

Appendices

A person wearing a dark jacket and a red beanie is crouching on a rocky mountain peak. The foreground is covered in low-lying vegetation with vibrant autumn colors of red, orange, and yellow. In the background, a wide valley stretches out, dotted with small lakes and surrounded by dense evergreen forests. The sun is setting on the left side of the frame, casting a warm, golden glow over the landscape. In the distance, a range of mountains with snow-capped peaks is visible under a cloudy sky.

South Denali Visitor Center Complex: Interpretive Master Plan

Appendix 1

South Denali Visitor Center Complex Visioning Meeting: Results

To establish a clear direction for the visitor center project, a visioning workshop was held on August 16, 2007 with project stakeholders. The purpose of the workshop was to determine:

- Specific goals of the project
- Target and potential audiences
- Important stories to be told
- Development and activities that should and should not be planned for the facilities

Workshop participants included representatives from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service, Denali Concessions, and a private business.

The following are the results of the visioning meeting. Answers for each question were ranked by participants through a nominal group technique. The number in parenthesis after each response indicates the number of points that participants gave to it. The higher the point value, the greater the perceived importance by participants.

Participants

- Monica Alvarez, DNR-DMLW planner
- Penny Bauder, Alaska State Parks
- Wayne Biessel, Alaska State Parks
- Jane Burks, Doyon/Aramark Joint Venture, Denali Concessions
- Jenni Burr, NPS-Talkeetna
- Chris Degernes, Alaska State Parks
- Carol Harding, NPS-Interpretive Planner
- Bill Kiger, Alaska State Parks
- Eileen McGurk, Owner, Cantwell RV Park
- Missy Smothers, NPS-Talkeetna
- Miriam Valentine, NPS-Talkeetna

Visioning

The written Vision Statement of the South Denali Visitor Complex is:

The South Denali Visitor Center will be a sustainable learning and recreation gateway, providing a welcoming and accessible interpretive transition for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The visitor center, trails, and viewing areas will be unimposing and harmoniously nestled within the surrounding landscape, furnishing venues for education, study, and wildlife and scenic viewing.... This year-round gathering place will enable visitors to experience migrating and resident wildlife, breath-taking view of Denali and the Alaska Range, and Alaskan

nights painted with sheets of dancing aurora. Visitors will come to experience and stay to enjoy.

In your opinion, what specific goals will the South Denali Visitor Complex help to achieve?

- Demonstrate commitment to stewardship (LEED, Green architecture and development, alternative fuels, view shed preservation) (17)
- Very active use-outdoor recreational activities-indoor hands-on, multi-generational and abilities (14)
- Incorporate a wide variety of viewpoints of the resource and facilitate understanding between user groups (10)
- Exploit multi-modal opportunities (9)
- Education connection with local youth (7)
- South Denali should release pressure from Denali NP-economic growth of communities-enhance scenic byways experience (6)
- Connect cultural and recreational resources with the natural resources-celebrate community heritage (6)
- Connect the people of Anchorage and communities north of year-round recreation and enjoyment (5)
- Access and facilitate responsible use of resources- promote resource

- protection (5)
- This will be a destination facility (5)
- Promote casual enjoyment-common-must be affordable (4)
- Celebrate the stunning natural setting (4)
- Interpret stories that other centers have not addressed (mountains) (4)
- Come for the view of Denali and landscape (4)
- Appreciation for the South Denali region and its unique natural resources (3)
- Central axis point to multiple agency lands-cooperation (2)
- Connect local communities to the area-get communities involved along with tourists (2)
- Strong connection to the environment and environmental changes in the area (2)
- Provide information/infrastructure for recreational activities (1)
- Expand access to the park (0)

Audience

Who are the target audiences and potential audiences of the South Denali Visitor Complex?

