

**APPENDIX D:
SUMMARY OF
CONSULTATION
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COORDINATION**



March 18, 2022

Dear Agency Contact:

Re: Marshall Airport Improvements
NFAPT00371
Request for Scoping Comments

Dear Agency Contact,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is proposing to rehabilitate the Marshall runway, taxiway, apron, airport access road, and the snow removal equipment building, replace airport lighting and segmented circle and apply dust palliative. This project would provide the community with adequate access support the community and conform to current FAA safety standards. The Marshall Airport is located 2 miles Southeast of Marshall, Alaska. Marshall is located on the bank of the Poltes Slough of the Yukon River.

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Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed action is to rehabilitate the Marshall runway to meet FAA standards and reestablish safe and efficient surfacing for aviation operations. The Marshall Airport lighting system is beyond its useful life and is requiring increasing levels of maintenance. Minimal surfacing remains, exposing the subbase and increasing safety concerns. Shoulders have significant slope failure which is impacting the runway safety area and airport lighting. Additionally, shoulders are cracking and settling requiring rehabilitation. The existing SREB does not meet current building codes for the fuel storage, has a gravel floor, and other components require increasing levels of maintenance. Upgrading the fuel tanks to current standards and installing a concrete floor reduces contamination potential. Upgrading electrical, heating and repainting siding extends the useful life and reduces maintenance costs. The overall need for

the proposed action is to maintain the existing level of safe, reliable year-round air access to the community of Marshall.

Proposed Action

DOT&PF are proposing the following improvements:

- Rehabilitate the airport access road and replace culverts.
- Resurface runway, taxiway, apron, SREB pad, and segmented circle pad.
- Reconstruct failing embankment shoulders and flatten slopes. Re-establish as-built drainage and re-grade ditch on the south side of the runway.
- Replace FAA runway end identifier lights (REILs).
- Rehabilitate the SREB.
- Replace airport lighting and segmented circle.
- Develop a new material site on Pilcher Mountain along the existing road.

Project work limits consists of the disturbed footprint of the runway, taxiway, apron, service road and embankments. There may be a limited amount of work beyond the existing embankments. It is anticipated existing local material site along airport access road may be used for material and contractor staging area. A new material site may be developed along an existing road. Minor road improvements may be required for haul traffic. Environmental preliminary research and review of project area resources has been conducted and is summarized in the attached Appendix A for your review and consideration.

Existing Site Conditions or Facilities

Marshall Airport is the only existing airport in the village. They rely heavily on the airport for supplies and medical assistance. The original runway was constructed in 2003 and is in major need of rehabilitation.

Preliminary Environmental Research

The proposed project is not expected to involve any significant environmental impacts and a Categorical Exclusion document will be prepared (23 CFR 771.117).

We respectfully request your written comments no later than October 9, 2020. Please mail them to: DOT&PF Attn: Melissa Jensen 2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709; or you may email comments to: melissa.jensen@alaska.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this request, if you have any questions regarding the proposed project, you may contact Melissa Jensen at (907) 388-1178.

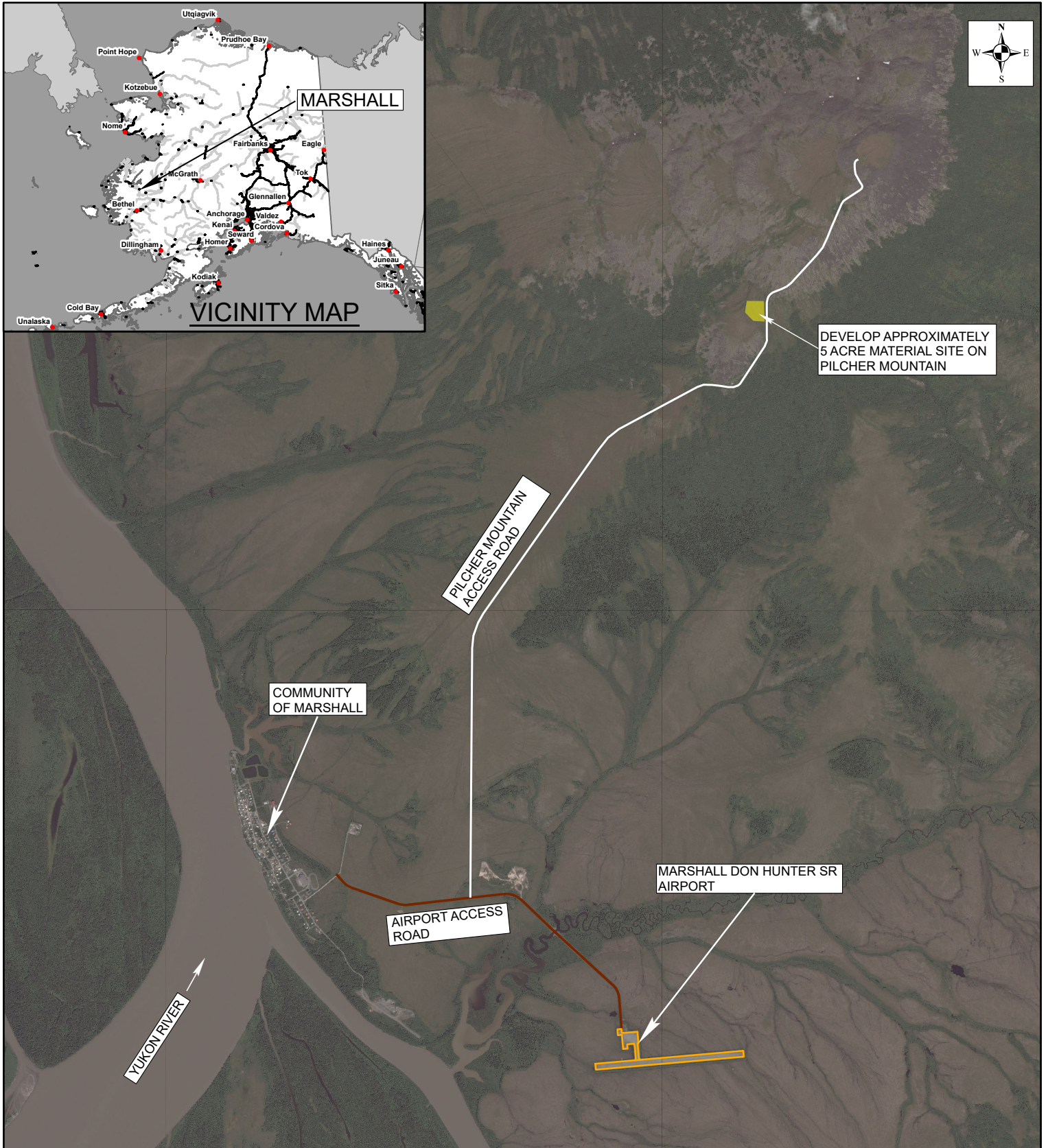
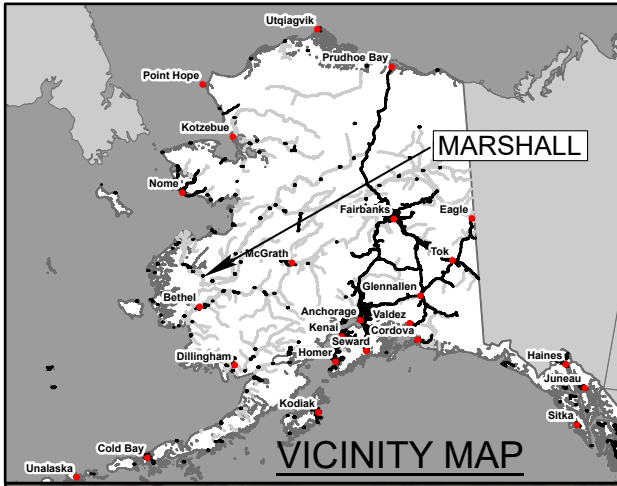
Sincerely,



Christopher Johnston, P.E.
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Enclosure: Preliminary Research Results
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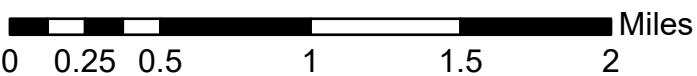
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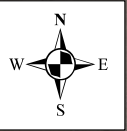
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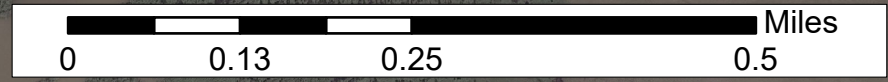
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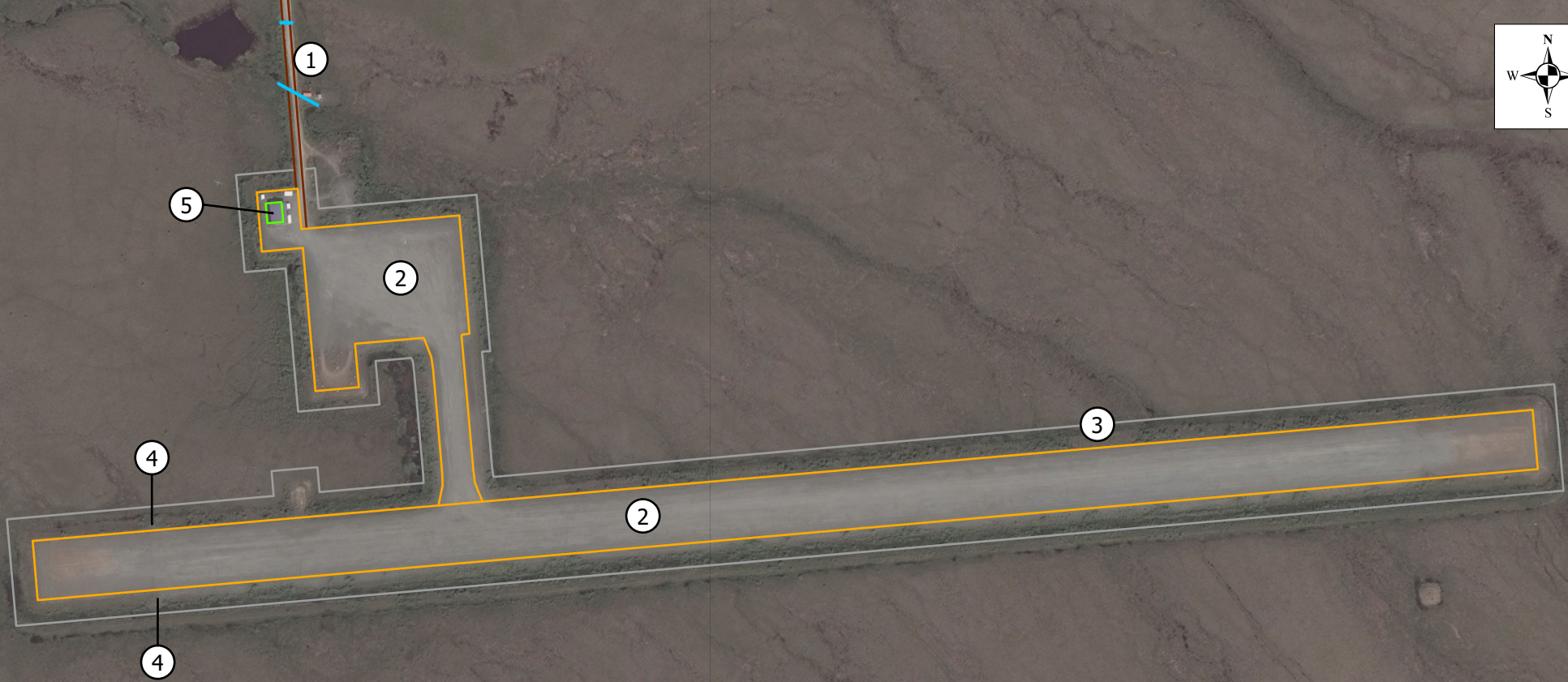
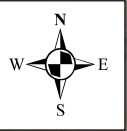
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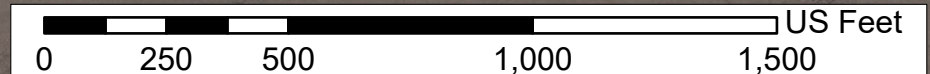
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Preliminary Review of Project Study Area Resources Marshall Airport Improvements

Air Quality

A review of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) *Air Non-Point Mobile Source* website (ADEC, 2022a) indicated the proposed project is not in an air quality maintenance or non-attainment area for National Ambient Air Quality Standards. However, Marshall is a community with reported dust complaints. Dust during construction would be regulated using Best Management Practices (BMPs) and compliance with the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit; therefore, no adverse air quality impacts associated with the proposed project are anticipated.

Biological Resources (Fish, Wildlife, & Plants)

Fish

A review of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) *Fish Resource Monitor* (ADF&G, 2022) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) mapper (NOAA, 2022) did identify anadromous waters within the project area. The town of Marshall is located on the banks of the Poltes Slough of the Yukon River, an anadromous stream (334-20-11000-2375). Chum salmon, coho salmon, king salmon are present and pink salmon, sockeye salmon, arctic char, arctic lamprey, inconnu, and whitefish are present at the mouth of the river. The Bering Sea is EFH for chum, pink, coho, sockeye, and chinook salmon, and is that is where the Yukon River eventually flows into.

Wildlife

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) *Information for Planning and Consultation* (IPaC; USFWS, 2022) lists there is only one threatened species, the Wood Bison (*Bison bison athabasca*). There are no migratory birds or refuge lands in or adjacent to the project location. Consultation will be made with the USFWS as the design moves forward. There are not expected to be any adverse impacts to the Wood bison as a result of this project.

Plants

The Alaska Exotic Plants Information Clearinghouse (AKEPIC, 2022) was reviewed and the database mapper indicated that no non-native plants have been recorded in the project area. The project is anticipated to involve vegetation loss associated with construction. DOT&PF would comply with Executive Order 13112 (Invasive Species) by; 1) ensuring that ground disturbing activities are minimized, and disturbed areas are re-vegetated with seed recommended for the region by Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR)'s *A Revegetation Manual for Alaska*; 2) construction equipment would be inspected and cleaned prior to enter and exiting the construction site to minimize spread of vegetative materials; and 3) erosion and sediment control materials would be locally produced products to minimize potential importation of new propagules from outside Alaska.

Climate

FAA Order 1050.1F, Change 1, Guidance Memo #3, *Considering GHGs and Climate under the NEPA: Interim Guidance*, includes guidance for evaluating greenhouse gas emissions with proposed projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The guidance states GHG emissions resulting from the proposed action should be evaluated qualitatively or quantitatively. There is no GHG emission data available for Marshall. GHG emissions are

expected to be minimal and short-term during construction. The proposed project would not permanently increase aviation traffic; therefore, no net change in GHGs are anticipated.

Coastal Resources

The Alaska Coastal Management Program expired on June 11, 2011 and is no longer in effect.

Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)

The National Parks Service (2022) and U.S. Forest Service (2022) websites were reviewed for publicly owned lands including public parks, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance, or land from a historic site of national, state, or local significance within the project area. Marshall lies within the boundaries of Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. This 4(f) property will be consulted and go through the 4(f) process as the project moves forward.

Farmlands

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (USDA, 2022), there are no designated soils of local importance, nor prime or unique farmland within the project area.

Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention

A search of ADEC's Contaminated Sites Program database identified only four contaminated sites near the project area. This first site, Hazard ID 1040, the Marshall Maserculiq/City Tank Farm is still an active site and has not been closed. A site characterization report was approved on 11/25/2019. This was the last activity reported at this site. The second site is Hazard ID 25798, Marshall Former School Days Tanks and Tank Farm. This site has a status of cleanup complete with no institutional controls. The third site is Hazard ID 3353, Marshall Hunter Store. This site is still active, billing has been suspended until updated contact information for the RP can be identified. The last site is Hazard ID 3354, the Marshall Fish Processing Plant. This site is also active, requesting a work plan in 2018. No excavation will be done in or near any of the sites. Consultation with ADEC will be conducted as the project moves on.

Historical, Architectural, Archeological and Cultural Resources

A search of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (ARHS) Database (2022) showed three cultural resource sites in the surrounding Marshall area. Consultation will be conducted with SHPO to make sure there are no other cultural resources. The first site, RUS-00037, consists of the remains of a WWII radio tower station on the summit of Pilcher Mountain. Most of the portable materials have been removed on the site and it has been determined not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to lack of integrity. The second site, MAR-00010, St Michael Chapel, is located in the village itself, adjacent, but not in the project boundaries. The determination of eligibility has not been made at this point in time. The third site, MAR-00006, Marshall, shows the remains of the time period that Marshall was a gold camp. There were underground tunnels that served to transport alcohol from the river. This site does not have determination of eligibility and there are not anticipated impacts that will be made to this archeological site.

Land Use

DOT&PF manages the airport property where the project area is located. The proposed project would not be inconsistent with airport property use.

Natural Resources and Energy Supply

Water, sewer, electricity, telephone, and solid waste disposal utilities are provided at the Marshall Airport. The proposed action would not change the energy requirements for the airport.

Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use

Per the *1050.1F Desk Reference* (FAA, 2015), a noise analysis is required if annual operations exceed 90,000 propeller operations or 700 jet operations. The proposed project would not increase operations to exceed those figures; therefore, a noise analysis would not be required.

Water Resources

Wetlands

Wetland mapping and functional assessment has not been completed for the Marshall Airport though imagery and site visit indicates that the airport is surrounded by wetlands. Wetlands will be impacted during construction and a permit and consultation will be conducted with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Floodplains

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA, 2010) does not have published maps for the Marshall Airport.

Surface Waters

The Marshall Airport is located 2 miles southeast of Marshall, Alaska, which is on the bank of the Poltes Slough of the Yukon River. The Yukon River is a navigable river under the Army Corps of Engineers. No impaired waterbodies on the ADEC 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies are located within Marshall or the project area. Drainage patterns at the airport would not be altered as part of the proposed project.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The Yukon River is not considered Wild and Scenic Rivers (National Park Service, 2022b). There will be no impacts to the rivers themselves. There should not be any adverse impacts to this area.

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Hi Christopher,

GCI has aerial fiber optic cable along Airport Access Rd from Winter Trail Rd to the path to Pilcher Mountain. Unless poles are to be replaced and/or moved, GCI anticipates no conflicts with this project.

Thanks,

MARK CYPHER

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Mark,

Attached is the agency scoping letter we sent out Friday. It shows the overall project at a general

level. We don't have detailed design drawings yet but we have started developing P&Ps for the airport access road if you have questions about that. We're proposing to use the existing road up Pilcher Mountain for material haul, assuming we'll be able to get permission. I'll send another e-mail shortly with something specific to the drilling investigation.

Missy & Lindsey,

Please add Mark to the project contact list for GCI.

Chris

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Thank you!

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On Mar 18, 2022, at 1:44 PM, Jensen, Melissa L (DOT) <melissa.jensen@alaska.gov>

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Thanks,
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Hello,

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has no record of nearby contamination for this project, however at some airports there may be past or present use of aqueous firefighting foams (AFFF) for training activities and for fuel fire suppression. Use of AFFF can result in PFAS contamination of soil, surface water, groundwater, and can also be found in asphalt. While not all these areas have been evaluated for PFAS contamination, ADEC and ADOT&PF are working to evaluate current and former Part 139 airports and former defense sites owned by ADOT&PF for PFAS. Please contact Sammy Cummings, PFAS Program Manager – ADOT&PF Statewide Aviation (907) 888-5671 or sammy.cummings@alaska.gov, to determine if there have been releases of AFFF at this airport or former defense site prior to conducting work. If PFAS is a potential concern, work needs to be coordinated with ADEC Contaminated Sites Program and ADOT&PF Statewide Aviation.

There is also concern at SREB buildings on site. Equipment storage and maintenance buildings may have gravel floors where oil and other hazardous substances have been spilled over the years. DEC recommends characterizing gravel floors prior to conducting work in this area as the soil on the SREB floor is almost always contaminated and requires special handling and disposal.

Thank you,
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To: [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#)
Cc: [Heil, Cynthia L \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: RE: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:02:13 PM

Dear Melissa Jensen,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has requested Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to comment on the proposed rehabilitation of the Marshall runway, taxiway, apron, airport access road, the snow removal equipment building, and the replacement of the airport lighting and segmented circle under the Marshall Airport Improvements Project Number NFATP000371.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The following comments are limited to Air Quality (AQ). Other divisions within ADEC will need to respond within their areas of expertise.

ADEC agrees with DOT&PF that the proposed project is not located in a non-attainment or maintenance area for air quality control under the Clean Air Act. Therefore, it does not require an applicability analysis under the General Conformity regulations.

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However, if open burning is chosen as the preferred method of disposal of organic debris, DOT&PF or their contractor must use "reasonable procedures to minimize adverse environmental effects and limit the amount of smoke generated," as well as get any applicable permits. A complete description of the open burn information, including policies, can be found at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/air-permit/open-burn-info/>

Any construction activities should follow all reasonable precautions in accordance with 18 AAC 50.045(d) to prevent particulate matter from being emitted into the ambient air. Since Marshall has dust (PM₁₀) issue, DEC appreciates the DOT&PF's plan to use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to mitigate any dust issues during the project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Adeyemi Alimi (Yemi)
State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
Air Quality Division
Non-Point Mobile Sources Section
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Subject: RE: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 4:58:39 PM
Attachments: [Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping 2022.pdf](#)
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Hi Melissa,

ADF&G has reviewed this runway and access road rehabilitation/ resurfacing project and we have no objection to the proposed activities. The culverts being planned for replacement appear to be in systems where they will provide water conveyance only, therefore they do not need to be designed/maintained for fish passage and no fish habitat permit will be required for their installation/maintenance.

However, fish habitat permits will be required if water withdrawals are planned from Wilson and/ or Hungry creeks as those two systems are very likely to support fish during the open water season.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our comments, or if the scope of work changes considerably.

Thanks,
Audra

Audra Brase
Regional Supervisor
ADF&G Habitat - Fairbanks
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To: [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#)
Cc: [Egeberg, Sara C CIV USARMY CEPOA \(USA\)](#)
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Please see attached scoping response letter and let me know if you have any questions. Major points:

- Based on the information provided, and available to our office, portions of the proposed work may occur in waters of the U.S. and would, therefore, be within the Corps' jurisdiction. Preliminary look appears to be the culvert replacements.
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Tyler Marye
Regulatory Specialist
Regulatory Division, North Section
US Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
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Good morning,

The Office of History and Archaeology/Alaska State Historic Preservation Office received your documentation, and its review has been logged in with Liz Ortiz under 2022-00335. Our office has 30 calendar days after receipt to complete our review and may contact you if we require additional information. Please contact the project reviewer or me by email if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah Meitl
Review and Compliance Coordinator
Alaska State Historic Preservation Office
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Missy,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment with respect to public water system (PWS) sources. Given the location(s) provided, this scoping request is near active registered PWS sources (see attached "DEC_PWS_Map.PNG" and summary table below). For this reason, we ask that the applicant please adhere to the attached **Recommendations for General Project Activities**, where applicable.

Public Water System ID (PWSID):

[AK2270273](#)

Water System Name:

MARSHALL WATER SYSTEM

Water System Classification:

Community Water System

State Assigned Source ID:

WL002, WL003, WL006

Source Name:

WL NEW WELL #1 – 1991, WL NEW WELL #2 – 1991, WL WELL #3 - 2003

Source Water Type:

Groundwater

Source Facility Type:

Well

To access our interactive web map, which displays PWS source locations and Drinking Water Protection Areas, please visit: <http://www.arcgis.com/home/item?id=13ed2116e4094f9994775af9a62a1e85>.

Best,

Kalah

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To: [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#)
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Hello Melissa,

Attached is Calista Corporation's scoping comments.

Thank you,

Mary

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CITY OF MARSHALL RESOLUTION NO. 18-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF MARSHALL'S COUNCIL SUPPORTING A MARSHALL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Marshall Airport is a vital hub for year round transportation needs and economy of the community of Marshall and surrounding Yukon River communities; and

WHEREAS, the existing gravel runway, taxiway, and apron are in need of resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the segmented circle, wind cone, and airport lighting are in need of replacement, and energy-efficient SREB upgrades are also needed; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue to enable the residents and pilots to safely utilize the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Maintenance and Operations and the Marshall Airport Manager, have expressed a desire for this project.

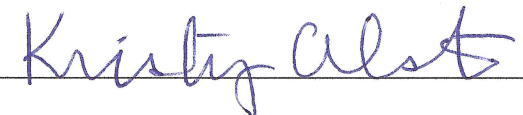
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Marshall supports the Marshall Airport Improvements project.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the City of Marshall this 13th day of December, 2017.



Joseph Fitka, Mayor

ATTEST:





U.S. Department
of Transportation

AIRPORTS DIVISION

222 W. 7th Avenue, Box 14
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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

In Reply Refer To:
Marshall Airport Improvements
State/Federal Project Number(s): NFAPT00371/Pending
Finding of No Historic Properties Affected
ATTENTION: This finding contains no DOE(s)

December 13, 2022

Ms. Judith Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer
Alaska Office of History and Archaeology
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1310
Anchorage, AK 99501-3565

Dear Ms. Bittner,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Alaska Region, Airports Division of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is proposing to make improvements to the Don Hunter Sr. Airport, in Marshall Alaska. The project areas are found on Table 1 and shown in Figure 1. Latitude 61.863637, Longitude -162.037560

Table 1. Project location

Township	Range	Section(s)	USGS Quad Map1:63,360	Meridian
021N	069W	31	Marshall D-1	Seward
021N	070W	25,26,36	Marshall D-1	Seward

The DOT&PF on behalf of FAA finds **that no historic properties would be affected** by the proposed project pursuant to 36 CFR§800.4(d)(1), implementing regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This submission provides documentation in support of this finding, as required at 36 CFR§800.11(d).

Project Description

The proposed project would include the following (see Figures 1-3):

1. Rehabilitate and widen the airport access road. The existing 14-foot-wide road would be widened to 18-foot-wide. Existing culverts would be replaced (in the same location and at the same depth) to accommodate the wider roadway (see Figure 2, culvert locations are in blue).

2. Rehabilitate the existing runway, taxiway, apron, SREB pad, and segmented circle pad (in the same location and at the same depth) (see Figure 3).
3. Reconstruct failing embankment shoulders and flatten slopes. Re-establish as-built drainage and re-grade ditch on the south side of the runway (see Figure 3).
4. Replace FAA runway end identifier lights (REILs) (in the same locations and at the same depth) (see Figure 3).
5. Rehabilitate the existing SREB (see Figure 3 in green).
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Sincerely,



Holly J. McKinney
Cultural Resource Specialist -Archaeologist (PQI)
State of Alaska DOT&PF, Northern Region

Approved by:

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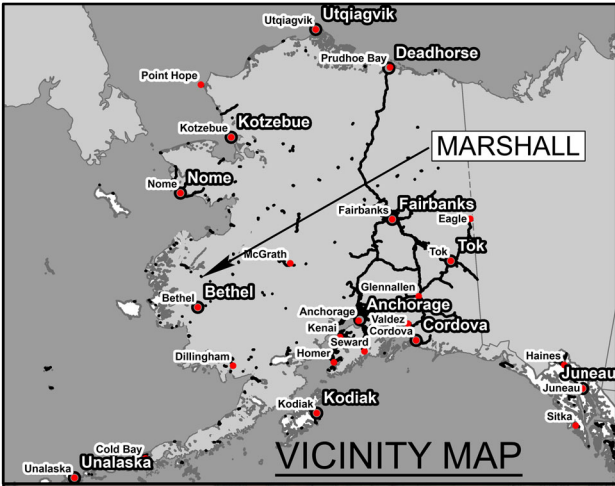
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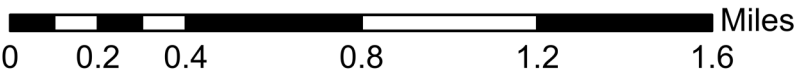
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LEGEND

- Area of Potential Effect
- Proposed Improvements

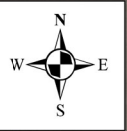


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POSSIBLE CONTRACTOR STAGING AREA

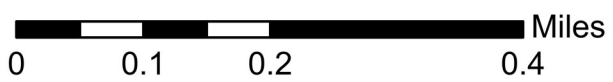
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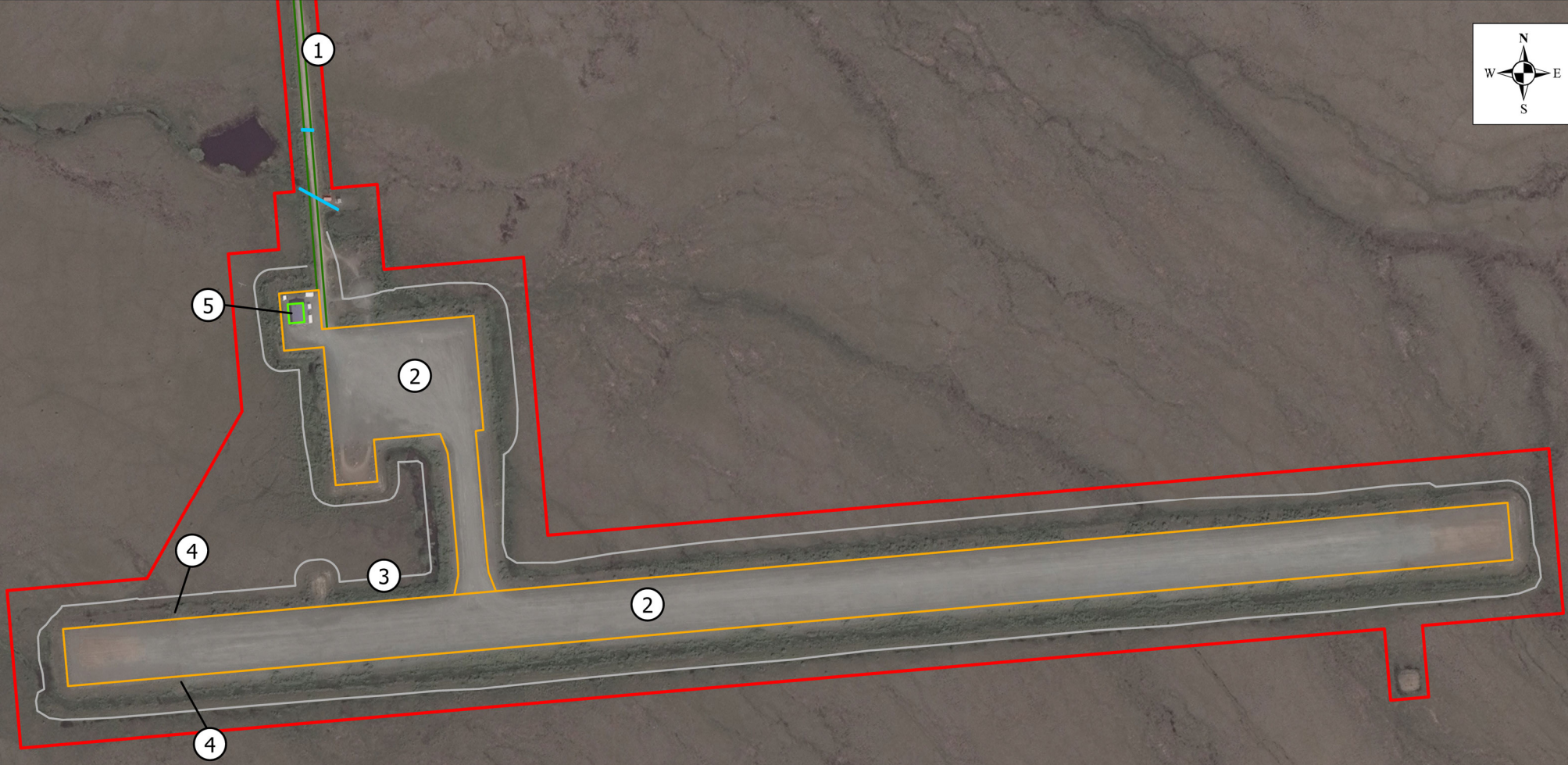
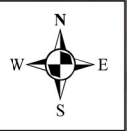


