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File No.: 3480 FAA/Juneau Airport Improvements
3330-6N JUN-1074

SUBJECT: Juneau Airport Improvements
Results of additional archaeological testing

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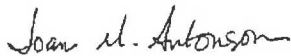
Dear Ms. Sullivan:

The State Historic Preservation Office received on January 28, 2008, a letter and attached document titled *Results of Presence/Absence Testing for Subsurface and Obscured Archaeological Resources within Higher Probability Areas of the Juneau International Airport, Juneau, Alaska* from SWCA Environmental Consultants. We have reviewed these materials under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We concur with your finding that the site containing the concrete foundations, berm and road segment (JUN-1074) is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Consequently we also find that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed airport improvements. We understand that construction contracts will contain provisions for inadvertent finds of cultural or human remains.

Please contact Stefanie Ludwig (269-8720) if you have any questions or we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,



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RE: Results of Presence/Absence Testing for Subsurface and Obscured Archaeological Resources at the Juneau International Airport, Juneau, Alaska (File 3480 FAA/Juneau Airport Improvements)

Dear Ms. Ludwig:

Enclosed on behalf of our client, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), please, find the technical report summarizing the results of archaeological presence/absence testing at the Juneau International Airport, Juneau. A coversheet is also provided. This report is being submitted in fulfillment of the stipulations of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FAA, the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office, and the City and Borough of Juneau regarding proposed improvements at the Airport.

The testing program implemented by SWCA followed the methods set forth in the approved investigation plan. One cultural resource site (JUN-01074) was located during testing. An AHRS form for the site is enclosed with the report. This site consists of a concrete foundation, a berm (push pile), a faint two-track road segment, two historical artifacts, and several modern artifacts. Research conducted by SWCA as part of our site documentation failed to yield any evidence of significant historical associations for the site (Criteria A and B), and the site does not appear to meet the standards of Criteria C and D of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). As such we have recommended that the site be considered ineligible for the NRHP. Ms. Patti Sullivan of the FAA has reviewed our report and concurs with our recommendation for this site. The FAA requests your concurrence as well. No other sites were identified during testing.

Although the subsurface testing resulted in the discovery of only one cultural site, the FAA will require that all construction contracts associated with the projects to be funded by FAA grant monies contain provisions for unanticipated discoveries. No other work or provisions are deemed necessary at this time to fulfill the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, related legislation, or the MOA.

Should you have any questions about the enclosed materials or require additional information, please, do not hesitate to contact either myself or Patti Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan can be reached via phone at 907/271-5454. I can be reached via phone at 801/322-4307 or via email at sellis@swca.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheri Murray Ellis".

Sheri Murray Ellis, M.S., RPA
NHPA/NEPA Sr. Project Manager

Enclosure

Archaeological Testing Report