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Mr. Paul Hunter
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Alaska Region FOIA Officer
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Dear Mr. Hunter:

I am formally requesting pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 522, on behalf of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas, copies of all documents in possession of the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service relating to the revision and adoption of National Park and Preserve Compendiums for the Alaska Region for the calendar years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

For this request, the term "Documents" or "Document" shall mean any written, printed, typed, electronically recorded, handwritten or graphic documentation, originals, copies, nonconforming copies which contain deletions, insertions, handwritten notes or comments, including, but without limitation to, all letters, correspondence, electronic mail, records of conferences, memoranda, faxes, handwritten notes, interoffice or interdepartmental communications, summaries, telephone logs and records, communications, desk calendars, diaries, appointment books, agenda, meeting minutes, recorded conversations, schedules, reports, studies, analysis lists, surveys, projections, calculations, contracts, agreements or proposed agreements, interviews, speeches, transcripts, depositions, press releases, brochures, affidavits, investigations, working reports, computer data, maps, video tapes, photographs, tape recordings, wire recordings, diagrams, computer tapes, and other data computations and paper similar to any of the foregoing and other writings of every kind and description (whether or not actually used) and other data computations from which information can be obtained.

The Following Documents are Requested:

All compendium entries at 36 CFR §13.40(e) for 2010, 2011 and 2012 affecting these units: Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve; Denali National Park and Preserve; Lake Clark National Park and Preserve; Katmai National Park and Preserve; Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve; and Alagnak Wild River.

Specifically, we are requesting all information pertaining to the above compendium entries, including, but not limited to:

- all public meeting and hearing notices, advertisements, agendas, minutes, recordings, summaries, transcripts and/or notes;
- all public comments and/or testimony in both written, electronic, and oral format;
- all internal meeting agendas, minutes, summaries, and/or notes;
- all external correspondence both written and electronic between the NPS and government sponsored entities such as the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, National Park Subsistence Resource Commissions, Federal Subsistence Board and the National Park System Advisory Board;
- all external correspondence, both written and electronic between the NPS and other Federal agencies;
- all external correspondence, both written and electronic between the NPS and State agencies such as the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, including the Alaska Board of Game;
- all external correspondence, including meeting records or summaries, both written and electronic between the NPS and non-governmental organizations including, but not limited to, the National Parks Conservation Association, Defenders of Wildlife, Alaska Center for the Environment, and Alaska Wildlife Alliance;
- all written or electronic findings, studies and/or assessments of potential or documented impacts to park resources, visitors, visitor use, local residents, subsistence opportunities, hunting opportunities, and/or park purposes and/or values;
- all written or electronic findings and/or assessments regarding unacceptable impacts and/or impairment to park resources and/or values;
- all written or electronic findings and/or assessments regarding federalism implications, as required for rulemaking by Executive Order 13132;
- all allowable written and electronic correspondence between the following National Park Service employees: Sue Masica; Vic Knox; Joel Hard; Deborah Cooper; Andee Sears; Bert Frost; John Jarvis; Grant Hilderbrand; Sandy Rabinowitch, Clarence Summers, John Quinley, Robert Winfree, Guy Adema, Rick Kahn, Elaine Leslie, and;
- all allowable written and electronic correspondence between all superintendents and chief rangers from all Alaska Region National Park Units during the timeframe in question.

In order to minimize the burden on the agency in producing and copying the Documents, we would be pleased to access any Document available on the internet if identified by internet web address or receive Documents in electronic format by hard disk or storage device. In addition, we

would be pleased to discuss narrowing application of the above definition for certain categories of Documents and to confer generally to discuss the most efficient process for producing the requested Documents with a minimum of work for both parties.

In processing this FOIA request, I ask that you and other personnel assigned to process this request take cognizance of the FOIA regulations at 43 CFR Part 2, any memorandum from the President to heads of departments and agencies regarding the Freedom of Information Act, and any memorandum from the Attorney General to heads of departments and agencies regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

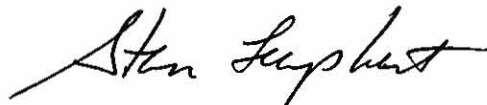
I believe disclosure of the information is in the public interest and request that copies of these Documents be provided free of charge pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii), because the information will likely "contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." If this fee waiver is denied in whole or in part, please inform me of the cost of copying the requested documents before proceeding if the cost will exceed \$500.00. To expedite this request, I would be willing to discuss specific instances of deletion or other exemption claims in advance of any final decision to withhold any materials.

Our need for these materials is urgent, and I would appreciate any means by which you could expedite the delivery of materials to this office. Please call or contact me by mail or email to provide any information which would accelerate this process, or to make arrangements for receipt and copy of the materials, and payment for the same.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and expeditious handling of this request. If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you believe justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law.

If you have any questions about our request, I can be reached at: 907.374.3737 or via e-mail at: stan.leaphart@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Leaphart", with a stylized, flowing script.

Stan Leaphart
Executive Director