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FINDINGS OF SECTION 306108 REVIEW

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The Indian Health Service (IHS) is proposing a Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP) project for Yakutat, Alaska. For this project, the IHS is the Lead Federal Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a cooperating agency. Additionally, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is funding a portion of the clinic’s construction. The authorized IHS Official is Kevin Bingley (907.729.3610; Kevin.Bingley@ihs.gov).

SCOPE OF UNDERTAKING: The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (YTT) will vacate the leased space used to operate the Yakutat Community Clinic and construct an approximately 10,000 square-foot health clinic on a new 2.5-acre site. Land will be conveyed from the Yakutat City Borough to the Yakutat tribe for the purpose of developing the new clinic. The USDA will provide funds for construction and the IHS is providing funding for the staffing of the new clinic.

AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE): A map of the APE is attached for review.

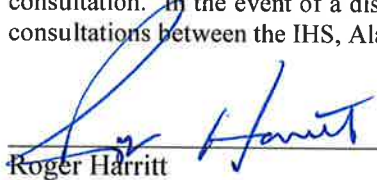
APE SITE REVIEW: The following sites are located in the APE and reviewed for effect.

Site No.	AHRS ID	Site Name	Age	Description
1	YAK-00041	Yakutat and Southern Railroad Historic District	1940-1971	Associated with the cannery operation in Yakutat. The district includes a cannery building, the original Lima engine and the tender, ballast dump cars, flat bed/stake cars, fish loading facilities, a maintenance complex, rail alignments, several engines, cars and bridges, a pile driver, the Situk trestle, wheel sets, 3 turntables and a storage shed. The district area is an eleven-mile-long corridor, that extends from the Yakutat town site to Johnson’s Slough at the mouth of the Situk River, and a mile-long spur at Lost River. The district has been determined to be eligible for the NRHP (DOE-K).
2	YAK-00072	Yakutak Landing Field	1940-1946	This site is a polygon delineating an auxiliary airfield and staging area, including two 7400’ runways for pursuit and bombardment planes traveling between Alaska and the lower 48 states. Significance of the site complex is its association with the Aleutian Campaign of WWII. Facilities included in the site complex are a dock and wharfage including a warehouse, and a minor naval air facility with a <u>seaplane ramp at Monti Bay</u> . Also included are living quarters, barracks, a mess hall, operations building, storage, radio communications facilities, hangars. Contributing sites include YAK-00091, and YAK-00092. Determined to be eligible for the NRHP (DOE-S).
3	YAK-00117	28 th Engineer Road	WWII?	Associated with the Yakutat Landing Field, YAK-00072.
4	YAK-00118	Infantry Road	WWII?	Associated with the Yakutat Landing Field, YAK-00072

Roger Harritt, Cultural Resources Manager, ANTHC, reviewed relevant literature and other material as a basis for making a determination of the effects of this project on the cultural resources in the vicinity of the project APE.

AGENCY FINDINGS: No Historic Properties Affected. The project APE is an undeveloped area that abuts the west side of the Yakutat/Airport Road, YAK-00117, south of the core area of the community. No adverse effects are anticipated to the YAK-00117 road alignment as a result of the proposed project. Although it is within the YAK-00072 site polygon, the location was not developed in conjunction with the installations of the WWII facilities in the vicinity, and therefore no effects to the Yakutat Landing Field site is anticipated as a result of the proposed project. The proposed clinic location is approximately 50m south of the YAK-00041 site polygon, and 100m north of YAK-00118.

In compliance with Section 306108 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108; 16 USC 470f) and 36CFR§800, the IHS, has completed a Historical Property review for this undertaking. The finding applies only to the undertaking as defined under this notification and any changes to the undertaking will require further Section 306108 Review in accordance with 36CFR§800.4. SHPO has 30 days after receipt of this letter to complete a review and provide comments. If no comments are received, then the IHS will assume concurrence and proceed with project planning and implementation without further SHPO consultation. In the event of a discovery, all construction activities will cease in the immediate area of the finds pending further consultations between the IHS, Alaska SHPO, and the Tribe.



