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MEETING
FEDERAL AGENCY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. EDT

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://achp.zoomgov.com/j/1605178624?pwd=L3grb3BUQW9MbVJSTFIVMGRwSjdhUT09>

Meeting ID: 160 517 8624

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES
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Program Alternatives in Development

Agencies have approached the ACHP for assistance in developing multiple program alternatives. Most of these efforts remain in a conceptual stage for now, but three are more developed and further in the process. Additional details are available in the OneDrive folder: https://achp-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/bsemmer_achp_gov/EtqHzsQvUa5Moi_A9DckA60B-bLJzgi495AzOuTVBSKBkA.

Army Vietnam War Era (1963-1975) Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features

The goal of the program comment is to provide the Army with programmatic National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance for the repetitive management actions occurring on this large inventory of similar property types in lieu of conducting project reviews on a case-by case basis. Army housing constructed in this period consists of about 7,500 housing units, out of about 31,000 total historic housing units, and is located on 22 Army installations in 16 states. Background information has been previously provided to members through the OneDrive and updates in the Members' Report and meeting materials. The Army is close to wrapping up consultation and will move into the drafting phase in July after the last scheduled consultation call on June 22. The Army expects to submit the proposed program comment in July or August for a late September/early October decision from the ACHP.

GSA Exemption for Maintenance and Preservation Activities

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is developing an exemption that would release the agency from the requirement of conducting a Section 106 review for certain maintenance and preservation categories of undertakings. GSA is basing the proposal on its preservation expertise and staffing infrastructure to ensure implementation of the exempted undertakings will result in minimal or nonadverse effects to historic properties.

GSA, in coordination with the ACHP's GSA Liaison, has submitted a goal statement and summary describing the exemption concept to ACHP staff. Currently, the list of proposed exempted activities is being finalized internally. Once completed, the list will be appended to draft exemption language. GSA and the ACHP GSA Liaison are developing a consultation plan, which will be provided to ACHP members once finalized. Members will be kept apprised of updates as the exemption proposal advances. GSA anticipates consultation to develop the exemption to be completed in time to consider the proposal at the fall business meeting in October.

Postal Service Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Emergency and Common Undertakings

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has been coordinating with the ACHP for several months discussing multiple options for a program alternative that would help them with their nationwide program of emergency and common undertakings. The USPS is considering a nationwide programmatic agreement (nPA) to address the following: new construction, repairs and alterations, disposals, murals, unanticipated discoveries, and emergencies. The nPA will address all Section 106 compliance issues within the USPS cultural resource management program.

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A working group, consisting of seven State Historic Preservation Offices, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers has had several meetings to discuss and create an outline for the nPA. Formal consultation will begin next with a consultation plan to be formalized and submitted to the ACHP. A training module, to be promulgated immediately after an nPA is finalized, would be part of the implementation of the nPA.

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