillary facilitates will be guided by the predictive model: (A) helicopter based survey and localized testing in low potential areas; and (B) ground based survey and localized testing in high potential areas.
- All newly reported archaeological sites will continue to be evaluated for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Site boundaries however, do not need to be delineated for this phase of the project. Once the final alternative has been selected, site boundaries must be established of all eligible sites within the area of potential effect. Only then will the SHPO be able to concur on an assessment of effect of this project.

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