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Mr. Boyd Evison
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Dear Mr. Evison:

As you know, the State of Alaska has been interested in the development of Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for quite some time. The state's desire to participate in the RMP process harks back to the preparation of the first ANILCA-mandated general management plans. Over the years, beginning in November 1981, there has been a commitment by each NPS Regional Director to bring the state into the RMP process, yet to date this has not occurred.

With the completion of the last round of general management plans in 1986, you also expressed a desire to seek state input in the development of RMPs. In response to our follow-up inquiry last summer, Deputy Regional Director Richard Stenmark assured us that we would be provided with an initial "sample" RMP to review "soon." We would like to get started.

State agencies understand that RMPs are not fully-developed land use plans. We recognize that they are primarily used to set priorities for programs and activities requiring specific funding. Even if an RMP is merely a list of research priorities, the state would like to contribute its knowledge and expertise toward these decisions. The state and NPS may have different expectations regarding the desired scope of RMPs, but until some dialogue with the state has been initiated, we can do little to address this possible concern.

Therefore, on behalf of state agencies, we again request the opportunity to participate in the resource management planning process. Your willingness to expedite this process would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Sally Gibert

State CSU Coordinator

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