

## **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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No cultural resources were identified during the pedestrian survey of the proposed Fairview Loop Rehabilitation Project direct APE. During the pedestrian survey, SRB&A conducted 16 shovel tests and 56 soil probe tests, all of which produced negative results for cultural materials. Previous documentation of the [REDACTED] archaeological site complex [REDACTED] showed one particular site [REDACTED] within the complex as located within the direct APE. SRB&A identified [REDACTED] several meters south of its reported AHRS location, and with the assistance of MSB Archaeologist Dan Stone, remapped the correct locations of the site, as well as provide a more accurate location for a second nearby site [REDACTED]. Both of the corrected site locations are located well outside of the Fairview Loop Rehabilitation Project direct APE.

During field surveys of the built environment along Fairview Loop, SRB&A identified 164 properties, including nine properties that were evaluated for eligibility for listing on the NRHP. SRB&A evaluated these nine properties within the historical background of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. One property stands out as a clear example of important themes in the history of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. SRB&A recommends the stone cottage located at **2801 Old Knik Road** (ANC-03068) as eligible for the NRHP. The stone cottage is significant for its association with homesteading in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and represents the use of architectural methods, materials, and stylistic elements that elevate it above the level of workmanship of other properties encompassed by its historic context.

Several other properties illustrate important themes, but lack sufficient integrity to adequately convey their significance. Those properties that SRB&A recommends as not eligible include the colony farm located at **3800 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-00546), the cottages at **3601 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-03452), **1500 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-03455), **1750 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-03457), **1988 West Fairview Loop** (ANC-03456), and **4901 West Fairview Loop** (ANC-03458), the barn at **1701 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-3454), and the barn and cottage located at **2200 East Fairview Loop** (ANC-03453). SRB&A identified six previously listed AHRS sites that had been removed, demolished, or were otherwise not visible at the time of the survey (Table 8). One AHRS site, the Carson Colony Farm (ANC-00139), located within the visual APE of the Fairview Loop Rehabilitation Project had previously been evaluated for inclusion on the NRHP and been determined eligible. SRB&A reevaluated the integrity of the farm and concluded that the Carson Colony Farm is still eligible for the NRHP.

SRB&A's literature review identified five trails including the Wet Gulch/Willow Creek, Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Route, INHT, Hanson, and Watson/Knik to Matanuska Trails within or in close proximity to the direct APE. SRB&A's fieldwork did not identify any evidence for these trails in the direct APE with the possible exception of a modern driveway identified on a MSB Traffic Map (2010) as the Hanson-Watson Trail. SRB&A is unsure whether this driveway marks the actual Hanson Trail. Other previous evidence of these trails within the direct APE has likely been destroyed with the original construction of Fairview Loop.

According to AS 41.35.070 "Preservation of Historic, Prehistoric, and Archeological Resources Threatened by Public Construction," if the department (ADNR) determines that any historic, prehistoric, or archeological sites, locations, or remains will be adversely affected by a project, then the proposed public construction or improvement may not be commenced until the department has performed the necessary investigation, recording, and salvage of the site, location, or remains. SRB&A did not identify

any historic, prehistoric, or archeological sites, locations, or remains within the direct APE. Two buildings recommended eligible to the NRHP (ANC-03068 and ANC-00139) are located within the visual APE (i.e., within reasonable line of sight of the road). The history of both properties is tied to the construction of Fairview Loop. The proposed project will restore portions of the roadbed with possibly wider lanes, shoulders and minor realignment. Depending on the degree of improvement within the line of sight of these two buildings, there is potential for the integrity of setting for these two properties to be diminished. However, the buildings were built after the original road construction and the earliest setting of the properties incorporated the road. Furthermore, the other six aspects of integrity for both properties and eligibility for the NRHP would remain intact. For these reasons SRB&A recommends no adverse effect to ANC-03068 and ANC-00139. No other eligible properties are located within the direct or visual APEs of the Fairview Loop Rehabilitation Project. Pursuant to AS 41.35.070, Preservation of Historic, Prehistoric, and Archaeological Resources Threatened by Public Construction, SRB&A recommends the department find that the Fairview Loop Rehabilitation Project will not have an adverse effect on any historic properties. In the event that DOT&PF or its contractor discover archaeological or historical materials during improvements along Fairview Loop, DOT&PF or its contractor should immediately halt activities in the vicinity of the find and should notify the department of the find in order to avoid damaging potentially important historic, prehistoric, or archaeological resources.