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- ① Rehabilitate Airport Access Road and replace culverts
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Subject: RE: NFAPT00371 Marshall Airport Improvements Findings

3130-1R FAA / 2022-00832

Good afternoon,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated December 13, 2022) concerning the subject project on December 16, 2022. Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur with the finding of No Historic Properties Affected.

This email serves as our office's official correspondence for the purposes of Section 106. Please note that our office may need to re-evaluate our concurrence if changes are made to the project's scope or design, or comments are received from other consulting parties. As stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Our response does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. Should unidentified cultural resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4), in consultation with our office. Please note that some sites can be deeply buried and that fossils are considered cultural resources subject to the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah Meitl

Review and Compliance Coordinator
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Hi Holly,

The Office of History and Archaeology/Alaska State Historic Preservation Office received your documentation, and its review has been logged in with me under 2022-00832. Our office has 30 calendar days after receipt to complete our review and may contact you if we require additional information. Please contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Sarah

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Subject: NFAPT00371 Marshall Airport Improvements Findings

Hi Sarah,

Please see attached findings letter for the Marshall Airport Improvements project.

Sincerely,
Holly McKinney



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You Are Invited!

Marshall Airport Improvement Project



The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to rehabilitate airport access road and replace culverts, rehabilitate existing aviation facilities, navigational aids and airport maintenance building, and re-establish drainage at the Marshall Airport. DOT&PF also proposes to develop or expand Pilcher Mountain material sites. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023. An Environmental Document will be prepared to evaluate the Project and potential social, economic, and environmental effects.

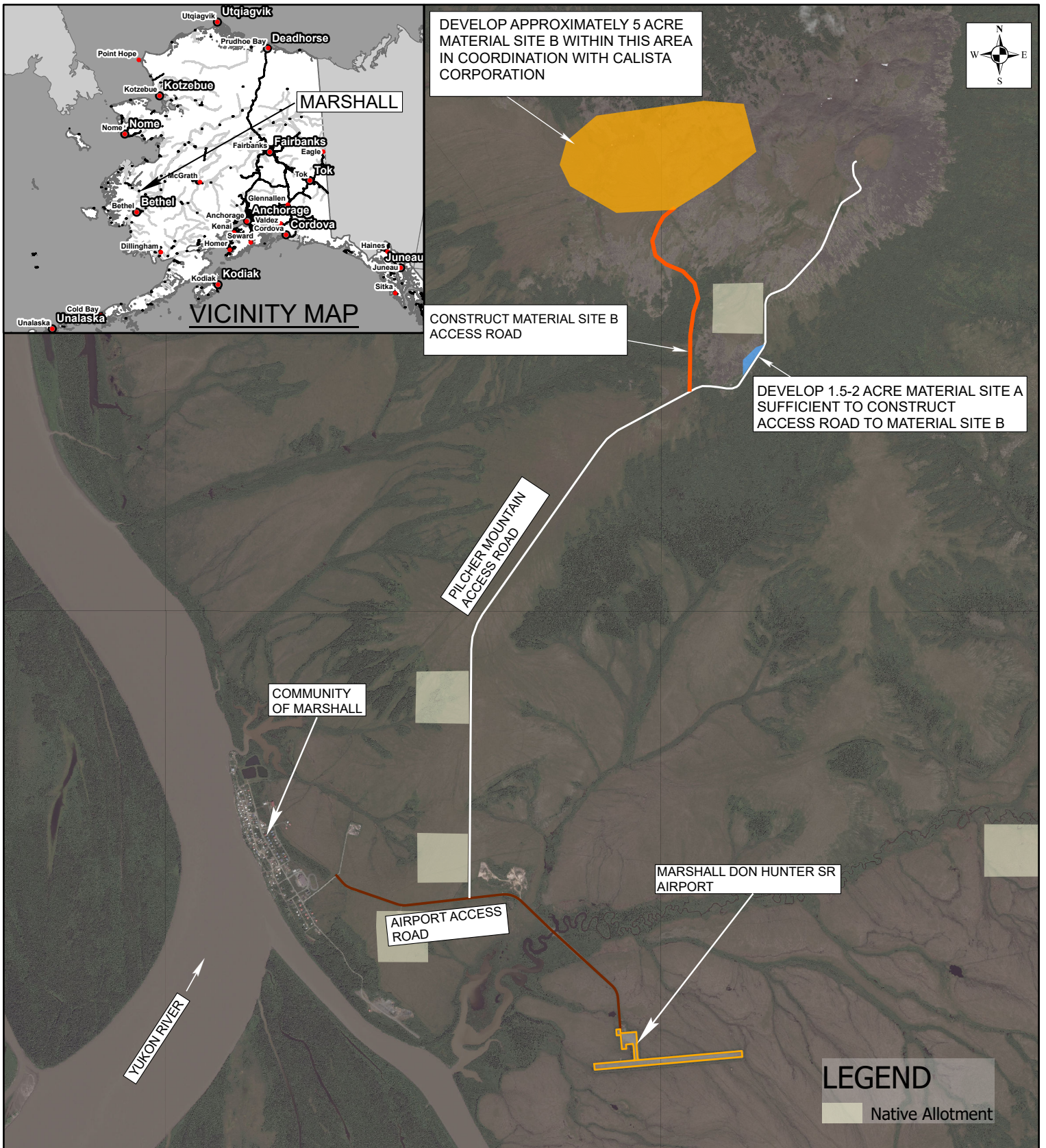
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Where: Marshall Community Hall

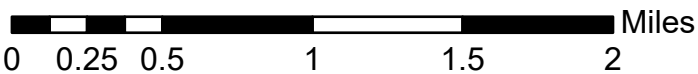
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This project is being developed in accordance with the following Executive Orders (EO): EO12898 Environmental Justice, EO 11990 Wetland Involvement, EO 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources, EO11988 Floodplain Management, and EO13112 Invasive Species, as amended by EO 13751. DOT&PF operates all programs without regard to race, religion, color, gender, age, marital status, ability, or national origin. Full Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy: dot.alaska.gov/tvi_statement.shtml.



