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## 2017: THE ALASKA YEAR OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

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### Historic Preservation Fund FY 17 and FY 18 budgets

On May 4, Congress passed an omnibus appropriations bill to fund the federal government for the rest of FY 2017. It has a \$17 million increase for the Historic Preservation Fund programs. For FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) the final appropriations are in the chart below.

President Trump’s FY 2018 budget proposes a significant reduction to the appropriation for the Historic Preservation Fund. It proposes to only fund the state and tribal offices and eliminates all competitive grant programs.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 President
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1
Tribes	10.485	9.0
Underserved communities initiative		.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	13.000	
Historic Black Colleges/Universities	4.000	
Save America’s Treasures grants	5.000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 80.910</b>	<b>\$ 51.1</b>

\* Figures are in millions.

### Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

June 1 is the last day for comments on the vision statement, goals, and objectives for the 2018-2023 Alaska historic preservation plan being prepared by the Office of History and Archaeology. Input is sought to help develop strategies to address historic preservation education, partnerships, site survey and documentation, preservation and protection of sites and buildings, sustainability, local preservation programs, and funding and incentives. The materials are at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. To comment, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>. For more information contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / [summer.louthan@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.louthan@alaska.gov)

The Alaska Historical Commission will meet July 17, 2017, at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. The preliminary agenda will be available June 15, and includes continuation of the discussion of preservation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre, updates on activities to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession, and review of National Register of Historic Places nominations, geographic name proposals, and Certified Local Government grant applications. For more information contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov).

The terms on the Alaska Historical Commission for Terrence Cole, Michael Hawfield, and Wayne Jensen end June 30, 2017. Individuals interested in being considered for appointment by the Governor to serve on the board need to complete an application that is available on the Governor’s office website, <https://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/>. The website has additional information about the Alaska Historical Commission or you can contact Judy Bittner, 907.269.8715 / [judy.bittner@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.bittner@alaska.gov).

### 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

At the Seward House in Auburn, New York, a ceremony took place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to unveil the statue of William H. Seward that will be placed in Juneau on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. More activities took place in Lincoln and Seward, Nebraska, as the statue was trucked west. Two signs are being made to be placed near the statue that talk about Seward’s significance to the nation and his 1869 visit to Alaska. More information on the July activities in Juneau are included in the calendar of commemorative events the Alaska Historical Society has on its website, <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>.

The eight-panel *1860s Alaska* travelling exhibit prepared by the History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Education offices, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available to community organizations, libraries, and schools for a three-week period. The application to get them for exhibit is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A companion booklet is available that can be obtained by sending a good mailing address to [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov).

### Alaska Highway and Dutch Harbor 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations being planned

Activities to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of construction of the Alaska Highway are planned at Ft. Wainwright on June 2, Delta Junction/Fort Greely on June 3, Anchorage on June 5, and later this summer and fall at Fairbanks, Tok, and Valdez. A calendar of events is posted at <http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/akhwy75/events.shtm>. More information about commemoration plans is available from Meadow Bailey, Northern Region, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, [meadow.bailey@alaska.gov](mailto:meadow.bailey@alaska.gov).

Governor Walker signed a law designating October 25 of each year “African American Soldiers’ Contribution to Building the Alaska Highway Day.” The bill recognizes the extraordinary efforts of African American soldiers in building the Alaska Highway in 1942. Soldiers from the 93<sup>rd</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, and 97<sup>th</sup> Engineer General Services Regiments and the 388<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion were sent to Alaska and western Canada in 1942. The men faced racial discrimination yet exceeded expectations in completing their sections of the road. Their work contributed to President Truman’s decision to desegregate the military in 1948. Because of this, the Federal Highway Administration has called the Alaska Highway “the road to civil rights.” Jean Pollard, Chair, Alaska Highway Project is planning a recognition event for October 25<sup>th</sup> this year. For more information, Pollard can be contacted at 907.764.7464 / [jeanpollard@gmail.com](mailto:jeanpollard@gmail.com).

The National Park Service and Ounashka Corporation are planning events for June 2-4, 2017, to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Japanese bombing of Dutch Harbor and the evacuation of the Unangan people from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands to camps in southeast Alaska that followed shortly after the attack. The events at Unalaska include a memorial ceremony, history presentations, personal stories, a mess hall meal, traditional Unangax foods luncheon, and a flyover by historical aircraft. For more information on the plans contact Rachel Mason, 907.644.3472 / [rachel\\_mason@nps.gov](mailto:rachel_mason@nps.gov).

### National Park Service updates

The National Register program plans to update and revise its bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*, also known as Bulletin 16A. Comments, clarifications, and recommendations on the current document are being solicited. The deadline for comments is December 31, 2017. Feedback may be submitted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or by email to [NR\\_Bulletin16@nps.gov](mailto:NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov). For questions or more information contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [Edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:Edson_beall@nps.gov).

The National Register of Historic Places office has sent out a reminder of their new address: Mail Stop 7228, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The NPS Heritage Documentation Programs (Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic Landscapes Survey) opened the competitions for the 2017 Charles E.

Peterson Prize, Leicester B. Holland Prize, and the American Landscapes Survey Challenge. The Peterson Prize recognizes the best sets of architectural measured drawings produced by college students and submitted for the Historic American Buildings Survey Collection at the Library of Congress. The Holland Prize, open to students and professionals, recognizes the best single sheet drawing of a site to honor excellence in delineation and composition. The landscape challenge is a short formal historical report competition, this year to document a historic city or town park. More information about each is available at <http://www.nps.gov/hdp>.

#### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has one more course in its spring 2017 Section 106 Webinar Series: a beginner level program, "Documentation and e-106." More information on the course, dates, and registration information is at [www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html](http://www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html).

