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MEETING
FEDERAL AGENCY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Friday, July 7, 2023
3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Preparation of the 2024 Report to the President on Federal Historic Property Stewardship Under Section 3 of E.O. 13287
- III. Analysis of the Section 106 Regulations, 36 CFR Part 800
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SECTION 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13287, “PRESERVE AMERICA” – STATUS REPORT Office of Federal Agency Programs

Background. Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) 13287, “Preserve America” calls for federal real property managers to assess every three years the status of their inventory of historic properties, their condition and management needs, and how historic properties under their ownership or control might support economic development. Agencies are further required to report their progress in identifying, using, and protecting these historic properties to the ACHP and the Secretary of the Interior every three years. These reports provide the basis for the ACHP’s own triennial report on the state of federal stewardship of historic properties, which will be issued in early 2024.

Advisory Guidelines. The ACHP provided [advisory guidelines](#) on preparing Section 3 reports to Senior Policy Officials, Federal Preservation Officers, and other relevant federal partners on May 15, 2023, and hosted a virtual question and answer session for agency staff on May 24. While not mandatory, these guidelines are offered to assist federal agencies in preparing their Section 3 reports and submitting them to the ACHP by September 30. ACHP staff will remain available to assist any federal agency in preparing their reports and meeting if requested.

Report Themes. As shared with the members in the March business meeting and adjusted in response to member comments, the themes for the 2024 Section 3 report are expected to include infrastructure, job creation, equity, and climate change.

- **Infrastructure:** Federal agencies have accelerated the development and approval of a broad array of infrastructure projects and are using assistance provided by Congress to strengthen capacity to carry out consultation with key stakeholders and expand efforts to protect historic properties that may be affected by these activities. In anticipation of a continued increase in infrastructure development projects, the ACHP asked agencies to provide examples of how program alternatives are supporting the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects and to describe any policies or programs agencies developed in preparation for new infrastructure funding or projects during the reporting period. The Section 3 report will include examples of how agencies have managed successes and will make recommendations on further investments and opportunities to improve Section 106 reviews for such projects.
- **Job creation:** Recent investments in infrastructure, energy development, housing, and addressing the effects of climate change have exposed challenges in staffing the demand for cultural resource expertise in federal project planning. Agencies were asked to discuss best practices and challenges they have encountered in the hiring process and to describe how job creation has been considered in asset planning during the reporting period. The Section 3 report will address progress made in staffing the federal workforce and address remaining challenges and opportunities.
- **Equity:** The ACHP hopes to better understand the ways agencies have considered equity, access, and involvement of underserved communities in their federal stewardship activities over the reporting period. Agencies were asked to provide information about policies implemented to promote equity and diversity in the identification and use of historic properties. The Section 3 report will highlight these examples and provide recommendations.
- **Climate change:** Agencies are addressing the effects of climate change on historic properties to determine how to both protect such properties and make them more resilient to the effects of

climate change, but additional effort is needed. The ACHP asked agencies to describe how they utilize digital information to protect historic properties in planning for the effects of climate change and to discuss how they integrate climate resilience and sustainability practices into project planning for rehabilitations and retrofitting existing buildings. The Section 3 report will incorporate agencies' best practices and case studies.

Next Steps. ACHP staff sent the first of three emailed reminders to federal agencies on June 27, 2023, reminding them to be working on their Section 3 progress reports. Those progress reports by federal agencies are due to the ACHP by September 30, 2023.

Action Needed. Members are invited to provide further input on these themes and how the ACHP should focus its analysis and development of recommendations once agency reports are received.

June 29, 2023