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# Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park News Release

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## **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Seeks comments on Dyea Planning**

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Superintendent Mike Tranel announced today the opportunity for public comment on proposed changes to National Park Service management in Dyea. The Dyea Area Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) are open for public review. The public comment period will be open from January 21, 2014 through March 28, 2014.

Proposed changes to the Dyea area are designed to protect park resources and improve the visitor experience. They include developing a formal entrance into the Dyea Historic Townsite with visitor orientation and interpretation of historic structures; rerouting trails to provide more interpretive opportunities, especially in the Dyea Townsite; upgrading the Dyea Flats Road; and establishing appropriate commercial use levels. The plan also addresses private horse use in the Dyea Historic Townsite and graves within park boundaries that may be in danger of destruction because of changes in the Taiya River. The EA is available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

Limited numbers of printed copies are available at the park administrative offices, or they can be mailed upon request.

An open house and public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the park visitor center auditorium at the corner of Broadway and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. An overview of all proposed changes to management in Dyea will be presented at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This meeting also serves as a public hearing for proposed restrictions on horse use in Dyea Historic Townsite. If you have any questions or wish to submit comments by letter, email, or fax, please contact Theresa Thibault, Chief of Resources at 907-983-9244 or at:

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