

Summary of issues raised by interested parties and the public when asked for ideas to resolve the direct adverse effect of Forest Service requiring removal of the Wolf Creek Boatworks (6/16/2020)			
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11 commenters requested that the Boatworks be preserved.	C, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S	Yes	Because the Forest Service does not own the Boatworks improvements, it is not within the authority of the Forest Service to direct that the Boatworks be transferred intact. See Boatworks Overview for additional information relevant to this issue.
10 commenters requested that the Forest Service or Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) sell or trade the parcel to Mr. Romey or carve the parcel out of the Alaska Mental Health Trust (AMHT) Land Exchange Act of 2017.	B,C,E,G,H,K, L,M,O,P	Yes	This proposal is outside the scope of the Forest Service's authority. See Boatworks Overview for additional information relevant to this issue.
4 commenters shared their opinion that a kiosk is an insufficient mitigation measure.	L,M,P,S	Yes	The kiosk is an existing mitigation measure in the current programmatic agreement, which is intended to share the overall history of cultural resources types across the island.
1 commenter suggested a historic preservation easement as a mitigation measure.	M	Yes	There is no provision in the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017 to encumber the property with an easement. See Boatworks Overview 'Land Exchange Act' section for additional information relevant to this issue.
8 commenters addressed the status of Mr. Romey's permit, regarding his desire to renew the permit or a belief that he had valid existing rights when AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017 passed.	B,C,G,I,K,M, O,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'Forest Service Permitting' and 'Land Exchange Act' sections for additional information relevant to this issue.

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7 commenters noted that the Boatworks is still used by local communities for boat repair.	A,D,E,N,O,P, Q	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. This issue has been noted by the Forest Service.
4 commenters noted that the Boatworks is significant to the history of the area.	D,E,O,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'History of Wolf Creek Boatworks' and 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' sections for additional information relevant to this issue.
4 commenters asked questions about the Hollis parcel cultural resources inventory, not related to the Boatworks.	A,K,O,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. A records review showed that 9 previous cultural resources investigations have been completed in the area. The Hollis parcel is considered adequately inventoried for cultural resources per 36 CFR 800.4(b)(1).
3 commenters noted that some effort had been made by Mr. Romey to list the Boatworks to the National Register of Historic Places but the process was not completed.	B,O,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'History of the Wolf Creek Boatworks' section for additional information relevant to this issue. Forest Service was not involved in the nomination.
2 commenters shared their perspective regarding a prior land exchange effort involving Boatworks.	P,T	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.

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2 commenters said additional time for public comment was needed.	N,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' section for additional information relevant to this issue.
2 commenters requested that this process be paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	A,K	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. Due to requirement to finalize the exchange within the congressionally legislated timeline described in the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017, the Section 106 process cannot be paused. Forest Service did extend the deadline to accept further comments and ideas for mitigation measures from April 24 to May 22.

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2 commenters questioned the roles of signatory, consulting, and interested parties.	M,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. Mr. Romey fits the definition of consulting party found at 36 CFR 800.2(c)(5) "Additional consulting parties. Certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking may participate as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties." AMHTA Land Office fits the definition of invited signatory found at 36 CFR 800.6(c)(2)(iii) "The agency official should invite any party that assumes a responsibility under a memorandum of agreement to be a signatory." [36 CFR 800.14(b)(3) 'Developing programmatic agreements for complex or multiple undertakings' directs federal agencies to follow 36 CFR 800.6 regarding invited signatories.] AMHTA Land Office is responsible for following through with meeting stipulations under the programmatic agreement and amendment that apply to them. Mr. Romey will not be assuming any responsibilities under the programmatic agreement or amendment.

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2 commenters noted that there was a misunderstanding regarding ownership of the Boatworks during the initial development of the programmatic agreement.	N,P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' section for additional information relevant to this issue.
2 commenters expressed their wishes that Congress would intervene.	M,N	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.
2 commenters addressed the interplay between the National Historic Preservation Act and the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017.	L,N	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' section for additional information relevant to this issue.
1 commenter noted that removal of the Boatworks is a direct adverse effect as opposed to a potential adverse effect.	I	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' and 'Options for the Boatworks' sections for additional information relevant to this issue.
1 commenter noted that western science does not account for traditional cultural knowledge.	A	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. Forest Service acknowledges that Forest Service does not have traditional cultural knowledge.

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1 commenter gave an opinion of National Historic Preservation Act and Alaska Historic Preservation Act, that the acts require historic properties to be preserved.	B	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.
1 commenter expressed an opinion that existing statements and agreements were in place regarding the parcel prior to the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017.	B	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview for additional information relevant to this issue.
1 commenter expressed an opinion regarding allowable land use under state and federal law.	B	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.
1 commenter (tribal entity) noted that it was not consulted during the development of the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017.	K	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.
1 commenter (Boatworks owner) questioned why removal of Boatworks does not have a separate Section 106 review process.	P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. See Boatworks Overview 'National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106' section for additional information relevant to this issue.
1 commenter (Boatworks owner) offered opinions regarding AMHTA intentions and the public's perspective.	P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.
1 commenter (Boatworks owner) expressed his frustration with government.	P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks.

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1 commenter (Boatworks owner) expressed dissatisfaction with communication with AMHTA and Forest Service.	P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. This issue has been noted by the Forest Service.
1 commenter (Boatworks owner) has concerns with the removal plan.	P	No	While the comment is appreciated, it is not specific to resolving adverse effects to the Boatworks. This issue has been noted by the Forest Service.

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P	2/13/2020	Romey, Samuel	Owner of Boatworks	My name is Sam Romey and I own the buildings know as Wolf Creek Boatworks located on USFS land in 12 mile arm in Hollis Bay. I received a letter today from Forest Supervisor Earl Stewart asking me to contact you about the section 106 Process. I do want to be involved and I was told that other parties such as Sealaska, Organized village of Kasaan and The village of Hydaburg could be parties to the process as well.
P	2/20/2020	Romey, Samuel	Owner of Boatworks	Can you provide me with a list of all the signatories?

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P	3/18/2020	Romey, Samuel	Owner of Boatworks	Thank you for the email and update. I have read over the documents and there seems to be some misunderstanding. It was explained to me previously by the USFS that the Section 106 process to be done was in regards to the USFS not renewing the lease for the historic Wolf Creek Boat Works land and that the signatories to the agreement would be, myself as the owner of the historic properties being affected, the SHPO, the USFS and the national advisory council on historic properties. It now looks like someone is are trying to slide this in under the separate and non-applicable section 106 that was done for the land exchange. Can you clarify why there seems to be a new direction take on this and who has made the decision to not provide the required section 106 investigation as part of the termination of the special use permit. Also why I am not a signatory as I previously told I would be. I was also told Alaska mental health would not be a signatory as they have no involvement with the ownership or lease agreement between the USFS and myself. As you know this is not what was expected or explained as to what would happen so the call would be a moot point at this time until the confusion is resolved and the correct parties are involved.
A	4/3/2020	Anderson, Marina	Organized Village of Kassan	The OVK tribal council is requesting the 106 report from the Mental Health Trust/Wolf Creek area.

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M	4/7/2020	Neal, Trish	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	I am writing to you on behalf of Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. in support of Wolf Creek Boatworks located within the Hollis Parcel. Our organization was contacted by Mr. Sam Romey, owner of the property, asking for assistance in protecting his property. In reviewing the situation, AAHP feels that it is important that Wolf Creek Boatworks be allowed to remain intact. Mr. Romey has offered two different scenarios that would be a win-win for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office and the Wolf Creek Boatworks. He has offered to trade land that he personally owns in exchange for the property on which the boatworks is sited. He has also offered to purchase the property outright. Since the trust has indicated it plans to log the land nearby, Mr. Romey's offer of trading or purchasing the property would not take away from the funds that the trust is set to generate. AAHP does believe that Mr. Romey's offer is not unreasonable nor would create an adverse situation for the trust. We are inquiring why the Wolf Creek Boatworks wasn't grandfathered in when the land was set up for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office. Was there a 106 hearing on the property so that an easement could be created? The board of AAHP fully supports Mr. Romey in his quest to retain ownership of Wolf Creek Boat Works for its historic value as well as the important services that the business offers to local residents. Wolf Creek Boatworks is an important part of Southeast Alaska history that has continued to operate for many years by the same family. I will be attending the hearing on Wednesday, April 8th to further support the Wolf Creek Boatworks quest to remain

