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Paul Anderson, Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Inholder Access to the Stampede Creek Area of Denali National Park. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The State appreciates and supports the Service's general intent to document and authorize inholder access rights established under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 1110(b) using right of way certificates of access (RWCA). We agree RWCA's are needed to document adequate and feasible inholder access across park and preserve lands, and to protect park resources. In this instance, the proposed action appears to provide such access with minimal impacts to park resources.

Given the proposal involves "*infrequent use and maintenance of the access route near and across Stampede Creek*" we request the Service or the applicant(s), as appropriate, contact State representatives to determine whether additional state authorizations are required for any in-stream activities. Please contact Robert "Mac" McLean, Regional Supervisor for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 459-7289 and AJ Wait at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in the Northern Region Office at (907) 451-2777 for additional information.

We appreciate the EA references two R.S. 2447 Right-of-Ways claimed by the State (Page 18, Visitor Use and Recreation). For clarification purposes, the State refers to RST 340 as the Lignite-Stampede-Kantishna via Clearwater Trail and RST 344 as the Lignite-Stampede Trail.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator