

Appendix D: State Historic Preservation Office Findings Letter

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

*Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Design and Construction*

12/14/2010 3130-2-1 Eagle River
Visitors Center

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Re: Finding of No Historic Properties Affected pursuant to AS 41.35.070

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No Historic Properties Affected
Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer
Date: 12/14/2010
File No. 3130-2-1 Eagle River
Visitors Center

Dear Ms. Bittner:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Design and Construction (ADNR-DPOR D&C) is proposing to demolish the Eagle River Nature Center building in Chugach State Park (Section 10, T13N, R1E, Seward Meridian, USGS Quad Anchorage A-7, Sheet 1). Pursuant to AS 41.35.070, Preservation of Historic, Prehistoric, and Archaeological Resources Threatened by Public Construction, ADNR-DPOR D&C finds that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed project.

The Chugach State Park Eagle River Nature Center is located in the old Paradise Haven Lodge. The Paradise Haven Lodge was constructed in the 1960's. The lodge served dinner and had a full bar. In 1980 ADNR-DPOR purchased the lodge and surrounding property. ADNR-DPOR converted the lodge to the Chugach State Park Eagle River Visitor Center and opened the facility in 1981. Funding for the Eagle River Nature Center dramatically decreased in the mid 1980's. In 1996 ADNR-DPOR signed an agreement with the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center to be the concessionaire for the Eagle River Nature Center in Chugach State Park. The Friends of Eagle River Nature Center continue to manage the Eagle River Nature Center facility.

Over time the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center have outgrown the Eagle River Nature Center building. They intend to build a new facility that will accommodate their needs. Once the Eagle River Nature Center building is constructed, the existing Eagle River Nature Center building will be demolished.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) includes the Eagle River Nature Center building (Sheet 2). The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) was reviewed on December 14, 2010 for the status of the Eagle River Nature Center building. The AHRS did not contain any information on the Eagle River Nature Center. ADNR-DPOR D&C concludes demolishing the Eagle River Nature Center building will not affect known historical sites and there will be "No Historic Properties Affected" by this project.

Please direct your concurrence or comments to me at the address above, by telephone at 907-269-8745 or by e-mail at tana.stone@alaska.gov.

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tana Stone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tana Stone
Environmental **Impact** Analyst

Enclosures: Sheet 1. Location Map
Sheet 2. Existing Conditions with Area of Potential Effect