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John Morehead  
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Dear Mr. Morehead:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the Environmental Assessments for public use cabins at Aialik Bay and Harding Glacier in the Kenai Fjords National Park. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

As we have written in the past, the State is supportive of a public use cabin program in Alaska's parks and preserves. In particular, we believe that cabins in the vicinity of Aialik Bay and Harding Glacier are reasonable.

Like the proposals for the previous public use cabins, the State remains concerned, however, about the abbreviated planning and public review process including little, if any, discussion of alternative locations, land status and public access.

Additional Comments Specific to Harding Glacier

- \* The EA does not describe the specific location of the cabin and the map included is not particularly helpful.

- \* There is no information provided about topography or soil conditions at the proposed location.
- \* There is no discussion of the availability of potable water.
- \* Discussion of sanitation is insufficient, e.g. will an outhouse be constructed?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 561-6131.

Sincerely,



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Aialik Bay and Harding Glacier Cabins  
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