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Historic Preservation Fund budget update

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

In a number of Alaska communities and in Washington, D.C. the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Treaty of Cession was commemorated on March 30th with lectures, receptions, and music. National, state and local newspapers had articles, and if you missed them the Alaska Historical Society has links to many on its website along with a calendar of events through the year (<http://alaskahistoricalociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>).

The *150 Years: Kenai Peninsula History Conference* will be April 21-22 at the Kenai Peninsula College campus in Soldotna. There is something for everyone on the schedule, with presentations by area residents, archaeologists, historians, linguists, writers, poets, journalists, and preservation professionals. Dr. Andrei Znamenski will give the keynote address. Znamenski is author of *Shamanism and Christianity* and *Through Orthodox Eyes* investigating indigenous responses to 19th century Russian Orthodox missionaries in the Cook Inlet area. The agenda and registration information is online at www.kenaipeninsulahistory.org. Since January, the *Peninsula Clarion* has been publishing a weekly column about the sesquicentennial and the conference. Links to the articles also are on the conference website. For more information contact Shana Loshbaugh at 907.460.7554 / kenaipeninsulahistory@gmail.com.

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 at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A booklet has been printed to accompany the exhibit. If you would like a copy, please send a good mailing address to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

Alaska Highway and Dutch Harbor 75th anniversary commemorations being planned

The 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. For more information about 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 June 2-4, 2017, to commemorate the 75th 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. There will be 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.

Office of History and Archaeology annual workshop will be April 4

The annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop is April 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Anchorage at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room 104. The agenda includes presentations on curation, archaeological districts, legislation, the state historic preservation plan, and updates on the AHRS and other programs. More information is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/trainings>.

Alaska Historical Commission to hold special meeting on Fourth Avenue Theatre

The Alaska Historical Commission is holding a special meeting in Anchorage and via teleconference on April 24, 2017, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The teleconference center is in the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd., in Anchorage. The commission members will discuss the Fourth Avenue Theatre in Anchorage, an endangered historic property, and options for its preservation. The preliminary agenda is posted at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha. Any person or group wishing to address the commission on the theatre is invited to participate in the public comment session starting at 9:45 a.m. To comment by phone, arrangements must be made in advance by calling 907.269,8714. For more information contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

National Park Service updates

The National Register, National Historic Landmarks, and Technical Preservation Services program offices are moving to the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Office telephone numbers and email addresses will not change, but the fax number and mailing address will change and will be posted on the www.nps.gov website. The NPS asks that nominations, tax credit applications, and other items not be sent to them between March 25 and April 15, 2017.

The NPS Vanishing Treasures Program and the Stephen T. Mather Training Center are holding a course, *Guiding Principles for Implementing Field-Based Historic Preservation*, at Sitka, May 16-18, 2017. The course is for field-based workers who perform hands-on treatment of cultural resources. Registration for the course is a <http://goo.gl/forms/4N7009q33B>. More information is available from Katherine Wonson, 307.739.3469 / katherine_wonson@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.

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 opened registration for its spring 2017 Section 106 Webinar Series. New courses include a beginner level program, "Documentation and e-106;" intermediate level programs, "Planning to Involve the Public in Section 106" and "Responding to Anticipatory Demolition Concerns;" and an advanced level program on "Thinking Big: Tailoring Section 106 for Federal Programs." All courses, dates, program descriptions, and registration information is at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

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 has been extended to April 30, 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/ITvQiht>. 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

National Park Service, Update/revision of National Register Bulletin, How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations

Request for comments: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=70917>

or

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=442&projectID=70917&documentID=78072>

Comments due: May 1, 2017

Contact: Christopher Hetzel, 202.354.2246 / christopher_hetzel@nps.gov

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 / 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:

April 4 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology annual workshop, Anchorage (Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov)

April 5 League of Historic American Theatres: Making the Case for Historic Theatres, Fort Wayne, IN (<http://www.lhat.org/conferences/regional-conferences>)

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 Alaska Historical Commission, teleconference (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.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)

April 30 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

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

May 1-3 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street Now 2017 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (National Main Street Center, Inc., 312.610.5611 / mainstreet@savingplaces.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)

May 16-18 National Park Service: Guiding Principles for Implementing Field-Based Historic Preservation, Sitka, AK (Katherine Wonson, 307.739.3469 / katherine_wonson@nps.gov)

June 15-19 Mining History Association, 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, 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)

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

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)

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 Baldwin, 907.929.9254 / abaldwin@anchoragemuseum.org)

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)

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