- Local residents-nearby (Trapper Creek, Sunshine, Talkeetna) (9)

- Winter recreationists (9)
- Alaska residents (especially off-season) (9)
- Ethnic groups-diverse (8)
- Motorized and non-motorized visitors (9)
- Schools and education (7)
- Special interest groups-photographers, birders (6)
- Virtual arm-chair visitors (4)
- Group meetings and retreats (4)
- Package tourists (3)
- Families (3)
- Independent travelers (3)
- Visitors of all ages (3)
- Eco-tourists (3)
- Multigenerational family units (3)
- People of economic walks of life (3)
- Alaskans hosting visiting friends and relatives (2)
- Convention groups (2)
- Native Alaskan population (2)
- Denali in a day tourists (1)
- Anchorage residents
- Seasonal employees (1)
- People of all abilities (1)
- Boy Scouts (1)
- International travelers (1)
- Return visitors (1)
- Mat-Su residents/Denali residents (1)
- "Drop in" visitors (1)
- Hikers (0)
- Active adventure tour groups (0)

- Bus stops-transportation (0)
- Local businesses (0)
- Artists (0)
- Politicians (0)
- Retirees (0)
- Elder hostels (0)
- Scientists (0)
- RV Drivers (0)

Stories

What are the important stories to be told at the South Denali Visitor Complex?

- Interpretation of Alaska recreation (8)
- Future trends should be planned for-changeable exhibits-current issues (8)
- Global connections (migration, tourism, global warming, pollution) (8)
- Stories of ecosystems-interconnections and vulnerability-connection to the Greater Denali ecosystem (7)
- Mountaineering (Cook, etc.) (6)
- Expedition history of the Region (6)
- History of the railroad, Curry, hotel, skiing (6)
- Pioneering the Parks Highway-Alaska' frontier culture both past and present (6)
- Alaska native perspective (6)
- Uncloaking the Great One-

- interpreting Mt. McKinley when it is hidden (5)
- Gold discovery-1905 (4)
- Multi-modal history (human transportation) (4)
- Wilderness values (3)
- River systems (highway to interior) (3)
- Homesteading the area (3)
- WWII Bomber crashed on the ridge-Rupert Pratt (3)
- Alaska perspective on hunting and fishing (game management units) (3)
- Differences and partnerships between state and federal agencies (3)
- Mount McKinley-what can you see? Spotting scopes (3)
- Historic and prehistoric use of South Denali region (2)
- Susitna Station-supply hub during gold mining (2)
- Story of Transition-weather, vegetation, transportation (2)
- Wildlife story (2)
- Adaptations of plants and animals in alpine tundra (2)
- The Alaska Range-backbone of south central Alaska that has a place in its history, both natural and cultural (1)
- "Gateway" to the interior (1)
- Alpine sensitivity-vegetation (1)
- Story of salmon (1)
- Story of geology-plate tectonics, etc. (1)

- Sustainability (1)
- Environmental Change (glaciers, etc.) (0)
- Story of glaciers-sculpted by ice (0)
- Story of bears and safety (0)

Facilities

What developments and activities should be planned for the visitor center? What should not be?

- Earth sheltered facility (8)
- Low energy footprint, but practical for the site (6)
- No plastic wildlife (5)
- Tundra garden (ID plants) (5)
- Program/meeting space (4)
- Complements National Park (doesn't duplicate) (4)
- Comfort area-fireplace, seating, area rug (4)
- Activities that don't rely on weather (3)
- Year-round technology opportunities (Wi-Fi, Geo caching, cell phones, outlets, charging) (3)
- Feature universal design throughout (3)
- Caretaker facility (3)
- Trails should be designed to encourage discover and protect fragile environment (3)

