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Independence Mine Tour and Preservation Project

(Palmer, AK) – On Monday morning, media can learn about a [project to rejuvenate and preserve the Independence Mine State Historical Park](#) thanks to a \$1.3 million grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. A press briefing will be followed by a site tour about the planned exterior restoration and preservation work on four buildings, with an additional interpretive session from Salmon Berry Tours. Spokespersons from Alaska State Parks, the Helmsley Charitable Trust, and the Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation will be available to reporters at the time listed below.

WHO:

- Alaska State Parks Superintendent Stuart Leidner
- Trustee of the Helmsley Charitable Trust Walter Panziner
- Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation Executive Director Wes Hoskins

WHAT: Press briefing on grant for Independence Mine State Historical Park; site tour of planned rejuvenation and preservation work

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 8 10:45 a.m.

WHERE: [Independence Mine State Historical Park](#)

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