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Dear Mr.  Martin.

The State of Alaska has reviewed the Draft Spruce Creek Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which addresses access to an inholding in the Kantishna area pursuant to Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. We are providing this brief general comment at this time. More detailed technical comments from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be forwarded to you under separate cover before your September 30 deadline for comments.

We are concerned that the required No Action alternative is dependent upon acquisition of the inholding when there is no purchase agreement nor funding in place. We recognize that acquisition is indeed a viable alternative, but since this tool is not readily available at the moment, it does not appear to be prudent to tie to a No Action alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment and those that will be forthcoming in the next week or so. If you have any questions, I will be available after October 9.

Sincerely,



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