

## *HERITAGE*

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### Federal Legislation

The Great American Outdoors Act, a bipartisan bill which passed the Senate June 17 by a vote of 73-25, provides \$6.5 billion dollars to fund maintenance backlog at national parks and on other public lands, as well as fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at \$900 million per year. The bill is expected to be taken up by the House the week of July 20.

The House Appropriations Committee approved a Fiscal Year 2021 spending bill that would provide \$136 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, an increase of \$18 million from FY2020. The bill would provide \$55.68 million for State Historic Preservation Offices and \$15 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. This is a \$3 million increase for SHPOs and \$1.27 million increase for THPOs. The report that accompanies the bill, notes, in reference to SHPOs and THPOs, “The Committee is acutely aware of the critical role these entities play in supporting construction projects by conducting Section 106 reviews and that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact. Increases are provided to help mitigate those impacts.”

Historic Preservation Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	
		Admin	House
States	\$ 52.675	26.9	\$55.675
Tribes	13.735	5.7	15.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	-0-	1.0
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	-0-	18.0
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	-0-	4.25
Historic Black colleges	10.00	8.0	10.0
Save America’s Treasures	16.00	-0-	25.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	-0-	7.5

TOTALS \$ 118.67 \$ 40.6 \$ 136.425

\* Figures are in millions.

### Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology will be recruiting for three positions in July. Look for postings on Workplace Alaska in July.

<https://doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/#agency-navigation-menu>

**Historian III** – This position serves as the State Historian and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and is responsible for administering several historic preservation programs including the National Register for Historic Places, historic preservation tax credit, Certified Local Government, and grants programs in the Office of History and Archaeology.

**Archaeologist II** – This position provides support to the State Archaeologist regarding State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits (SCRIP) and emergency response. The position will assist responders in meeting state and federal environmental requirements regarding cultural resources during emergency situations, such as oil spills, and pre-incident planning. This position will also assist with special projects, including the development of protocols to document and consider culturally significant places during pre-incident planning for inland oil spill response in Alaska.

**Natural Resource Technician III** – This position works in the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey/Integrated Business System Unit, entering data and digitizing documents.

### COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees continue to work remotely. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf>

The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

### National Park Service

Updates about the overall NPS response to COVID-19, including safety information, are posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

### Council on Environment Quality:

On July 15, the Council on Environmental Quality, which oversees Federal agency implementation of the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), announced its final rule comprehensively changing its regulations for implementing NEPA for the first time in over 40 years. For more visit Federal Register/ Vol. 85, No. 137 at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-16/pdf/2020-15179.pdf> nepa.gov.

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

On July 15, 2020, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received a formal request from the Department of Army (Army) to issue a Program Comment for Army Inter-War Era (1919-1940) Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features. The 45-day period for ACHP action on such a request will end on August 31, 2020. For more information on Program Comments visit: <https://www.achp.gov>.

President Trump recently announced his intent to appoint Connecticut State Representative John H. Frey to be a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Frey, a real estate broker, lives in a restored 1753 residence that was the home of a Revolutionary War soldier. He served as president of the Lounsbury House, is a former trustee of the Ridgefield Historical Society, and was a member of the State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission. Frey was first elected as a Connecticut State Representative in 1999.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

### Bureau of Land Management:

Beginning in early August, Northern California District Manager Alan Bittner will serve as Acting Assistant Director for National Conservation Lands (HQ 400). Prior to moving to Northern California, Alan served as the Anchorage Field Office manager for four years. He began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1995 as a Lead Biological Technician & Hydrologic Technician in the Boise National Forest and then worked for more than a decade with the BLM as a resource specialist in Salmon, Idaho and an Assistant Field Manager in Carson City, Nevada.

### National Trust for Historic Preservation:

**Annual Grants:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for its annual grants program. The funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports preservation

planning and educational projects. Application deadline is October 1. Applications are available eight weeks before the deadline. The National Trust reports that past grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives. For more information visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds> or contact [Grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:Grants@savingplaces.org).

#### National Preservation Institute:

**Podcast series:** National Preservation Institute has launched a six-episode Preservation Profiles podcast series to celebrate NPI's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, airing every two weeks, free of charge. The series offers an insider look at the historic preservation and cultural resource management community. Episode 1, which aired July 14, is "Preserving Intangible History with Susan West Montgomery". Go to: <https://preservationprofiles.org>

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#### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

Seward Highway Milepost (MP) 105-107 Windy Corner Draft EA  
Public hearing via virtual format July 30, 2020, 5 p.m.  
Comment on Draft EA and Draft Programmatic 4(f) by August 14, 2020  
For more information visit [windycorner@dowl.com](mailto:windycorner@dowl.com)

USDA Forest Service Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements: Constructing facility improvements to accommodate visitor growth.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=53780](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53780)  
Estimated comment period October 2020.

#### Pebble Project

The Corps of Engineers announced the Final EIS will be released July 24, 2020. For more information visit <https://pebbleprojecteis.com>

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

Pebble Project  
Programmatic Agreement and CRMP  
Formerly Used Defense Sites Program  
Programmatic Agreement  
U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak  
Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP  
USDA Forest Service Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority:  
Programmatic Agreement amendment nearing final.

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, [sarah.meitl@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).

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## PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2020

August 3-9 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2020: Preservation Coast to Coast. In Person meeting CANCELLED. ONLINE TRAINING offered. Registration is open <http://forum.napcommissions.org/> for the virtual conference.

August 18-19 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00 To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

August 20 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

September 15-16 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

September 17 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

September 23-26 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: What Kind of Ancestor Will You Be? ONLINE (AASLH, 615.320.3203 / [info@aaslh.org](mailto:info@aaslh.org))

October 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

October 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

October 14-17, 2020 Alaska Historical Society annual meeting and conference at Sitka, Alaska. Virtual meeting under discussion.

October 28-30 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the National Preservation Conference, ONLINE Virtual Event (NTHP, 202.588.6000 / [info@savingplaces.org](mailto:info@savingplaces.org))

November 10-11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

November 12 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom)

December 8-9 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

December 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom)