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Bud Rice, Environmental Protection Specialist  
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Dear Mr. Rice:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the Plate Boundary Observatory Global Positioning System Network Installation and Maintenance in Alaska in the Denali, Lake Clark and Katmai national park and preserve units. Except for any response relative to the Alaska Coastal Management Program, the following represents the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The State is highly supportive of the Plate Boundary Observatory Project and this proposal to add six new continuous global positioning system (CGPS) stations to the Alaska network. This program will provide important and otherwise unattainable information that will aid the State in understanding the driving forces behind hazardous earthquakes and eruptions. Similar sites were invaluable in increasing our understanding of volcanic processes during the eruption of Augustine Volcano last year. We anticipate these new sites will prove equally valuable to understanding the movement of distributed shear at the boundary of the Pacific and North American Plates. We appreciate the Service's efforts to work with UNAVCO, Inc. to facilitate permitting for these additional CGPS sites, which will fill important gaps within the existing Alaska network.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator