

# Overview: Office of History and Archeology

House Resources Committee



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FY2023 Management Plan Budget					
PCN's	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
18	479.7	16.1	1,165.5	1,022.0	2,683.3

## Critical Function:

This section contains the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) which is the gateway for every federal dollar spent in Alaska via the Section 106 review process.

- **Essential role in responsible development**
  - Move projects past environmental review
- **Procedural laws – no requirement to preserve**
  - No projects are stopped because of Section 106
- **Operating at ~50% of 2011 staffing level**
  - PCN losses and vacancies

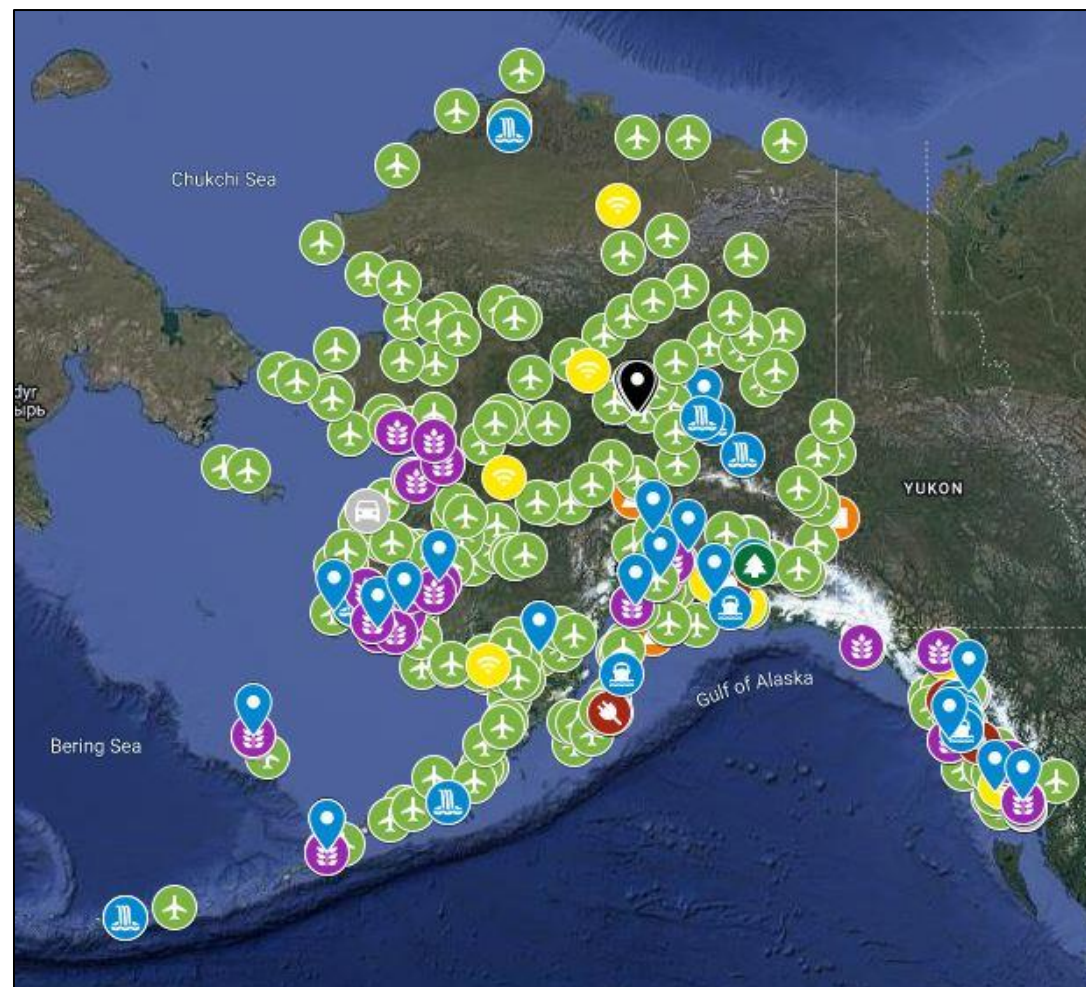


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## Project Review Statutes

- **Alaska Historic Preservation Act**
  - State land, funding, or permit
- **National Historic Preservation Act**
  - Federal land, funding, permit, or authorization



