A dark, atmospheric photograph of a road winding through a forest towards snow-capped mountains. The road is the central focus, leading the eye from the bottom center towards the horizon. The forest is dense with evergreen trees, and the mountains in the background are covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The overall tone is moody and scenic.

The Road to Evaluating Alaska's Roads

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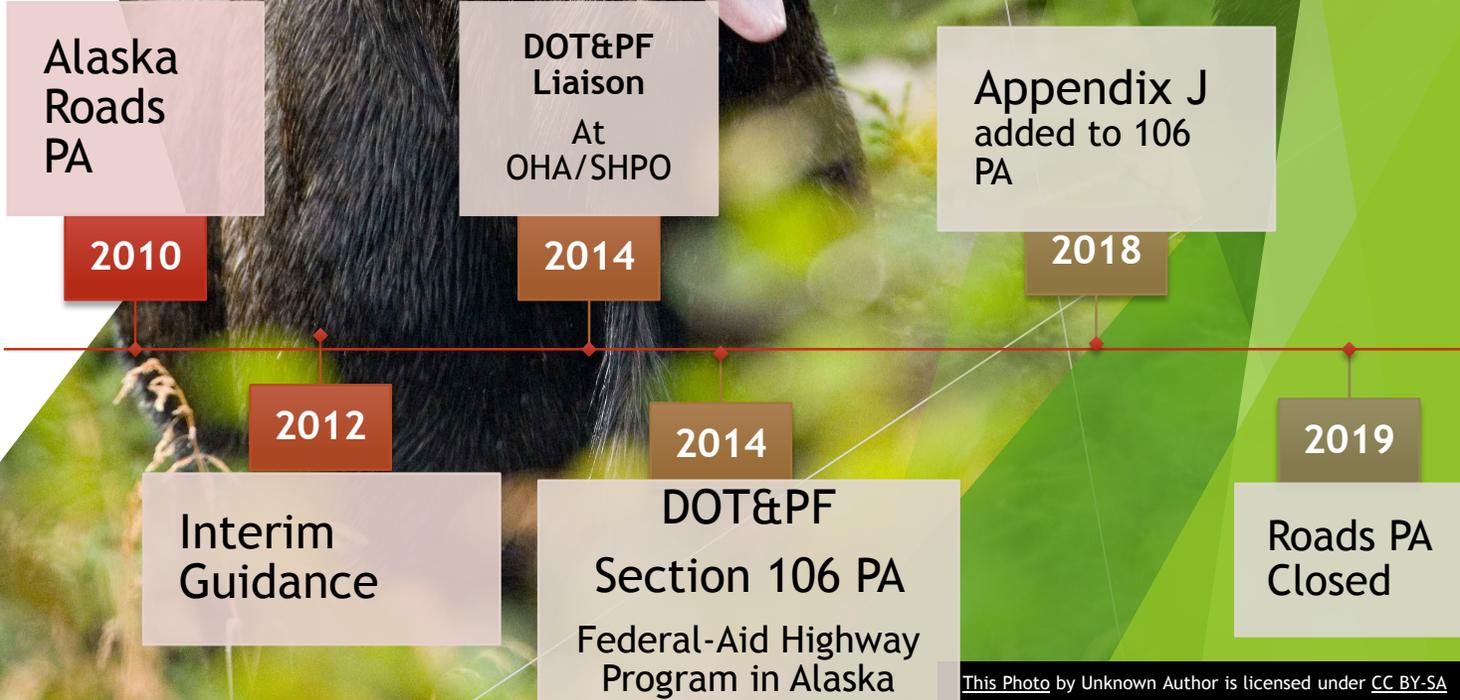
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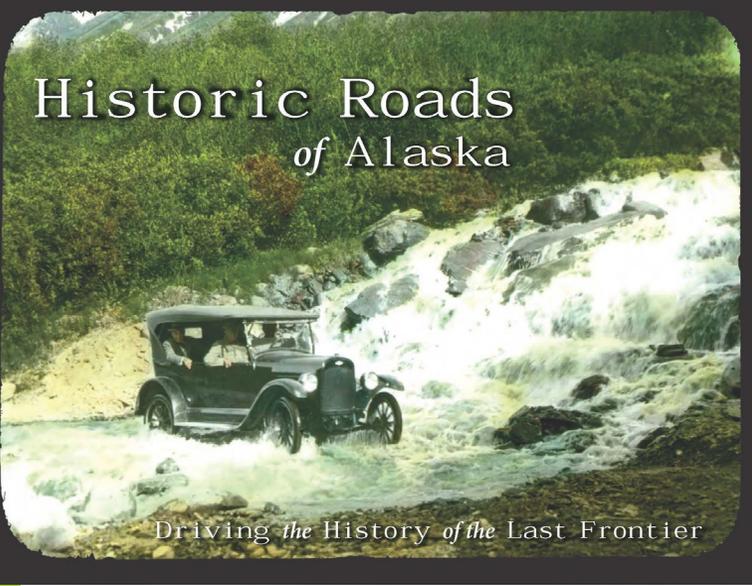
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Background Information

