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Denali State Park Trail Management Plan Update #2 January 20, 2010

This is the second in a series of updates on the Denali State Park Trail Management Plan. Project staff will provide regular updates throughout the planning process.

Many thanks to the 30 individuals and 6 organizations who submitted scoping comments. The complete text of scoping comments received through December 15, 2009 is posted on the Denali State Park Trail Management Plan website at:

http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/denali/denaliscopingcomment.pdf

A five page summary of the scoping comments is also available on the website at: <u>http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/denali/commentsumry.pdf</u>

Claire LeClair (Project Leader, Alaska State Parks) and Heather Rice (Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program) travelled to the Talkeetna/Trapper Creek area January 12-13 and met with individuals interested in the planning process. We plan to travel to the Talkeetna/Trapper Creek area regularly to meet with individuals and groups and to become familiar with the park. Regardless of where you live, if you are interested in meeting with planning staff, please contact Project Leader Claire LeClair at 269-8696 or claire.leclair@alaska.gov.

The planning team continues to focus efforts on gathering available information about the park and surrounding area, including land status, biological, physical and cultural resources and trends in recreational use. We have looked at eight seasons of registers from Ermine Hill trailhead and nine seasons of registers from Little Coal Creek trailheads for information about trail use. We reviewed comment letters from the South Denali Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (April 2006) for information pertinent to this planning process.

Your ideas and suggestions for the Denali State Park Trail Management Plan are still welcome while we are in the initial stages of developing a draft plan or alternative document. General comments can be submitted online from the trail plan website:

http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/denali/denalitrail.htm

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