Roger Harritt
Cultural Resources Manager, ANTHC

6/17/2016
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SHPO Concurrence:

Concurrence & Approval of Finding:


Kevin Bingley, PE
IHS, Deputy SFC Director

6/17/16
Date

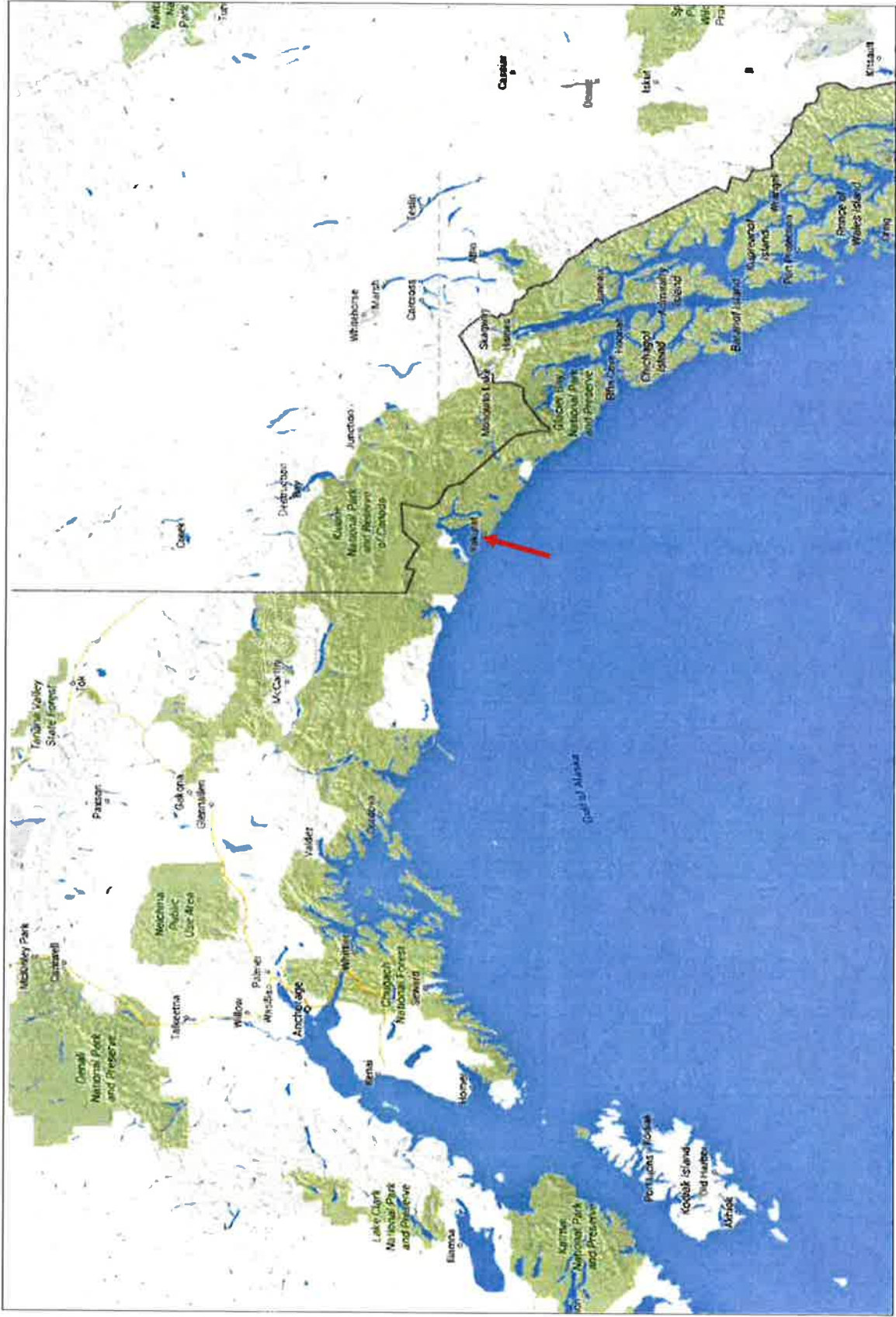


Figure 1. Location of Yakutat in the northeastern Gulf of Alaska (U.S.G.S. YAK C5).

**SECTION 306108 REVIEW
WITH THE YAKUTAT TLINGIT TRIBE (YTT)
AND
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)**

The IHS is proposing the following project in Yakutat, Alaska for the new clinic development project.

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AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE): The Preliminary APE, as created through tribal cooperation, is detailed below. A Preliminary APE map is attached for review

APE SITE REVIEW: The following sites have been identified in the Preliminary APE.

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PRELIMINARY FINDING:

NO impact is anticipated to historic or cultural resources

In compliance with Section 306108 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108) and 36CFR§800, the IHS has initiated a Historical Property review for this project. The effect on cultural, spiritual, and historical properties as anticipated by the IHS representative and the tribe is outlined above. The IHS is documenting the above finding as preliminary consultation with the tribe. These findings apply only to the project as defined under the Scope of Undertaking, and any changes to the project will require further Section 306108 Review in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4. In the event of a discovery, all construction activities will cease in the immediate area of the finds pending further consultations between the IHS, Alaska SHPO, and the Tribe.

