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Dear Mr. Liedberg:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Draft Compatibility Determination (CD), which evaluates the construction and operation of two remote microwave repeater sites on the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The State is supportive of improving internet communications for the 65 communities to be served in southwestern Alaska. The availability of reliable terrestrial broadband service would benefit the local economy as well as residential users and other entities that serve the community, such as schools, health care providers, tribal organizations, and governments.

While it appears some of the potential resource impacts analyzed in the draft CD may be overstated, we concur with the overall conclusion that construction and operation of the two proposed remote microwave repeater sites will not materially interfere with or detract from the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System or the purposes for which the Togiak Refuge was established. As such, we support the issuance of the rights-of-way under consideration in this CD.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Susan Magee  
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator