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Dear Mr Stieglitz:

This letter follows up the public review that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recently provided on the draft policy and implementation plan concerning management of big game commercial hunting (guiding) on national wildlife refuges in Alaska. As you know, the State of Alaska did not formally comment on the policy as the State is also attempting to complete a statewide implementation strategy for management of guides and outfitters.

State agencies are disappointed that both the FWS and the National Park Service have chosen to move forward with independent guide management plans pending the completion of the comprehensive system being developed by the State. However, we recognize your authority and desire to proceed.

At this time we request confirmation of our understanding that the FWS will not implement its refuge-specific policies if a suitable State plan is in place prior to completion of the FWS plan. It is also our understanding that, even if the State's plan is completed after implementation of a FWS plan, the FWS will work with the State to provide a smooth transition back to State management of guides and outfitters on refuges in Alaska.

We look forward to your confirmation of the above understandings.
If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



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