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To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the proposed revisions to the interim regulations at 36 CFR Parts 1 and 14 - General Provisions and Rights-of-Way. These comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies. We will be following these general comments with more specific discussion and recommendations in the near future.

We commend the National Park Service for recognizing the need to revise the existing interim regulations. The interim regulations do not reflect the many legislative and policy changes which have occurred since their adoption in 1980, including passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and significant changes in the manner in which federal agencies address use and permitting fees and recovery of costs. For Alaska units of the National Park System we also appreciate recognition of ANILCA Title XI's statutory authority and application of regulations at 43 CFR Part 36. Beyond the brief mention, however, it is unclear to what extent, or in what instances, these proposed regulations in 36 CFR Part 14 modify, supplement or supercede the Title XI regulations. The final regulations should further clarify these relationships in greater detail.

In addition, we believe that many aspects of the ANILCA Title XI process concerning authorization of transportation and utility corridors in Alaska could be usefully evaluated for application throughout the National Park System, and we encourage authors of these regulations to conduct such an evaluation.

We will be submitting additional detailed comments addressing these topics in the near future and request in advance that they be made a part of the public record upon receipt. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



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