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A	4/8/2020	Anderson, Marina	Organized Village of Kasaan	Comments shared during consultation meeting - 1) – the lands that encompass Kasaan Bay are the traditional waters of the Kasaan Haida people. The lands were inhabited in such a way that is not recognized by western science. Kasaan is relying on the boatworks. President Leighton sent a letter asking for this process to pause.
H	4/8/2020	Johnsen, Paul	None	The land that Wolf Creek Boatworks sits on has been slated for logging by the State Mental Health Trust. Of the 1544 acres set to be logged, approximately 7 acres surround the historic boathouse, powerhouse, cabin, and boat grid. These 7 acres being carved out of the exchange will ensure the preservation of the entire historic site. Although they have been offered financial compensation for the homesteaded 7 acres, or an exchange for 7 acres further down the beach (owned by Sam Romey) to continue occupying the 7 acre parcel, Mental Health has been unwilling to waiver on their decision to allow for the removal of the buildings, seawall, dock, pilings, and equipment.... while they log the entire mountainside. SPARE the Wolf Creek Boatworks parcel and allow it to continue being a part of our local history and community.
I	4/8/2020	Kain, Kristine	None	Please don't make this man leave his property so that it can be logged. This is just ridiculous! Stop this now! It is a historic landmark!
J	4/8/2020	Kasnick, Timothy	None	I am writing to express my concern about your decision to destroy this Alaskan historical site for corporate greed. Please stop this madness before it's too late.

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K	4/8/2020	Leighton, Ronald	Organized Village of Kasaan	Comments shared during consultation meeting - 1) has the FS found more than charcoal during surveys? 2) is it at all possible to remove the land from the land exchange? 3) This reminds him of the Happy Harbor property, FS lease, Kavilco was requesting that the buildings be abandoned and people leave, these individuals having leases could take those areas out of conveyance. We should put this on hold until the area has been adequately inventoried 4) during the development of the land exchange Act we were not consulted. I would recommend that we put everything on hold until after the coronavirus is over. It's my understanding that Sam was trying to get the permit renewed. When this was brought forward Mr. Romey's intent was to get the permit renewed. I think his concerns should be addressed. 5) I feel like there is more to be done here. It was not the intent of congress to kick people off of properties and I think this property could have been removed early on from this land exchange. 6) Kasaan had our very own boatworks, they worked together building boats, cannery in Karta Bay, fish traps in Clarence Straights, history attached from Kasaan to the Boatworks, it would be a crying shame to lose this history, what is AMHTA going to do with the land? There is a fish stream there. If everyone works together we can solve this.
L	4/8/2020	Mitchell, Bob	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	Comments shared during consultation meeting - 1) Historic Preservation standpoint. *Mr. Romey has been occupying the property for a number of years – least adverse effect would be to arrange for an ownership transfer of the boatworks property – direct purchase or land transfer 2) doesn't NHPA trump the land exchange Act?

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P	4/8/2020	Romey, Samuel	Owner of Boatworks	<p>Comments shared during consultation meeting - 1) Forest Service & AMHTA understood that Sam owned the boatworks. 2) asked Shona if Heritage staff had enough time & resources to complete an adequate inventory? 3) asked about carbon dating results. 4) the permit was in the process of being renewed, the person working on it was trying to get it renewed, I met all the qualifications, in 2012 we talked about a longer-term permit. It terminated on its own terms because the FS failed to do its job. 5) I'd like to know the date the district ranger made the decision to not renew the permit. The special uses staff was working on renewing the permit right up until she took a different job. People in Kasaan & Hollis still use the boatworks. 6) property has been nominated to the National Register. It is sitting in the SHPOs office. Sam hired an archaeologist. 7) FS kept kicking the can down the road. 8) Kiosk is a joke. This is an opportunity for FS & AMHTA to enter into a MOA and do something positive and innovative. 9) while I did sign the removal plan, after reviewing it, it's unrealistic to think that the buildings can be removed. The house & shop are connected. Even if I wanted to remove it, I'm locked down on a ship & I can't leave. I'm essential services for the state of Alaska and I may be on this ship until June.</p>

