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SUBJECT: Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP), Construction of New Health Clinic, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Yakutat

Dear Mr. Bingley:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AKSHPO) received your correspondence on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Upon review, we are unable to concur at this time. We offer the following comments:

1. The finding of effect provided (no historic properties affected) does not take into consideration the potential effects to the Historic District as a whole (YAK-00072). Generally, if a project is encompassed by the boundaries of a historic property we recommend that the agency address whether the disturbance, alteration, or addition proposed would or would not have an 'adverse effect' on the historic property.
2. The project involves construction of a 10,000 square foot clinic. It is unclear based on the scope of work provided whether this will involve any of the following:
  - a. Demolition of existing buildings.
  - b. Ground-disturbing activities in previously undeveloped areas.
  - c. Utility connections.
  - d. Use of a material source.
3. The potential to affect previously unidentified archaeological resources was not addressed in the provided documentation.

Please provide further information pertaining to the above mentioned considerations. We look forward to reviewing it once available. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and review. Please contact McKenzie Johnson at 269-8726 or [mckenzie.johnson@alaska.gov](mailto:mckenzie.johnson@alaska.gov) if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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