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Mr. Boyd Evison  
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Dear Mr.  Evison,

The State of Alaska has reviewed the draft **Programmatic Agreement** between the National Park Service (NPS) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). This agreement concerns the identification and protection of cultural resources on mining claims within Alaska's national parks and preserves.

The state appreciates the NPS's efforts to complete a cultural resource inventory and develop associated evaluation procedures. Based on a conversation with Ken Schoenberg at NPS, the state understands that this agreement is specifically intended to streamline the inventory and evaluation process. This, in turn, is intended to further expedite the processing and approval of Mining Plans of Operation. The state supports such efforts to address cultural resources in a way which does not jeopardize the approval process for these mining plans.

With these understandings in mind, the following comments are primarily oriented toward minimizing or correcting the impression that this agreement will result in another layer of red tape.

Page 1 - Suggest addition of a new "Whereas" which indicates that this process is intended to expedite consideration of cultural resources in Mining Plans of Operation so that environmentally sound mining can proceed as quickly as possible.

Page 2, II (B) - This paragraph implies that the evaluation process will not begin until the inventory is complete. It would be helpful to clarify that both the inventory and evaluation are already underway. It would also be valuable to recognize that mining claims with pending Mining Plans of Operation have priority for inventory and evaluation to avoid unnecessary delay in their approval.

Last sentence - Suggest inclusion of a definition of "all historic properties" in this section.

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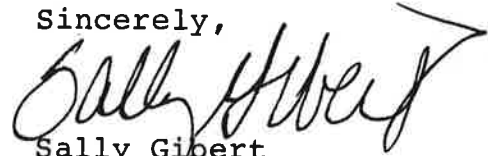
Page 3, III (A) - Since paragraph II (B) indicates that the inventory/evaluation process will take about five years, it would be helpful to clarify that this next provision only applies to each mining property individually. Otherwise it might appear that no mining plans could be approved for five years, which we understand is not the case. To clarify this, we suggest inserting "on that property" after "sites" and changing "Plans" to "Plan" in the first sentence.

Page 3, III (C), second paragraph - Suggest changing "where possible" to "where necessary and feasible".

In this same sentence the word "historic" appears. It would be valuable to define "historic" for the purposes of this agreement since "historic", "pre-historic", and "cultural resources" appear to be used somewhat interchangeably throughout the document.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this draft agreement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,



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State CSU Coordinator

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Commissioner Judy Brady, Department of Natural Resources  
Commissioner Don Collinsworth, Department of Fish and Game  
Ms. Judy Bittner, State Historic Preservation Officer

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