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C	4/12/2020	Castor, Jonathan	None	<p>I am Jonathan Castor a resident of Hollis for 17 years and family that has been here on pow since 1992.. I am writing this in the hopes that wolf creek boat works will not be destroyed or taken away from Sam Sam has been a great neighbor for the hollis community. What he has is extremely rare and is a historical site. I once used his grid when I owned a sailboat back in 2008 and my family also used it to scrape their shrimp boats. That boat house has equipment that thanks to sams restoration efforts still amazingly work. That equipment was from the WW1 era over 100 years ago and gets its power from the nearby wolf creek waterfall. That is a historical and extremely rare piece of history and to have it be destroyed for corporate profits would be a shame That boat house has equipment that thanks to sams restoration efforts still amazingly work. That equipment was from the WW1 era over 100 years ago and gets its power from the nearby wolf creek waterfall. That is a historical and extremely rare piece of history and to have it be destroyed for corporate profits would be a shame Please conserve the boat works and if you must log it please keep the historic boat house and take up sams offer on the other 7 acres of timber for trade. He and the community is doing you a favor Speaking of the old growth logging, Also of note, is the old growth right above it. That hillside in itself is also rare . One of the only big timber hillsides left is that right above the boat house and you know it. I understand that the economy of Alaska and pow has been hard the past few years and we need jobs but should we really be cutting that rare old growth right above a historic place???</p>

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G	4/13/2020	Hodgson, Keith	None	<p>i writing in regards to wolf creek boat works. i am a neighbor of sam romeys for the past 20yrs. The work he has done to preserve this historical site is very commendable. equipment from the thirties most of which was hand built still works as it did in the day. I have used the grid many times to pressure wash my boat, change zinks and make repairs that can only be done on a grid. sam very generous in the use of the grid and help with boat repairs, with his time and tools. The first building you see when entering 12 mile arm is the boat house and home of Sam Romey setting in a small bay surrounded by old growth forest. The upkeep of a place like this is every work intense and expensive. I know for a fact that a lot of blood sweat and money has gone into the preservation of this historical site. It would be nothing short of a crime to take this form Mr Romey after all he has done to keep it as it was and it is still in working order. To take a mans home for some timber just dose not make sense, especially since it is an historical site which he has worked to keep it that way and is an asset to the community Hollis and Kassan. If you google Hollis alaska the picture you will see is wolf creek boatworks. lam asking for your help to try and work something out with the state of alaska and Mr romeys to help him keep his home.</p>

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M	4/14/2020	Neal, Trish	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	I was wondering when we would receive the contact information for all the participants from the hearing last week. I have a couple of emails that have been shared to me that were sent to Sen. Murkowski's office. I wanted to get those out to you and the rest of the participants. I heard from Sen. Sullivan's office this morning. I will be contacting Sen. Murkowski and Rep. Young today or tomorrow. I appreciate your taking the time to forward the contact information.

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M	4/14/2020	Neal, Trish	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	Dear Senator Murkowski, I am writing to you as a follow up on behalf of Wolf Creek Boatworks, which is located on Prince of Wales Island, in Southeast Alaska. The parcel is known as the Hollis Parcel. A hearing was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2010 hosted by the U.S. Forest Service by teleconference. There were representatives from the USFS, Alaska Mental Health Land Trust, Organized Village of Kasaan, Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. (AAHP), Mr. Sam Romey, owner of Wolf Creek Boatworks, and others. (Please see attached contact list.) We learned a bit more about the history of the boatworks and how it comes to find itself in this situation. At the time that the boatworks was in the process of renewing its permit, the staff person who was working on this relocated to Juneau for a new position. The USFS Ranger at that time, took over the review and summarily determined that there was no existing business and therefore declined the request for the permit renewal. Mr. Romey had provided a lot of documentation to prove that the boatworks was a viable business and had existed for a number of years at that location. All of this documentation was apparently disregarded or never reviewed. Today, Mr. Romey finds himself about to be evicted from his property by virtue of a land transfer to the Alaska Mental Health Land Trust Office. Congress has mandated that the lands be transferred unencumbered to the land trust, which means that Mr. Romey must remove all buildings and equipment from the site. There is no way to move these buildings and improvements to another location. Where would he find a nearby creek to power his equipment?