IHS Representative:
Name: [Signature]
Title: SAC Deputy President - AANHS
Date: 6/17/16

Tribal Representative:
Name: [Signature]
Title: President
Date: 6-15-2016

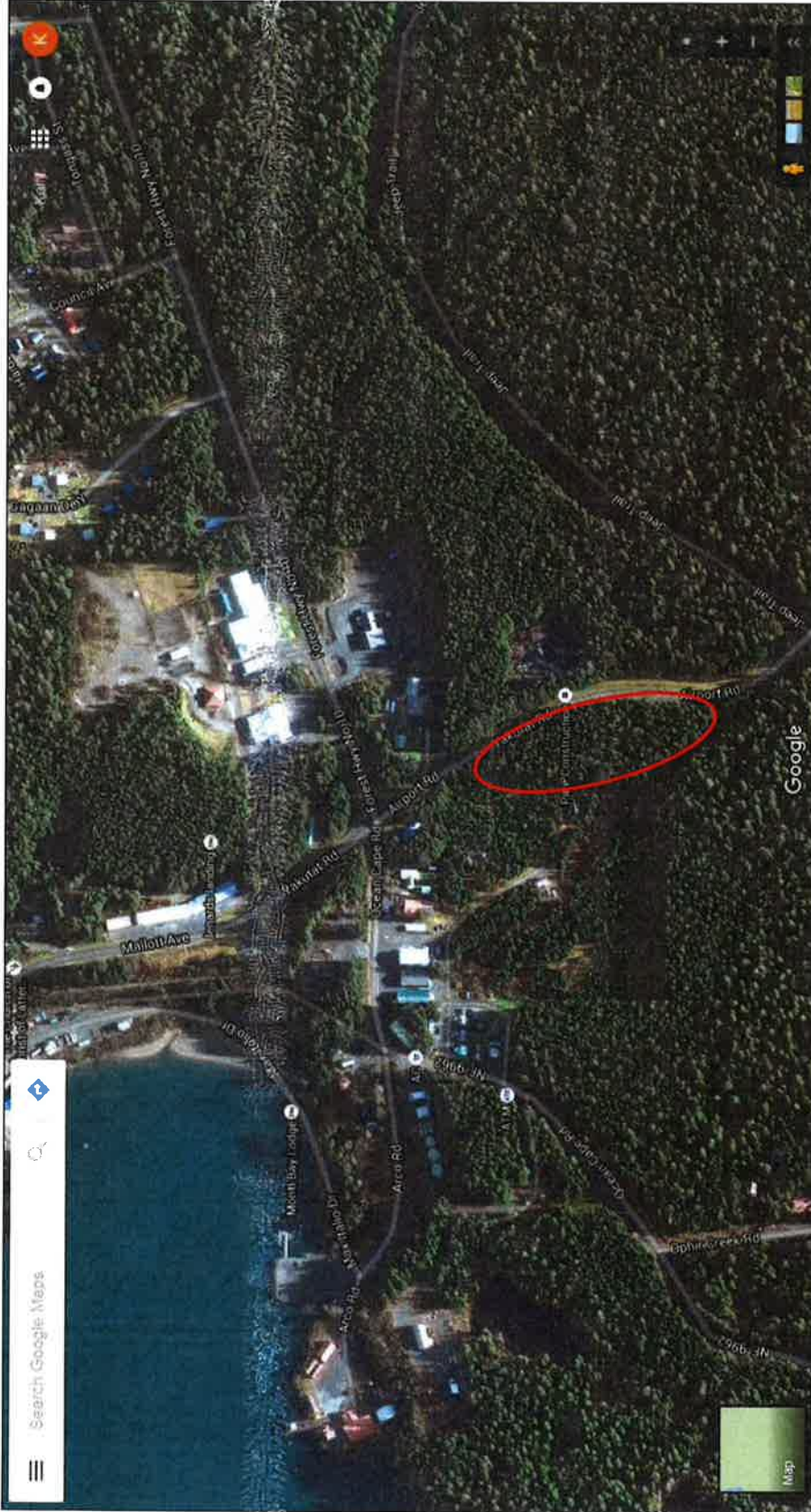


Figure 1. Yakutat, proposed location of the new health clinic, in a 3.5-acre area south of the community core area.