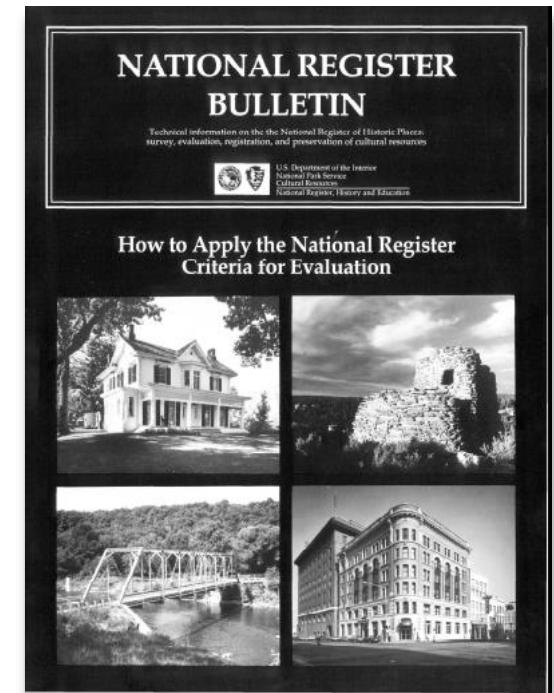
Map of upcoming projects from infrastructure funds

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## Standards and Methods

- Combination of state, federal, and peer-review
- State Authorities
- Federal Authorities



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## Project Steps for Cultural Review

1. Define project
2. Establish identification effort
3. Reporting
4. Review by OHA/SHPO
  - 30-day review period
5. If necessary, resolve adverse effects

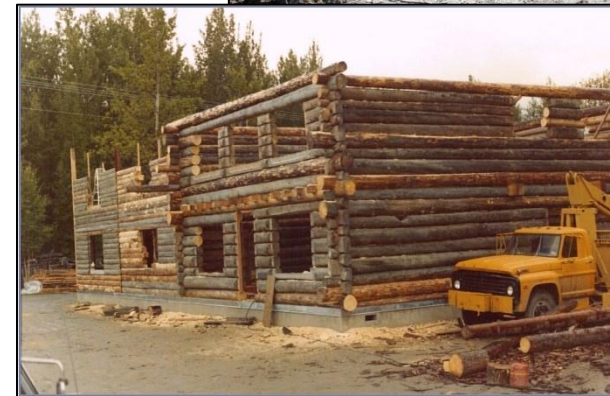


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## Project Review Efficiencies

- Programmatic Agreements
- Internal Processing
- Guidance



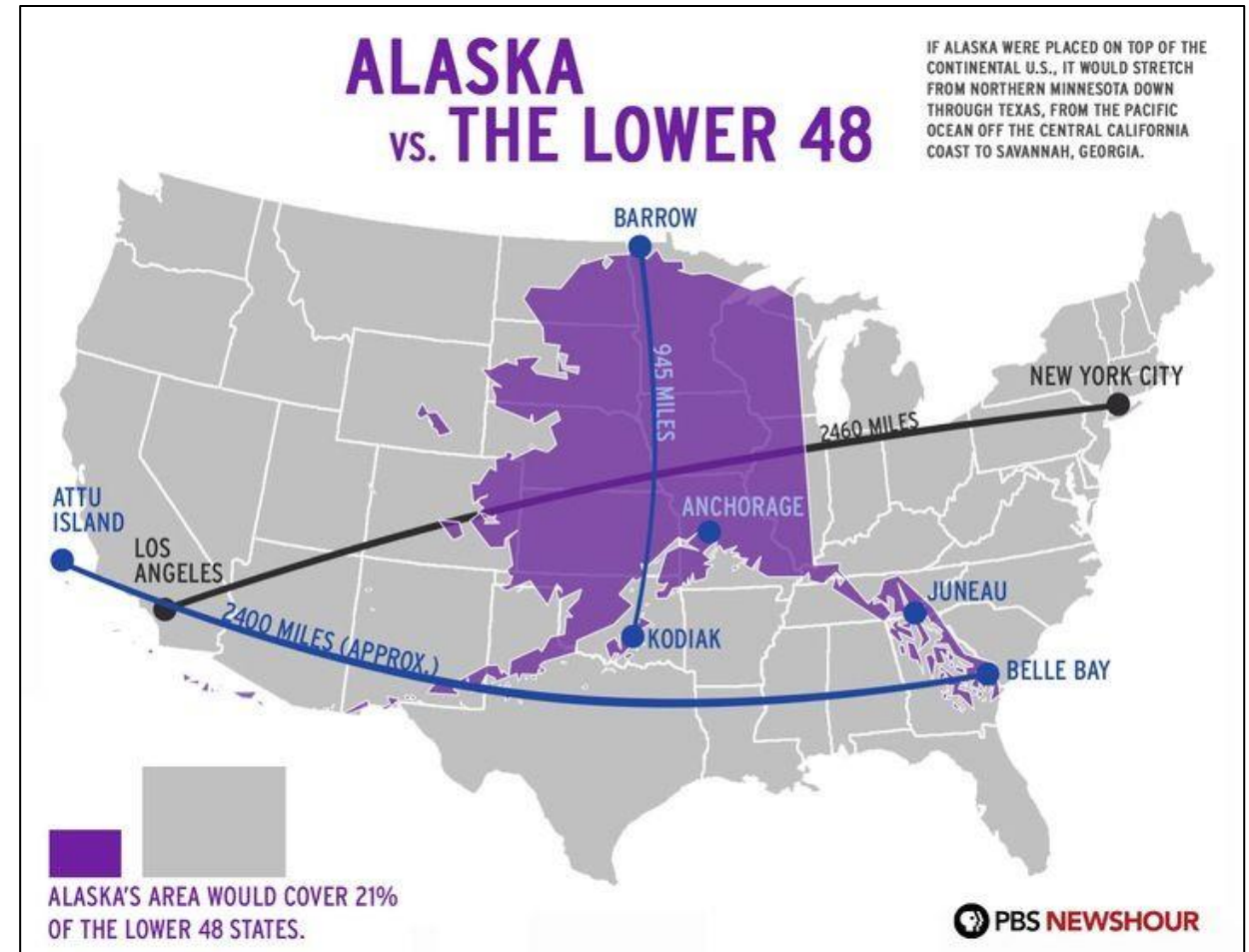
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## Review and Compliance