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R	4/14/2020	Sharp, Dan & Marty	None	We are writing on behalf of the Wolf Creek boat works 7 acres of land proposed to be logged by the mental health trust. We have been residents of Hollis for over 40 years and lived at the boat works in 1979 and 80. We were married there in 1980. The original owners children came and visited us and gave us a history of their childhood growing up there. In 1983 we rebuilt our tugboat's stern there. Then in the early 2000's we used the grid for hauling out Our tugboat. Sam Romney has done an excellent job maintaining and preserving this historical site with his own assets and labor. It would be outrageous to destroy this historical site for 7 acres of timber. please save wolf creek boat works. thank you for your time and consideration.
M	4/15/2020	Neal, Trish	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	Attached is a letter that I am mailing to Senator Lisa Murkowski in support of Wolf Creek Boatworks. The same letter is being mailed to Senator Sullivan and Representative Young. I am including with the letter the three emails that AAHP has received to date that have been sent to Senator Murkowski by supporters of the boatworks. I was contacted by Rachel in Senator Sullivan's office on Monday. I appreciated Senator Sullivan's office reaching out to us on this matter and showing concern for a good outcome. I am confident that an answer that is acceptable to everyone will be found. A spot on a kiosk is not the right answer. Saving Wolf Creek Boatworks is the right answer and I am certain that if everyone involved can work together, we will see that happen. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. It was good to meet everyone via the teleconference.

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D	4/22/2020	Coburn, Della	None	I'm very concerned over the eviction of this historic and critical facility, since it's an important part of the history of Kasaan Bay and the village of Kasaan, as well as Hollis Anchorage! It distresses me greatly that the US Forest Service is not taking into consideration that the boat works is critical to Kasaan, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove, Whale Pass and the other villages on Prince of Wales island! This boat works is critical to the boat owners and all who live in those villages and rely on the wild foods that the boat owners provide them, and well as the jobs created by commercial boats who fish the waters off our island! The boat works had far more than sentimental value to the people of our island, and needs to remain where it sits!

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S	4/22/2020	Sheufelt, Rebecca	None	<p>I write today to ask that you please take a sincere and earnest moment to consider granting the Wolf Creek Boatworks a chance to continue its historic and precious existence. Talk to anyone over the age of fifty who grew up in S.E. Alaska and they can tell you a story about an old wooden boat that they used to fish out of, work on, or row through spitting rain to see their sweetheart. Its a way of life, a way of life that some people think is over and done, but I would like for you to understand otherwise. I am a young woman. I love wooden boats. I am passionate about preserving the history of maritime culture in S.E. and I am passionate about continuing to produce and use wooden boats for everything that they have been used for since human kind got the nerve to fasten bits of wood together and heave itself into the sea. I went to school for traditional wooden boatbuilding. I met my husband there, also getting a degree in boatbuilding, and he brought me back to his home village of Kasaan on our very own wooden gillnetter. Imagine my delight when I found out that there was a historic, operational boat shop in our home bay, not 5 miles from our dock. Somewhere that we could haul out, do major repairs, and utilize tools that we would otherwise never have access to. A most amazing shop that is totally off the grid and runs on its own hydropower! A shop that perhaps someday we could build new boats out of, and teach others how to build their own. Imagine my outrage and heartbreak when I found out that the shop was slated to be torn down, that the maximum worth of the boatshop was deemed to be a kiosk in Hollis. I need you to know that wooden boats are not</p>

