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Jim Walters
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Dear Mr. Walters:

The State of Alaska requests an extension of the comment period on Reference Manual #41 concerning Wilderness Preservation and Management within the National Park Service.

As of today we have been unable to locate a complete copy of the document. The manual was not included on the web site listed in the Federal Register; the phone number listed for you "for further information" is "no longer in service"; and calls to Wes Henry, also listed in the notice, have not been returned. When I finally contacted John Quinley, head of Public Affairs for the Alaska Region of NPS, he was thankfully able to track down most of the manual at a different web address. However Appendix F, which addresses the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, was not included and has not yet been located. This Appendix is key to an Alaska-oriented review of the wilderness manual.

We therefore request a 30 day extension of the comment period following receipt of Appendix F. The best method of conveying the document is through email, either as text or an attached Word document for Windows 95. Please direct Appendix F to the following addresses:

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Alternatively the document may be faxed to 907-561-6134, or mailed to
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Thank you for your attention to this request, which is being sent via email, fax, and regular mail. If you need to reach me please call 907-269-7477 before August 7. From August 10-25, the primary contact in this office will be Alan Phipps at 907-269-7476.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sally Gibert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Sally Gibert
State CSU Coordinator