The council's website features Section 106 success stories and in May an Alaska project was published on it. When the Tongass National Forest proposed timber sales for harvesting and the construction of access roads to support logging in 1992, archaeologists conducted surveys that led to the identification of the On Your Knees Cave/Shuká Kaa. After modifications to the harvest and road plan to avoid adverse effects to historic properties, the Forest Service moved forward with the timber sale. In 1996, archaeologists found human remains and cultural artifacts in the cave, and the Forest Service initiated Section 106 consultation that led to an arrangement supporting further field investigations and analysis and involving local tribal communities. The recently published results have significant insights into early human activity on the northwest coast. To read the story go to [http://www.achp.gov/sec106\\_successes.html](http://www.achp.gov/sec106_successes.html).

The council's Office of Native American Affairs has posted on its webpage, <http://www.achp.gov/304guidance.html>, guidance on the protection of sensitive information that is an especially important issue for Native Americans. Presented as frequently asked questions, the guidance addresses what information may be withheld from disclosure, under what circumstances, and for what reasons. If you have questions about the guidance, contact Kelly Fanizzo or Tom McCulloch at 202.517.0200 / [kfanizzo@qchp.gov](mailto:kfanizzo@qchp.gov) or [tmcculloch@achp.gov](mailto:tmcculloch@achp.gov).

#### Alaska State Museum seeks candidates for Museum Collections Advisory Committee

The Alaska State Museums is seeking a candidate for its Museum Collections Advisory Committee (MCAC). The committee approves donations, acquisitions, and deaccessions for the Alaska State Museums in Juneau and Sitka. It meets at least twice a year by teleconference. Terms are for three years. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume by June 18, 2017, to Addison Field, Alaska State Museums, 395 Whittier St., Juneau, AK 99801, [addison.field@alaska.gov](mailto:addison.field@alaska.gov).

#### Friends of Nike Site Summit announce 2017 tour dates

This year's tour dates for Nike Site Summit have been set, with a new option to take a hiking tour. There will be three-hour bus tours, mornings and afternoons, August 5, August 20, and September 9. The five-hour hiking tour is scheduled for July 8. The tours are for those ages 12 and older, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) requires registration thirty days in advance. Registration is at [www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017](http://www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017).

## National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has prepared a document, "Preservation for People: A Vision for the Future," based on meetings and symposia held last year about the future of historic preservation. Three key concepts for a people-center preservation movement are discussed: one that hears, understands, and honors the full diversity of the evolving American story; one that creates and nurtures more equitable, healthy, resilient, vibrant, and sustainable communities; and one that collaborates with new and existing partners to address fundamental social issues and make the world better. The document can be read at: <http://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/stephanie-k-meeks/2017/05/18/presenting-preservation-for-people-a-vision-for-the-future>.

## NOAA offers free training on collaborative meetings

Alaska Sea Grant and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve are offering a workshop on planning and facilitating collaborative meetings, September 20-21, 2017, at the Gorsuch Commons, University of Alaska Anchorage. The trainers are with the NOAA Office of Coastal Management. The workshop is free. It is directed to those who facilitate workshops in Alaska coastal communities. The class is limited to 35 participants. Additional information and registration is at <https://seagrants.uaf.edu/events/2017/planning-collaborative-meetings/>

## *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>. To submit a place and photo, go to [bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters](http://bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters)

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## PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

National Park Service, Update/revision of National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register Registration Form

Request for comments: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or  
[NR\\_Bulletin16@nps.gov](mailto:NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov)

Comments due: December 31, 2017

Contact: Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:edson_beall@nps.gov)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and ANILCA 810 Analysis comments available. The draft programmatic agreement is expected to be posted soon for a short review and comment period.

Project information: [www.donlingoldeis.com](http://www.donlingoldeis.com)

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#### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

June 13 National Trust for Historic Preservation and Georgetown University Law Center: National Preservation Law Conference 2017, Washington, DC (National Trust for Historic Preservation, [plt@savingplaces.org](mailto:plt@savingplaces.org))

June 15-19 Mining History Association, 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, [eric.nystrom@asu.edu](mailto:eric.nystrom@asu.edu))

June 30 National Park Service, Peterson Prize 2017 Measured Drawings Student Competition submissions due (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / [mark\\_schara@nps.gov](mailto:mark_schara@nps.gov))

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize completed entries due (<http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm>)

July 17 Alaska Historical Commission meeting, Anchorage (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov))

July 31 National Park Service, 2017 Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Documenting City or Town Parks submission deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / [Chris\\_Stevens@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Stevens@nps.gov))

August 15-18 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) for Archeologists: Methods, Dialogue, and Technologies, New Orleans, LA (Tad Britt, NPS, 318.521.5641 / [ncptt@nps.gov](mailto:ncptt@nps.gov))

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](mailto:hawkins@aaslh.org))

September 27-30 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage (Adam Baldwin, 907.929.9254 / [abaldwin@anchoragemuseum.org](mailto:abaldwin@anchoragemuseum.org))

October 18-21 International Society for Landscapes, Place, and Material Culture 49<sup>th</sup> annual conference: Mormons, Miners and the American West, Salt Lake City, UT, <http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeetingregister.html> (Cory Jensen, 801.245.7242 / [coryjensen@utah.gov](mailto:coryjensen@utah.gov))

October 29-November 1 City of Annapolis and Newport Restoration Foundation, Keeping History Above Water international conference addressing sea level rise, tidal flooding, extreme precipitation, and subsidence, Annapolis, MD (Lisa Craig, [lmcraig@annapolis.gov](mailto:lmcraig@annapolis.gov))

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

December 31 National Register of Historic Places, *Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* comment deadline (Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [Edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:Edson_beall@nps.gov))

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April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / [shina.duvall@alaska.gov](mailto:shina.duvall@alaska.gov))

