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If an unanticipated discovery of potential cultural materials is made, Donlin Gold shall stop work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and proceed in manner consistent with this plan:

- **Stop Work:** Ensure construction activities that may affect the resource will cease without delay; work that does not affect the resource may continue. The CRS will be notified of the potential discovery of cultural materials.
- **Site Protection:** Protect the discovery site against further disturbance pending the following actions.
- **Initial Evaluation:** The CRS will complete an initial evaluation of the discovery and evaluate if the finding is indeed a cultural resource. If the finding is not a cultural resource, construction activities at the site will be allowed to resume.
- **Initial Communication:** The CRS will notify the USACE, the SHPO, and appropriate land owner(s) (parties) of the discovery within 24 hours, in accordance to Table 7-1 and Table 7-2. The initial notification of unanticipated discoveries should include available information regarding the nature and extent of the cultural materials and the site coordinates.
- **Site Evaluation and Follow up Consultation:** The CRS will evaluate the find, assess its potential significance (eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places), and notify the parties as to the nature and potential significance of the discovery within 72 hours.
- **Consultation and USACE Determination:** The parties shall consult, by telephone or other means, on the nature and potential significance of the discovery and whether any additional investigation is warranted. A decision shall be provided to Donlin Gold no later than within two (2) working days following consultation.
  - If the USACE determines, in consultation with the SHPO and the landowner, that the discovery is not significant (not eligible for the NRHP) and the SHPO concurs, verbal authorization to proceed may be given by the USACE. USACE shall provide written authorization to Donlin within 48 hours.
  - If the USACE determines that additional investigation is warranted, the parties will continue to consult to determine an appropriate level of effort to determine the NRHP-eligibility (significance) of the discovery. If the discovery is determined to be significant, the parties will determine whether effects upon it may be avoided or minimized sufficiently to not adversely affect the historic property. If effects may not be avoided or minimized, the parties will determine acceptable mitigation to offset the adverse effects anticipated, considering the nature and extent of the historic property. A decision shall be provided to Donlin Gold no later than within two (2) working days following consultation.

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<sup>4</sup> This section will be revised (expanded or contracted) according to treatment of the topic in the PA.



