The need for streamlined reviews to meet transportation needs was further developed among FHWA, DOT&PF, SHPO, and consulting parties through the Section 106 PA for the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Alaska, implemented in Oct of 2014. This Agreement does a number of things, but it clearly commits DOT&PF to continue to employ staff that meet Professional Qualifications Standards, established by the Secretary of the Interior, in the statewide and regional offices. The DOT staff that meet these requirements are referred to as a professionally qualified individual or PQI. A term carried over from the Roads PA. The PQIs, along with the liaison and Statewide Environmental Program Manager, make up the Cultural Resources Team or CRT.



A vintage black and white photograph of a car driving through a river with rapids. The text "Historic Roads of Alaska" is overlaid in white serif font at the top. At the bottom, the subtitle "Driving the History of the Last Frontier" is written in a smaller white font.

Historic Roads of Alaska

Driving the History of the Last Frontier

A black and white photograph showing a line of vintage cars driving on a dirt road through a forest.

Alaska Roads Historic Overview

Applied Historic Context of
Alaska's Roads

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Alaska Roads PA

- ▶ Established in response to lack of NRHP guidance
- ▶ Temporary measure or “time out”
- ▶ Interim Guidance (IG)
- ▶ Historic Roads Context of Alaska Roads Project
 - ▶ Alaska Roads Historic Overview
 - ▶ Alaska Roads Methodology
 - ▶ Screening Process Worksheet
 - ▶ Statements of Significance
 - ▶ Determinations of Eligibility
- ▶ Alaska Historic Transportation Routes Booklet
- ▶ Roads PA Closed February 23, 2019

Interim Guidance (IG)

- ▶ Based on the results of the 2010 Roads Workshop and existing NPS guidance
- ▶ What is it?
 - ▶ Lists activities determined to have limited or no potential to effect Treated as Eligible (TE) roads
 - ▶ Lists activities for no adverse effect on TE roads
 - ▶ All other activities may have an adverse effect and the IG outlines Programmatic Mitigation options
- ▶ Roads PA closed; however, IG lives on under transitional allowance of App J of the 106 PA until Feb 23, 2022.

DOT&PF / FHWA Section 106 PA -The Transition

- ▶ 106 PA does a number of things, including delegation of authority to DOT&PF from FHWA for 106 and has also been amended for 327 NEPA assignment
- ▶ Streamlined Project Review
 - ▶ Appendix B Programmatic Allowances
 - ▶ Tier 1 & Tier 2 allowances with General Conditions
- ▶ Transition integrated parts of Roads PA into 106 PA
- ▶ Amendment to Appendix B, *Historic Roads Analysis*
- ▶ Added Appendix J, *Historic Roads Consideration for Standard Consultation Projects*
 - ▶ *Walks user through identification and evaluation of roads with references to the Methodology and IG*
 - ▶ *Recommendations for assessing and resolving adverse effects to roads*
 - ▶ *Transitional allowances for some projects*
- ▶ *Methodology brings consistency and predictability to road DOEs through an established procedure*