PROJECT SCOPE

- Rehabilitate and widen Airport Access Road and replace culverts
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Project Vicinity and Location

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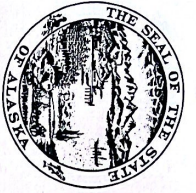
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TITLE VI REPORT

Section: DOT&PF Aviation and Rural Transportaton Region: Northern Region

Prepared/Facilitated by: Melissa Jensen

Meeting Location: Marshall Community Hall Date: 5/10/2022 Time: 2:00

Project No. (Federal/State): NFAPT00371

Project Name: Marshall Airport Improvements

Purpose (check all that apply):

Public Meeting EIS *CAG (Citizen's Advisory Group)
 Project Scope EA Other: _____

Method of advertisement: Poster Flyers, Facebook, Online Public Notice, and community communication

Attach meeting announcement/advertisement(s)

Number of people present at the public meeting: 20 (attach copy of sign-in sheet)

Number of Minority present: 17 Number of Women present: 9

Was an interpreter required? YES NO

If yes, for what language(s) _____

- Describe Title VI issues (potential disparate impact(s)), if any.

N/A

- If applicable, were Title VI issues addressed in the meeting? How?

N/A

- If applicable, were Title VI issues resolved? If not, please explain.

N/A

- Other Comments:

N/A

***Total number of citizens on CAG Board:** _____

***CAG Board Breakdown**

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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

December 13, 2022

Nicolai Duny, President
Native Village of Marshall
PO Box 110
Marshall, Alaska 99585

Dear President Duny,

Marshall Airport Improvements, NFAPT00371, Marshall, Alaska, Government-to-Government Findings Letter

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the owner and operator of Don Hunter Sr. Airport, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is Initiating an airport improvement project described below at the Don Hunter Sr. Airport in Marshall, Alaska.

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Consultation Initiation

With this letter, Ms. Kristi Warden, FAA Alaska Regional Office, Airports Division Regional Director, is offering to consult on concerns that uniquely or significantly affect your Tribe related to the potential action described below. This is being completed pursuant to Executive Order 13175 “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” and FAA’s Order 1210.20 “American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures” is to ensure that Federally Recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

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Project Information

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Township	Range	Section(s)	USGS Quad Map 1:63,360	Meridian
021N	069W	31	Marshall D-1	Seward
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The DOT&PF on behalf of FAA finds that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed project pursuant to 36 CFR§800.4(d)(1), implementing regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This submission provides documentation in support of this finding, as required at 36 CFR§800.11(d).

Project Description

The proposed project would include the following (see Figures 1-3):

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FAA Contact Information

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Sincerely,

Laura Sample

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Cc:

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Subject: Marshall Airport Improvements NOA
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 2:52:01 PM
Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing Availability.pdf](#)

Hello,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proposing to upgrade existing aviation facilities under Marshall Airport Improvements project, State Project Number #NFAPT00371. The DOT&PF has attached a NOA with information on how to review the draft EA and attachments. Comments are requested by July 2, 2023.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks!

Lindsey Kromrey, P.E. | AK DOT&PF | Northern Region Design

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OF PUBLIC HEARING AVAILABILITY

Project Title: Marshall Airport Improvements; Project No.: #NFAPT00371.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is soliciting comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project to upgrade existing facilities. Improvements would include rehabilitating the runway, taxiway, apron, airport access road, snow removal equipment building (SREB), replace airport lighting and segmented circle and apply dust palliative. The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate the airport infrastructure to meet FAA standards, reduce maintenance requirements, and reestablish safe and efficient airport operations. The runway has minimal gravel surfacing remaining, exposing the subbase, which increases safety concerns related to uneven surfacing and damage to aircraft tires. The Draft EA can be viewed online at: <https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/marshall-airport/>

Pursuant to Order 5050.4B, Paragraph 402, the public must be afforded with an opportunity for a hearing. If a hearing regarding the proposed action and/or the draft environmental assessment is requested, please forward your request or any written comments may be sent to Chris Johnston, Engineering Manager, 2301 Peger Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709 or chris.johnston@alaska.gov by **July 2, 2023**.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Chris Johnston, P.E., Engineering Manager, at 451-2322 for information on project environmental impacts. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. It is the policy of the DOT&PF that no person shall be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of any and all programs or activities we provide based on race, religion, color, gender, age, marital status, ability, or national origin, regardless of the funding source including Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration and State of Alaska Funds. The DOT&PF complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with a hearing impairment can contact DOT&PF at our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (907) 451-2363. Pub: **June 2, 2023**

From: [Kromrey, Lindsey L \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#)
Subject: FW: Marshall Airport Improvements; Project No. #NFAPT00371
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:31:05 AM

Missy, Please see email below.

Lindsey Kromrey, P.E. | AK DOT&PF | Northern Region Design

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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 10:02 AM
To: Kromrey, Lindsey L (DOT) <lindsey.kromrey@alaska.gov>
Cc: Sean McDermott - NOAA Federal <sean.mcdermott@noaa.gov>
Subject: Re: Marshall Airport Improvements; Project No. #NFAPT00371

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Hello Lindsey Kromrey,

See the following response for one of Chris Johnston's projects.

Cc Sean McDermott (sean.mcdermott@noaa.gov) for all communications about this Marshall Airport Improvements project and let me know what questions or concerns you have.

Have a good day.

V/r,

Stefanie

On Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 3:57 PM Stefanie Coxe - NOAA Federal <stefanie.coxe@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dear Chris Johnston,

The National Marine Fisheries Service has reviewed the draft Environmental Assessment provided on June 6, 2023, regarding the Marshall Airport Improvements project. The purpose of this project is to improve the Marshall Don Hunter Sr. Airport in Marshall, Alaska to provide the community with adequate access for goods, services and passenger transport.

Essential Fish Habitat

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has designated EFH for Pacific salmon to include freshwater habitat used to complete their life cycle (NPFMC 2021). The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's [Anadromous Waters Catalog](#) identifies the Yukon River as supporting anadromous fish, including chum, coho, and king salmon within the waters adjacent to Marshall (Giefer and Graziano 2022). The presence of Pacific salmon in the waters adjacent to the project area is noted in your draft Environmental Assessment.

Assessment of Effects to EFH

Your agency has concluded that the proposed project activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area. The EFH regulations define an adverse effect as “any impact which reduces the quality and/or quantity of EFH” (50 CFR 600.810(a)). Based on our review of the project plans and the information provided, we agree with your conclusion of effects. Because the proposed project would not include in-water work in anadromous waters and drainage patterns at the airport would not be altered as part of the proposed project, we have no conservation recommendations for the proposed action and additional EFH consultation is not necessary.

Significant changes to the project may require reinitiating a consultation. If project plans change, due to the proximity of the project to Poltes Slough and the Yukon River, consider including long-term planning to support the resiliencies of species and ecosystems to climate change. Future project plans can include climate projections and assessments of effects to habitats and species in the project area to ensure the sustainability of healthy ecosystems, which increases resilience of coastal ecosystems, communities, and economies.

Additional information regarding the EFH consultation process can be found in our [EFH Fact Sheet](#) and our [Regional website](#), where you can find FAQs. Stefanie Coxe (stefanie.coxe@noaa.gov) is available to answer questions or discuss further actions, and please cc Sean McDermott (sean.mcdermott@noaa.gov) on all future communications about this project.

V/r,
Stefanie

References:

Giefer, J. and S. Graziano. 2022. Catalog of waters important for spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes – Western Region, effective June 15, 2022, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Special Publication No. 22-06, Anchorage.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). 2021. Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska. Appendix A. Anchorage, Alaska, North Pacific Fishery Management Council. <https://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/fmp/Salmon/SalmonFMP.pdf>

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LTJG Stefanie Coxe
Resource Specialist, [Alaska Region Habitat Conservation Division](#)
National Marine Fisheries Service | U.S. Department of Commerce

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From: [Nicole Knox](#)
To: [Johnston, Christopher F \(DOT\)](#); [Chris Fell](#); [Kristi McLean](#)
Cc: [Kromrey, Lindsey L \(DOT\)](#); [Jensen, Melissa L \(DOT\)](#); [Walleri, Heather L \(DOT\)](#)
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Phase 1 ESA/PFAS email received and forwarded to R&M team members Kristi McLean and Chris Fell.

Thanks again,

Nicole Knox, P.E. *Group Manager – Site Development*

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From: Johnston, Christopher F (DOT) <chris.johnston@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 11:11 AM
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Cc: Kromrey, Lindsey L (DOT) <lindsey.kromrey@alaska.gov>; Jensen, Melissa L (DOT) <melissa.jensen@alaska.gov>; Walleri, Heather L (DOT) <heather.walleri@alaska.gov>
Subject: FW: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

For use in documentation of PFAS potential in the Phase 1 ESA.

Chris

From: Phillips, Daniel A (DOT) <daniel.phillips@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Johnston, Christopher F (DOT) <chris.johnston@alaska.gov>; Cummings, Sammy L (DOT) <sammy.cummings@alaska.gov>
Cc: Kromrey, Lindsey L (DOT) <lindsey.kromrey@alaska.gov>; Jensen, Melissa L (DOT) <melissa.jensen@alaska.gov>; Myers, Sam (DOT) <sam.myers@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

Hey Chris,

Marshall is not one of our airports that has known PFAS contamination. It has never been certificated and would not have had an ARFF Truck on site.

Thanks for reaching out,

Daniel

From: Johnston, Christopher F (DOT) <chris.johnston@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 8:33 AM
To: Cummings, Sammy L (DOT) <sammy.cummings@alaska.gov>; Phillips, Daniel A (DOT) <daniel.phillips@alaska.gov>
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Subject: FW: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

Sammy & Daniel,

We're doing a rehab project at Marshall Airport. It looks like DEC is including a PFAS comment in all our scoping now. It's a typical gravel runway, constructed as an airport relocation in 2002. Do you have any indication if PFAS has been present at this airport?

We're doing a SREB rehab as part of the project, installing a concrete floor where there is gravel now. We have R&M doing a phase 1 ESA soon which will address DEC's other comment, but wanted to get input on PFAS ASAP.

Sam,

CCing you for awareness since we'll probably end up with some level of contamination from the SREB gravel floor.

Chris

From: Jensen, Melissa L (DOT) <melissa.jensen@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 3:55 PM
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Cc: "Fish, James T (DEC)" <james.fish@alaska.gov>, "CS.Scoping (DEC sponsored)" <CS.Scoping@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

Hello,

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has no record of nearby contamination for this project, however at some airports there may be past or present use of aqueous firefighting foams (AFFF) for training activities and for fuel fire suppression. Use of AFFF can result in PFAS contamination of soil, surface water, groundwater, and can also be found in asphalt. While not all these areas have been evaluated for PFAS contamination, ADEC and ADOT&PF are working to evaluate current and former Part 139 airports and former defense sites owned by ADOT&PF for PFAS. Please contact Sammy Cummings, PFAS Program Manager – ADOT&PF Statewide Aviation (907) 888-5671 or sammy.cummings@alaska.gov, to determine if there have been releases of AFFF at this airport or former defense site prior to conducting work. If PFAS is a potential concern, work needs to be coordinated with ADEC Contaminated Sites Program and ADOT&PF Statewide Aviation.

There is also concern at SREB buildings on site. Equipment storage and maintenance buildings may have gravel floors where oil and other hazardous substances have been spilled over the years. DEC recommends characterizing gravel floors prior to conducting work in this area as the soil on the SREB floor is almost always contaminated and requires special handling and disposal.

Thank you,
Megan MacPherson
ADEC - SPAR
Intern II

From: Wieggers, Janice K (DEC) <janice.wieggers@alaska.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 6:34 PM

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Cc: Fish, James T (DEC) <james.fish@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fwd: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

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Subject: Re: NFATP000371 Marshall Airport Improvements Scoping Request

Hello,

Please disregard the comment date. Please send comments back by April 18, 2022.

Thank you!
Missy

On Mar 18, 2022, at 1:44 PM, Jensen, Melissa L (DOT)
<melissa.jensen@alaska.gov> wrote:

Hello,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is proposing to rehabilitate the Marshall runway, taxiway, apron, airport access road, and the snow removal equipment building, replace airport lighting and segmented circle and apply dust palliative. This project would provide the community with adequate access support the community and conform to current FAA safety standards.

DOT&PF is requesting scoping comments to support preparation of an environmental document for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). Please identify any environmental, cultural, historic, or subsistence resources you believe may potentially be impacted by the proposed project, and also provide any other information you deem valuable to the environmental documentation process. Your responses will help provide us with the necessary input to develop and design a proposed final project that avoids and minimizes as many potential adverse environmental and human impacts as possible.

If you have any questions or need additional information do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,
Missy Jensen



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Section 4(f) Applicability

Marshall Airport Improvements Marshall, Alaska

State/Federal Project Number(s): NFAPT00371/Pending

I. Proposed Project Description

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), proposes to make improvements to the Don Hunter Sr. Airport, in Marshall Alaska.

The existing airport and community are located at 61.636378° North Latitude and -162.037560° West Longitude; Sections 13,26,36, Township 21 North, Range 70 West and Section 18, Township 21 North Range 69 West; Seward Meridian; United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Marshall D-1, Alaska (Figure 1).

The Marshall Airport Improvements project includes the following elements (Figures 2-3):

- Rehabilitate the existing runway, taxiway, and apron.
- Reconstruct failing embankment shoulders and flatten slopes. Re-establish as-built drainage and re-grade ditch on the south side of the runway.
- Rehabilitate and widen the airport access road. The existing road varies from 14-foot to 18-feet wide and will be widened to a consistent 18 feet wide.
- Replace existing culverts along the airport access road in approximately the same location and depth. (Figure 2, culvert locations are in blue).
- Replace FAA runway end identifier lights (REILs) (in the same locations.)
- Replace airport lighting, segmented circle, and navigational aids.
- Rehabilitate the existing SREB and pad.

Project work limits consists of the disturbed footprint of the runway, taxiway, apron, access road and embankments. There may be limited amount of work beyond the existing embankments.

Material Sites and Construction

Materials and staging areas for this project are anticipated to be contractor furnished. All required clearances and permits for material sites will be secured before construction begins.

Estimated Project Duration

The proposed project will take place between summer 2023 and fall 2024.

II. Description of Proposed Project Area Section 4(f) Resources and Potential Impacts

a. Publicly owned Parks and Recreation Areas of National, State or Local Significance Open to the Public

- Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

It is the second-largest National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in the country, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt first set aside southwestern Alaska refuge lands in 1909. Other lands were added through the years until December 2, 1980, when President Jimmy Carter signed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) into law, which created the Yukon Delta NWR by consolidating existing refuges and adding additional lands. The large islands Nelson and Nunivak are also located within the refuge. It is home to about 35 villages and 25,000 people, many of Yup'ik Eskimo origin and dependent on a subsistence lifestyle.

The refuge's coastal region bordering the Bering Sea is a rich, productive wildlife habitat supporting one of the largest concentrations of water fowl in the world. This national wildlife refuge is home to mammalian species Alaska's Yukon Delta NWR is vast and productive. The refuge nestles between Alaska's largest rivers, the Yukon and the Kuskokwim Rivers, where the tundra meets the Bering Sea. Its diversity of habitats support one of the largest aggregations of water birds in the world. The hundreds of miles of rivers and streams provide critical spawning and rearing habitat for Pacific salmon species. Drier upland habitats harbor populations of brown and black bears, caribou, moose, wolves, and muskox. Along the coast, the Bering Sea waters host various marine mammals, including whales that pass during migration. This area and the refuge provides residents with the opportunity to maintain a subsistence way of life as an integral part of a dynamic ecosystem while also providing all people with the chance to enjoy a variety of recreational activities - boating, sport fishing, hiking, winter travel - in true wilderness. **As a significant, and publicly owned and publicly available park component, the Yukon Delta NWR, qualifies as a Section 4(f) property.**

III. Agency Coordination and Section 106 Consultation

- Initiation letters were sent out on June 30, 2022 to SHPO and all interested parties. There were no objections to the proposed project received. Parties consulted included: The Alaska SHPO, Calista Corporation, Maseruliq Incorporated, City of Marshall, and the Native Village of Marshall.
- Findings letters went out to the same consulting parties on December 13, 2022.
- A finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was transmitted by letter to SHPO, and consulting parties on August 26, 2021; the SHPO concurred on December 30, 2021.

