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Federal Historic Preservation Fund reauthorized

One of the last acts of the 114th Congress in December was passing the National Park Service centennial bill (H.R. 4680) with a provision to reauthorize the federal Historic Preservation Fund for seven years. A shout-out to our Senator Lisa Murkowski for her support and leadership to get the HPF reauthorized!

The bill makes several changes regarding the National Register of Historic Places nomination process for properties on federal land. If a State Historic Preservation Officer does not provide a recommendation on a nomination of properties on federal lands within 45 days, the nomination still can go to the Keeper but the no response is officially considered opposition to the nomination. Another change is requiring the Keeper to publish an explanation in the Federal Register if the Keeper rejects the SHPO's recommendation regarding a National Register nomination on federal land.

The final bill also makes two changes to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers is added to the council. The chair of the council will become a full-time salaried position, and Senate will confirm the individual appointed by the president to the position. In late December, President Obama appointed Reno Keoni Franklin, Chair of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians in Sonoma County, California, as the new Native American/Native Hawaiian member on the council.

Regarding the budget, Congress passed a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded at FY 2016 levels through April 28, 2017. The Administration, House of Representatives, and Senate proposals for HPF funding for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) are:

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2016 Final	FY 2017 President	FY 2017 House	FY 2017 Senate proposal
States	\$ 46.925*	\$ 46.925	\$ 47.925	\$ 47.925
Tribes	9.985	11.985	11.985	9.985
Underrepresented communities grants	.500	.500	.500	.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	8.000	25.000	11.000	9.000
Historic Black Colleges/Universities		3.000	3.000	
Save America's Treasures grants			5.000	
TOTALS	\$ 65.410	\$ 87.410	\$ 79.410	\$ 67.410

* Figures are in millions.

The final National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017 did not have the proposed amendment that would have authorized the heads of all federal agencies to block historic designations of the federal properties based on national security objections. A similar amendment was not included in the 2014 and 2015 NDAA bills.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession activities

Peter Metcalfe is coordinating several of the signature commemoration events for the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. Among the activities is compiling *150 Reasons We Love Alaska* to promote the state. All are invited to send a reason, explained in around 150 words, about this place that is “both deeply familiar and wildly exotic.” The plan is to have a publication with the list and possibly run reasons individually in a newspaper, or newspapers, starting in late March 2017. Submissions are needed by mid-January, and should be sent to metcom@gci.net.

The eight-panel *1860s Alaska* travelling exhibit prepared by the History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Design offices, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available for community organizations, libraries, and schools to borrow for a three-week period. More information about the panels and how to request them for exhibit is available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>

A calendar of events to commemorate the sesquicentennial is on the Alaska Historical Society website www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org. To have an activity added to the list, information should be sent to members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org.

Governor Walker proclaimed 2017 *The Alaska Year of History and Heritage*, encouraging “all Alaskans to take the occasion of this 150th anniversary [of the Alaska Treaty of Cession] year to study, teach, reflect

upon our past, and apply its lessons to a brighter, more inclusive future.” It, and the discussion of U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward and the treaty that was produced by 360 North public television in Juneau in September, are available on the OHA website, <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>

National Park Service notes

The National Park Service is seeking nominations for the *Secretary of the Interior's Awards* recognizing individuals for maintaining, preserving, and enhancing cultural heritage. The award is Cabinet-level recognition of the accomplishments of individual employees whose work enhanced and improved historic preservation in their agency. The annual awards, one in each category (state, tribal, local, and federal), are made annually. Nominations are being accepted through January 6, 2017. Guidance for nominating an individual is at <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/Nomination.pdf> or by contacting David Banks, 202.354.2020 / david_banks@nps.gov.

The National Council for Preservation Education and National Park Service have a cultural resources internship program. Graduate and upper level undergraduate students in historic preservation or a closely allied field such as archaeology, architecture, history, and museum studies are eligible to apply to work on a wide range of cultural resource management tasks at various National Park sites. The application deadline for 2017 internships in Alaska is January 6th. For more information about the internships contact Heather Feil, 907.6444.3473 / heather_feil@nps.gov

American Battlefield Protection Program grants are available for archaeology, cultural landscape inventories, cultural resource documentation, GIS mapping, preservation planning and National Register nominations. The next deadline to apply is January 19, 2017. The application form and guidelines are available at www.cr.nps.gov/abpp. Additional information is available from Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov.

Emerging preservation leaders fellowship program

A coalition of Preservation50 partners created ARCUS, a cultural heritage preservation development initiative of short courses, materials and networking opportunities. The coalition has established a fellowship program for emerging preservation leaders. Applications for the spring 2017 fellowship program are due January 15, 2017. For more information about the initiative and fellowships contact Greg Werkheiser, 703.408.2002 / www.preservation50.org/arcus/.

Vernacular Architecture Forum calling for award nominations

The Vernacular Architecture Forum annually gives the Paul E. Buchanan Award for contributions to the study and preservation of vernacular architecture and the cultural landscape that do not take the form of books or published works. The deadline for submission is February 17, 2017. More information is available at <http://www.vafweb.org/Buchanan-Award>

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is calling for nominations for its 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties List. The nomination form may be found at www.aahp-online.net or by

sending a request to akpreservation@gmail.com. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 31, 2017.

Alaska Women's Hall of Fame soliciting nominations

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for its Class of 2017 until January 23, 2017. The program recognizes women in any field who made significant and lasting contributions to Alaska and its communities. A program to introduce the women selected in 2017 will be held in May in Anchorage. Additional information and the nomination form are at www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/

This Place Matters Alaska map

The Office of History and Archaeology has #*ThisPlaceMatters Alaska*, an interactive map with photos of historic properties around the state on its website at <http://arcg.is/1TvQiht>. Photos are welcome! To submit a place and photo, go to bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation
Project information: www.sterlinghighway.net

Bureau of Land Management
Final planning rule including regulations and NEPA documentation:
www.blm.gov/plan2

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft Environmental Impact Statement
Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21), <http://www.ferc.gov>
Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project No. P-13212-005), <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>
Contact: Kenneth Hogan, 202.502.2375 / Kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

January 6 National Park Service, Secretary of the Interior’s 2016 Historic Preservation Award nomination deadline, <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/Nomination.pdf> (David Banks, 202.354.2020 / david_banks@nps.gov)

January 6 National Council for Preservation Education and National Park Service 2017 Cultural Resources Program internship application deadline (Heather Feil, 907.644.3473 / heather_feil@nps.gov)

January 19 National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program grant application deadline (Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov)

January 23 Alaska Women’s Hall of Fame, Class of 2017 nomination deadline (www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/)

February 17 Vernacular Architecture Forum, Paul E. Buchanan Award nomination deadline, <http://www.vafweb.org/Buchanan-Award> (Casey Pecoraro, 410.514.7656 / casey.pecoraro@maryland.gov)

February 27-March 2 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks (<https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/>)

March 14-16 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers Annual Meeting and Preservation Advocacy Week, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / monoson@ncshpo.org)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 24 National Preservation Institute: Renewable Energy Development: Impacts on Cultural Resources seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 25-26 National Preservation Institute: Cultural and Natural Resources: An Integrated Management Strategy seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 27-28 National Preservation Institute: Native American Cultural Property Law seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

June 15-19 Mining History Association's 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, eric.nystrom@asu.edu)

September 6-9 American Association for State and Local History 2017 annual meeting: I AM History, Austin, TX (Bethany Hawkins, 615.320.3203 / hawkins@aaslh.org)

September 27-30 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage (Adam

November 8-10 International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, #43(0)1 4000 81176 wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

