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Dear Mr. Lucht:

Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) believes that our comments on the draft environmental assessment (EA) for Site Summit, finalized on February 26th, 2008 and released on March 14th, 2008, have been ignored. After months of discussion between FONSS, the National Park Service (NPS), the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and U.S. Army Garrison Alaska (USAGAK) we expected the Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to reflect these discussions.

Early in the development of the EA FONSS recommended an Affiliated Area Study, informing U.S. Army Garrison Alaska (USAGAK) that such a designation could provide the framework for developing a management plan for Site Summit that addresses USAGAK's concerns. We believe this to be a real alternative to USAGAK's preferred alternative. We have explained that the possibility for a Congressional appropriation exists with an Affiliated Area designation, that the designation provides a framework for USAGAK and interested parties to develop a management plan that includes preservation, interpretation, and controlled public access, without jeopardizing the Army's mission requirements at the site. Such a designation would also allow FONSS, the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP), the SHPO, and the NPS to seek other non-military funds to help with stabilization and interpretation efforts at the site. None of this was discussed in the EA.

FONSS believes that the proposal for an Affiliated Area designation should have been included in the EA as an alternative. It has the potential to accomplish the stated goal of the management strategy for Site Summit to accommodate "USAG Alaska's military training requirements, maintain the site's historic integrity, eliminate health and safety issues, deter trespass

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and vandalism, and provide a reduction in unused facilities at Fort Richardson." FONSS recommended that USAGAK explore the possibility of an Affiliated Area in its July 12, 2007 letter commenting on the draft EA and again in its November 15, 2007 letter in response to USAGAK's letter initiating the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 process.

Sincerely

Ralph Tingey
Director

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