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Dear Mr. Walters:

This letter follows up a call that Wes Henry made to me today concerning Reference Manual #41, Wilderness Preservation and Management within the National Park Service. Yesterday we learned from Ralph Tingy and Judy Alderson in the Alaska Regional Office that Appendix F, which we requested in our letter to you dated August 4, does not exist. Had it existed, it would simply have excerpted the portions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act that address wilderness in Alaska. We were under the mistaken impression that it would contain additional explanation about the application of wilderness in the Alaska context. In my discussion with Judy and Ralph, we agreed that the State of Alaska would provide written comments to them in the Alaska Region by September 1, 1998. Since our comments will be focused on the Alaska application of wilderness, both Judy and Ralph were comfortable with this arrangement. They will hand carry our comments to subsequent national meetings to refine the manual based on public comment.

The one comment the State of Alaska will make today is the strong encouragement to develop a separate document for Alaska that fully details wilderness policy and management issues as they apply in Alaska, which includes the majority of nationwide National Park Service wilderness acreage. We have been on record requesting an Alaska wilderness policy document since 1886. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the state's comments on this draft manual.

Sincerely,



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cc: Judy Alderson and Ralph Tingy, Alaska Region NPS