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Status of FY 2017 budget for Historic Preservation Fund

There is a continuing resolution to fund most federal government programs at FY 2016 levels through April 28, 2017. The 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
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.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

Peter Metcalfe is compiling *150 Reasons We Love Alaska* to promote the state as part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. 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-February, and should be sent to gov.alaska150@alaska.gov.

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.

Walrus Islands Archeological District designated a National Historic Landmark

In January the National Park Service designated 24 new National Historic Landmarks. Alaska's Walrus Islands Archeological District, on Round Island in the Bering Sea, was one of them. The district has evidence of human occupation of the Bering Sea continental shelf when sea levels were substantially lower than at present. At least 6,000 years ago, people occupied the island, were marine-adapted, and hunted walrus on the beaches for subsistence. Round Island, with six other islands in northern Bristol Bay, is in a state game sanctuary. The landmark designation adds the district to the National Register of Historic Places as well.

Alaska Highway and Dutch Harbor 75th anniversary commemorations being planned

The Public Information Office, Northern Region, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has been hosting teleconferences to coordinate plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of construction of the Alaska Highway. There are plans for activities at Delta Junction with the assistance of folks from Fort Greely on June 3 or 10, at Anchorage on July 1, and at Tok on July 4, 2017. The forthcoming edition of *The Milepost* will have a two-page special on the anniversary, Festival Fairbanks and Explore Fairbanks are getting banners for Airport Way in Fairbanks, a group is working on a project to have a monument in Anchorage, and the Anchorage School District plans to develop curriculum materials about the construction of the highway and the workers who built it. For more information about the commemoration plans contact Meadow Bailey, meadow.bailey@alaska.gov, or local Chambers of Commerce and visitor organizations in Tok, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks.

The National Park Service and Ounalashka Corporation are planning events for the first weekend of June to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of the Japanese bombing of Dutch Harbor and evacuation of the Unangan people from the Aleutian Islands to camps in southeast Alaska that followed. For more information on the plans contact Rachel Mason, rachel_mason@nps.gov.

Office of History and Archaeology annual workshop scheduled for April 4

The annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room 104, in Anchorage. The agenda is being prepared and if you have topics you would like addressed please contact Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov.

National Park Service updates

The National Register, National Historic Landmarks, and Technical Preservation Services program offices are moving in the next few months to the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. The NPS will provide more specific dates when they are determined, but those who send things by courier delivery service should be watching for the change to update the delivery address. If you have questions, contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / edson_beall@nps.gov.

The application period is open for Tribal Heritage Grants to assist Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations protect and promote their cultural heritage and traditions. The application deadline is March 24, 2017. For more information, contact Madeline Konz, 202.354.2064 / madeline_konz@nps.gov.

Technical Preservation Services has issued new and revised guidance for the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program. Subjects addressed include acquired significance; continued historic use; interior spaces, features, and materials in highly deteriorated condition; historically-finished secondary spaces; functionally related buildings; and preliminary consultations and meetings. The documents are available at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/>. On the website one can sign up to receive updates from the Technical Preservation Services program. For more information, contact Brian Goeken, 202.354.2033 / brian_goeken@nps.gov.

The NPS Midwest Archeological Center is hosting a workshop, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of the Pea Ridge Civil War Battlefield, May 15-19, 2017, at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, Arkansas. The workshop will address the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources. The application is available at <http://www.nps.gov/mwac>; and more information is available from Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination and Collaboration for the Protection of Indian Sacred Sites have prepared an online training video, *Native American Sacred Sites and the Federal Government*. It is available at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/video/sacred-sites-training-video>.

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.

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

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation / Draft Program Comment for Telecommunications Projects on Federal Property

Project information: <http://www.achp.gov/progalt/#6>

Deadline for comments: February 3, 2017 to achp@achp.gov

Contact: Charlene Vaughn, 202.517.0207 / cvaughn@achp.gov

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 / Guidelines for Reporting Cultural Resources Investigations for Pipeline Projects (Docket AD15-10-000), www.ferc.gov

Deadline for comments: March 26, 2017

Contact: Eric Howard, Tribal Coordinator, 202.502.8258 / 866.208.3676 /

eric.howard@ferc.gov

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

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efiling@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:

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 23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Introduction to the Care of Historic Cemeteries, Huntsville, AL (Robin Cox, 256.564.8084 / www.ncptt.nps.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 24 National Park Service, Tribal Heritage Grants application deadline (Madeline Konz, 202.354.2064 / Madeline_Konz@nps.gov)

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

April 18-20 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, 3D Digital Documentation Summit, New Orleans, LA (NCPTT, 318.356.7444 / www.ncptt.nps.gov)

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)

May 15-19 National Park Service, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations workshop, Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR (Steven DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve_de_vore@nps.com)

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@aaalh.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)