### Calendar Year 2022 Stats

- ~10,000 projects completed review
- Federal liaison on state team
  - ~50 active federal agencies
- Compliance partner with the state
  - ~30 active state agencies



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## Project Errors that Affect Project Delivery

- SHPO left to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour in project planning and construction is imminent
- Shortchange field effort for cost savings
  - Penny Wise and Pound Foolish
- Insufficient time
- Inadequate Government to Government Consultation



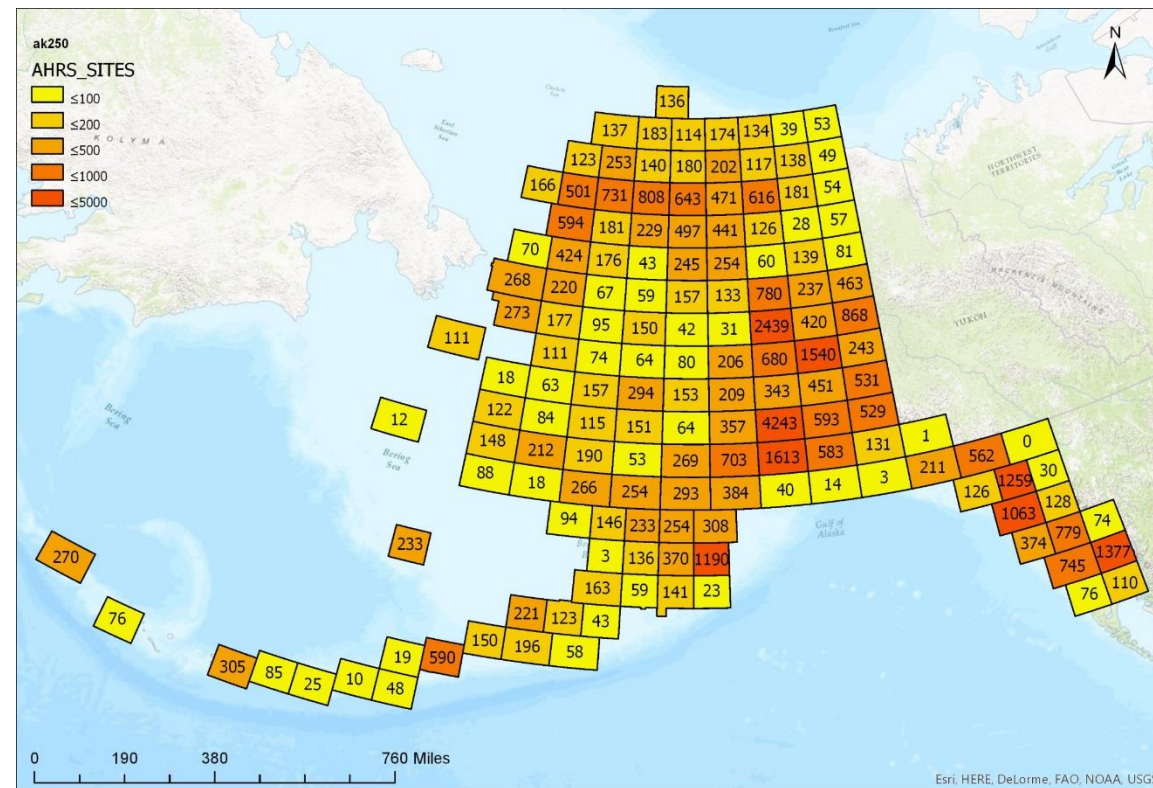


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## Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS)

- Alaska's only statewide database of reported cultural resource locations
- Essential for project planning



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## 2022 SCRIPs

### State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits

- 79 permits issued
- More than **double** the number issued in 2019
- Less than 25% of reports are in for 2022's field season



# Questions?



Thank you!



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