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T	4/22/2020	Whalen, Ron	Former owner of Boatworks	In the late 1980's I pursued a land exchange with the USFS for property on Prince of Wales Island near Hollis known as Wolf Creek. Ultimately the FS determined the buildings I owned on the property was eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. I was instrumental in providing history for that determination. The FS terminated years of effort and expense I made toward the exchange siting a land exchange "Constituted an adverse effect on a known historic site". (see attached documents). It's my understanding the USFS now plans to do a land exchange for this same property. My perspective is the "adverse effect of a known historic site" didn't change. If the USFS now wishes to execute a land exchange for the same property I feel I'm due the years of expense and lost opportunity I incurred trying to effect an exchange for that same property. Attachements: 1. A determination of eligibility for entry to the National Register of Historic Places was determined as early as 1988. See the attached letter dated 12-27-88 signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. (one page). 2. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY report dated 12-5-88 by John T. Autrey/Archaeologist (9 pages). 3. A letter from Regional Forester Michael Barton to Ted Stevens (copy attached)(2 pages). 2nd page in the next to last paragraph; "The Forest Service completed a cultural resource survey to which the State Historic Preservation Officer recommended that the wolf Creek site be entered int the National Historic Register. This new information tipped the scale to the point that the district ranger decided not to proceed further with the exchange of

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N	4/23/2020	Pearson, Dinah	None	<p>I am writing to weigh in with my position on the preservation efforts going on with Wolf Creek Boatworks and its transfer to Alaska Mental Health. As a 20-year realtor and resident of Ketchikan and frequent visitor to Prince of Wales Island, I've had a great deal of experience with the importance SE Alaska residents place on her historic landmarks and the impact they have on our identity. We are, at our core, a uniquely historic community that works diligently to maintain our connections and traditions surrounding fishing, native villages, maritime, natural resources, and early 1900's society. This appreciation and celebration of our history is our life-blood. The very concept of tearing down or mandating the relocation of a functioning, privately maintained, century old boat building facility that has been owned by SE Alaskans since its creation, is currently in use by a large population of island residents, and recognized as a landmark by ferry passengers daily, is beyond comprehension. I purchased my first skiff, made by hand, from Wolf Creek, and have enjoyed dozens of stories from people, about the history out there. This is not a squatter's cabin. This is an iconic, historically valuable, economically viable, precious piece of our history and it's being traded off for a handful of magic beans. The Programmatic Agreement, completed by SHPO, AMHT, and the ACHP is the agreement that should have resolved the adverse effect to the historic Boatworks. Instead, it was completed and released with (1) an assumption that the building would not be removed, (2) it would be included in an historic property management plan, and the parties involved</p>

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E	5/5/2020	Gass, April	None	I have lived in SE Alaska most of my life and have had the pleasure of getting out and seeing some of the historic sites in our region. It would be a shame to lose one them, not only is Wolf Creek Boatworks a true historic site as noted by the USFS, after 80 years it still continues to provide an extremely important service to POW island. Please do everything in your power to preserve this treasure. The owner has even offered other land in it's place which seems more than reasonable. We are Alaskans let's preserve our heritage.

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B	5/6/2020	Buness, Elizabeth	None	<p>You've heard the story of making a mountain out of a molehill, right? Well, this is it; the story of compiled administrative paperwork errors, and possibly some misdirection compounding itself into a big pile of paperwork and headache, resulting in each government agency losing site of its "intended intentions". Thirty two years ago there was an important document that DNR failed to properly file...and now that error has snow-balled creating a big headache, not to mention also wasting public time and monies. Now, the agencies involved, instead of just publicly apologizing for the error and rectifying the situation, have compounded the issues and stubbornly trudged forward, disregarding the ethics that these state agencies were supposedly founded on. This would be a perfect time to conclude that this was an error in administrative documentation and therefore selection, and for the USFS and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to concede its error and to find a VACANT piece of land that will legally (and morally and ethically) allow the development of the trust's intentions without hindering public and personal livelihood and commerce and continuing in building and maintaining the trust with other land development interests. That decision should be easily made based simply on the following facts that, mind you, any stand-by citizen can understand. Why and how this has developed to the extent that it has, is a demonstration in government "red-tape". 1) There are over 100,000 other VACANT land lot options to choose from on this same island. 2). That there are previous Federal and State set backs that would prevent this particular</p>