IV. Project Section 4(f) Use Determination

The project work will be limited to existing airport access road and airport property, with no additional ROW access required. The Marshall Airport lies within the Yukon Delta NWR administrative boundaries; however, project work will not convert or work on or within Yukon Delta NWR property. This project would therefore be considered adjacent to the NWR, with no

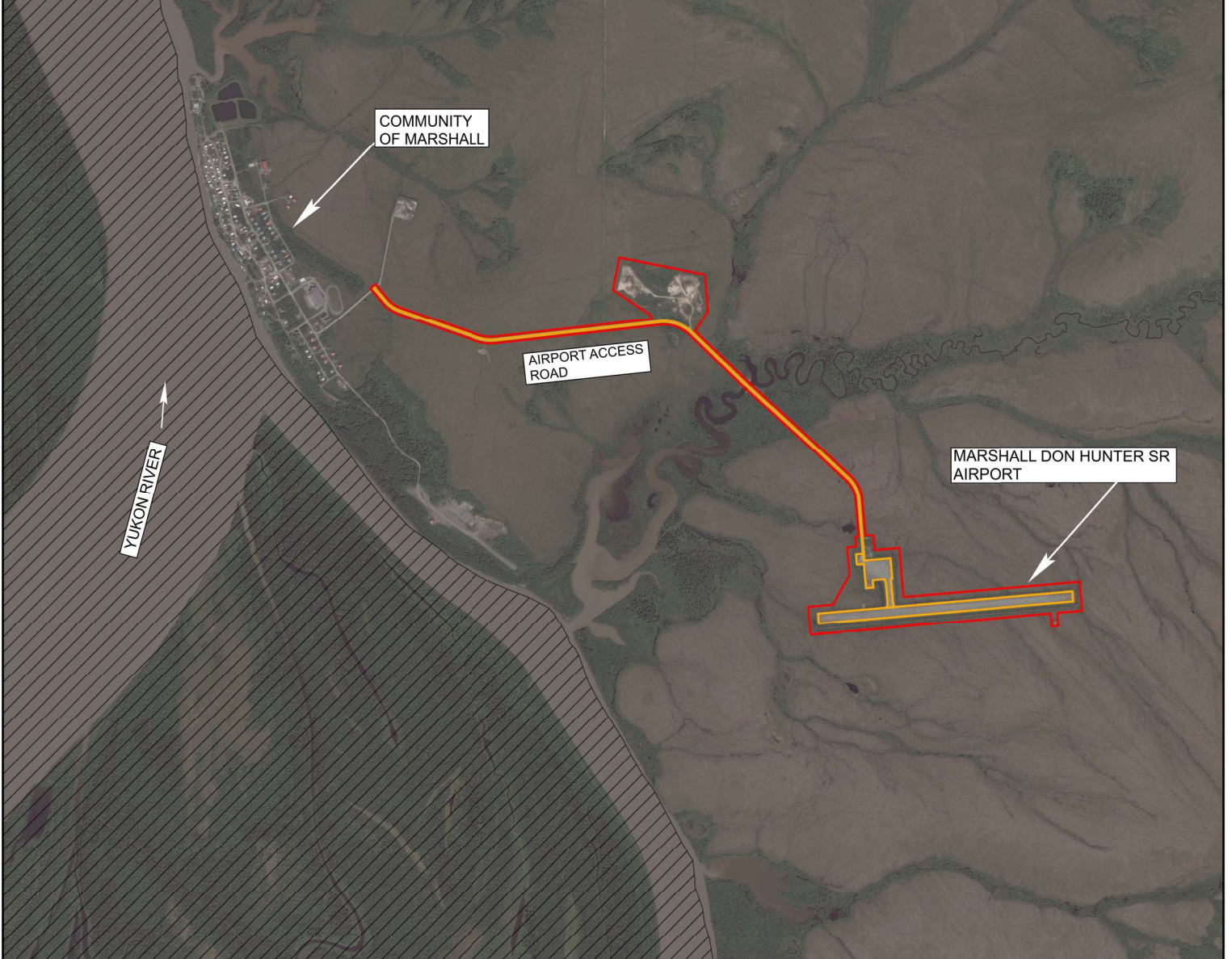
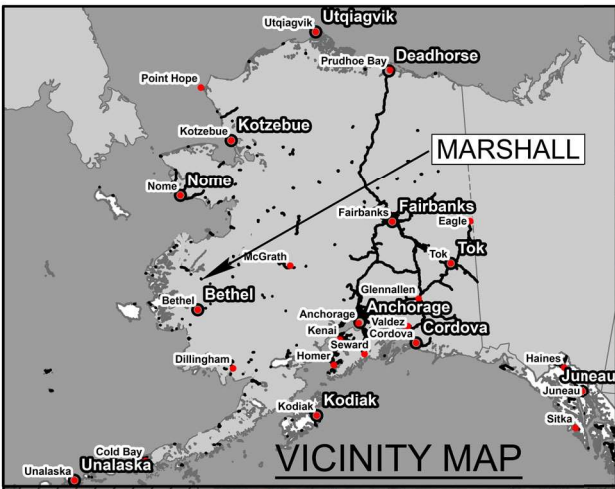
substantial impairments (noise, esthetics, access, vibration, or ecological intrusions) that would result in a constructive use to the NWR. As a result, there will be no Section 4(f) use of the Yukon Delta NWR by the proposed project.

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

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Laura Sample, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
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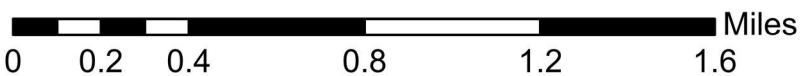


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-  Area of Potential Effect
-  Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
-  Proposed Improvements

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Marshall Airport Improvements
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DATE: January 2023

Figure 1 of 3

McKinney, Holly Jean (DOT)

From: Meitl, Sarah J (DNR)
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 1:05 PM
To: McKinney, Holly Jean (DOT)
Cc: Sample, Laura A (FAA); Johnston, Christopher F (DOT); Jensen, Melissa L (DOT); Nelson, Brett D (DOT); Price, Kathy E (DOT); Meitl, Sarah J (DNR)
Subject: RE: NFAPT00371 Marshall Airport Improvements Findings

3130-1R FAA / 2022-00832

Good afternoon,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated December 13, 2022) concerning the subject project on December 16, 2022. Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur with the finding of No Historic Properties Affected.

This email serves as our office's official correspondence for the purposes of Section 106. Please note that our office may need to re-evaluate our concurrence if changes are made to the project's scope or design, or comments are received from other consulting parties. As stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Our response does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. Should unidentified cultural resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4), in consultation with our office. Please note that some sites can be deeply buried and that fossils are considered cultural resources subject to the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah Meitl

Review and Compliance Coordinator
Alaska State Historic Preservation Office
Office of History and Archaeology
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From: DNR, Parks OHA Review Compliance (DNR sponsored) <oha.revcomp@alaska.gov>
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Subject: Re: NFAPT00371 Marshall Airport Improvements Findings

Hi Holly,

The Office of History and Archaeology/Alaska State Historic Preservation Office received your documentation, and its review has been logged in with me under 2022-00832. Our office has 30 calendar days after receipt to complete our review and may contact you if we require additional information. Please contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah Meitl

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Subject: NFAPT00371 Marshall Airport Improvements Findings

Hi Sarah,

Please see attached findings letter for the Marshall Airport Improvements project.

Sincerely,
Holly McKinney



Holly McKinney, PhD
Archaeologist (PQI)
Cultural Resource Specialist
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