



Northern Rail Extension Project

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MEMORANDUM

To: Victoria Rutson, Chief,
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board

From: Mark Peterburs, Project Manager

Subject: Northern Rail Extension Project
Quarterly Progress Report, April-June 2013

This quarterly progress report is submitted in accordance with the *Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the Surface Transportation Board, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the Alaska Railroad Corporation, Northern Rail Extension Between North Pole and Delta Junction, Alaska*, STB Finance Docket 34658, executed in December 2009. This progress report covers the period from April 2013 through June 2013.

Project Progress – April to June 2013

Key activities/milestones conducted during the reporting period are summarized below.

Historic Properties:

- Completed and submitted the January-March 2013 quarterly progress report to STB
- Initiated planning for annual training
- Initiated planning for annual meeting

Construction:

- Temporary access was removed for river breakup (which occurred May 13-May 18), then work focused on re-establishing temporary access for 2013 construction season
- Causeway and trestle bridge constructed to Pier 8
- Construction on cofferdam for Pier 10 initiated
- Piledriver Slough bridge girders set in May; bridge abutments and diaphragms finished and bridge rail installation initiated
- Girder deliveries from the Port of Valdez began and will continue through mid-July





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Public Outreach:

- Open House was held in Salcha on May 15

Milestones/Planned Activities – Next Reporting Period

- Completion of cofferdams for Piers 10, 1, 13 and potentially 14
- Causeway and trestle construction from Pier 8 to Pier 16
- 72" pile driving operations initiated
- Delivery of girders to project site complete
- Annual Meeting for PA (date to be determined) and Cultural Resource Contractor Training (August 8)

NRE Project Photographs



Figure 1. Overview of alignment and yard. Photographed May 10, 2013



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Figure 2. River Break-up. Photographed May 17, 2013.



Figure 3. Pile driving for Trestle Build. Photographed June 16, 2013.





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Figure 4. Trestle Progress, Photographed June 19, 2013



Figure 5. Cofferdam at Pier 10, Photographed July 2, 2013

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