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L	5/6/2020	Mitchell, Bob	Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.	Mitigation by removing the Boatworks is not a "potential adverse effect." It is most certainly a direct adverse effect, resulting in loss of much of the physical integrity of the operating works (through the process of disassembly/transport/reassembly) and a total loss of its site integrity. An informational kiosk miles away from the site does not begin to mitigate either of these adverse effects. Asking for ideas on "how to mitigate the adverse effects of removal" is the wrong question. USFS/USDA and Alaska Mental Health Land Trust should be asking themselves as well as the public "how to preserve" the Boatworks (and Sawmill) in situ. This is a no-brainer, folks! Mr. Romey has offered to either (a) swap a nearby land holding which he owns, or (b) to purchase the Boatworks-Sawmill property outright, either option resulting in zero net cost or loss to either federal or state agency, The property transference can be conveyed by a historic preservation easement in perpetuity to insure proper management long term. This would result in the property continuing in active use for its historic purpose and ongoing maintenance by an on-site user - a very rare opportunity not presented in most preservation situations.
Q	5/6/2020	Schonberg, Mart	None	The historic Wolf Creek Boatworks site needs to be preserved and remain as a needed shop for the local boats to get the necessary maintenance that the yard does.

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O	5/15/2020	Pool, Laurie	Tongass Historical Society	<p>We are asking for your help to save Wolf Creek Boatworks, one of our State's living historic sites. This business has been operating on the same property since 1939. The USFS has failed to process the current owner's most recent permit renewal due to staff turnover. Now he has received an eviction notice because the property is part of a land swap, and is in the process of being transferred to Alaska Mental Health Trust. The property has qualified to be a National Historic site although the designation process was not completed by the USFS as agreed in 2018. It's our understanding culturally modified trees have been discovered on the property, and the boat work business remains active using some of the original buildings and refurbished equipment, making this a significant site for many reasons. Despite offers by owner, Sam Romey, to trade or even sell a different parcel of land in the same area, Alaska Mental Health refuses to do either. This seems odd given that the property the boatworks sits on is close to a stream, and within a buffer zone which would prohibit logging. Why not trade for property that has more economic potential? Wouldn't that better serve any fiduciary duty? It dismays us that this historic property could be at jeopardy due to what appears to be the failing of the USFS to complete the historic property designation, and the Mental Health Trust's inability to see value in this property other than what can be added to its coffers. While we understand the Mental Health Trust has fiduciary obligations, don't all of us have a duty to protect our heritage, especially if it helps tell our story and enhance our culture? There is value</p>

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P	5/22/2020	Romey, Samuel	Owner of Boatworks	<p>This letter is to serve as clarification and my public input for the Historic Wolf Creek Boatworks. I have always dealt with the USFS and the Alaska Mental Health Land Trust (AMHLT) honestly and with open, clear communication. In the last 18 months, I have witnessed the deterioration of the relationship with the USFS at an alarming pace. The change in personnel and the exchange of information as time and people moved on, seems to have created a great deal of misinformation. That misinformation keeps getting repeated as fact, to create a scenario that would allow this land exchange to take place. The communications between myself and the members of the MHLT have been a one-way street, with brief answers from them indicating they would work with me on a solution. The attached emails will clearly show where I acted in good faith with both the USFS and with AMHLT. I will not go into all the details in this opening paragraph but, suffice it to say, the things AMHLT agreed to and said they would do never happened and now I am forced into a corner to fight for my home and business. After 25 years of meeting all the guidelines and requirements set forth by the USFS to operate the Boatworks, live on the land, complete all the required improvements at my own expense, it is disheartening to have to go up against not one, but two, large government agencies, simply to protect it. I hope the emails and data will clarify any misconception about dates and times and what was said, as well as offer a few solutions other than a kiosk and data gathering. The preservation of the Wolf Creek Boatworks should be a top priority for The USFS, SHPO and NHPO. I know</p>