- Overnight EE Center/room with cooking facilities (3)
- Unobstructed view (no roads, buildings, etc.) (3)
- Four-season trails, multi-use trails (motorized and non-motorized) (3)
- No noise or air polluting energy generation (3)
- No large mounted animals (3)
- Easily changed exhibits (3)
- Allow for guided activities (ski touring, nature guiding, etc.) (2)
- "Hands on" trail (2)
- Thematic commercial businesses (coffee shops) (2)
- Opportunities for independent travelers to experience site away from tour groups (2)
- Kid's corner/Junior Ranger area (2)
- Adequate storage space (possibly heated) (2)
- Computer kiosk linking to other recreational opportunities (2)
- Interpretive trails (1)
- Backcountry trip planning area (1)
- Interactive exhibits (1)
- Space to show a movie (theater with sloped floor or multi-purpose room with flat floor?). Consider numbers (could be 50+ people) (1)
- Mountain web cam (1)
- Reading room-reference library (1)
- Adequate office space for interpreters, rangers, and staff (1)

- Covered deck areas (1)
- Self-guided trail tours (1)
- No depot-like shuttle drop-off area (1)
- Coffee shop, hot snacks-cozy area (0)
- Related sales outlet (0)
- Ability to reserve Denali National Park buses from this facility (0)
- Allow tour buses to drive up (0)
- Bathrooms (0)
- Space for “Ranger Chats,” out of the rain (0)
- Sanctioned berry picking areas (0)
- Mounted animals (0)
- Staff parking (0)
- Need for handouts? (0)
- No horses near facility (0)
- No large private car parking lots (0)
- Minimize equipment maintenance (0)

What developments and activities should be planned for the transportation hub?
What should not be?

- Rental for skis, snowshoes, etc. (5)
- Screened from highway (5)
- Year-round restrooms and drinking water (5)
- Bike and ski trails (4)
- Ranger contact station (4)
- Off-peak season Alaska resident access without shuttles (4)
- Volunteer employee housing (3)

- Commuter trails (3)
- Warming hut for winter users (3)
- Information kiosks to catching shuttle, etc. (2)
- Shuttles need to be quiet (2)
- Winter RV-area (2)
- Backcountry information station (2)
- Campground
- Need interpreters on shuttles (1)
- Information/activities accessible for through/highway travelers (1)
- Limited interpretation/activities here... save for visitor center (1)
- Bus shelter and luggage storage (1)
- Commercial parking visually segregated from private (1)
- Include interpretation on the trail up to the facility (1)
- Local business information (1)
- Amphitheater/campfire ring associated with campground (1)
- Power generation facility and fuel storage (0)
- Have loop shuttle to visitor center for different activities (backpacking, boats, trains)

What other developments should be planned for the South Denali Visitor Complex?

- Shuttle system between state park trailheads (including rafting, riverboats, railroad, etc.) (9)

- Strategic view planning-road alignments, trail development, etc. (5)
- Accessible trails near visitor center (3)
- Consider concessionaires where appropriate (3)
- Public use cabins (2)
- Easy river access (2)
- Winter transportation to visitor center (2)
- Employee housing (2)
- Bookstore restaurant (1)
- Other trails to Lake 1787, Curry Lookout, Curry (1)
- Campers store (1)
- Maintenance facility- operational and buses-consider what is needed for winter (1)
- Showers, laundry, lockers (1)

Appendix 2

South Denali Visitor Center Complex Community Meetings: Results

From November 27-29, 2007, Schmееckle Reserve facilitated three community meetings in Trapper Creek, Wasilla, and Anchorage.

The purpose of the meetings was to gather input about local and regional stories, benefits and concerns of development, and resources for further research.

The following are the results of the community meetings.

Trapper Creek November 27, 2007

What stories would you share with an out-of-town visitor? About your community... About Curry Ridge and this region...

- Pre-settlement days... Native Alaskans... First people stories
- Shem Pete's Alaska... travel along the Chulitna River... trading... hunting... tie to the view. James Kari and James Fall

- Trapper Creek archaeological site. Mat-Su historian
 - Place names
 - Mining History... Dunkel coal mine... Golden Zone Mine (west fork of Chulitna)
 - Swinging bridges across the Chulitna river that accessed mines
 - Early history of exploration... USGS expeditions... attempt to climb Denali... Visible from site
 - 59ers. Homesteading... Mike Carpenter (Wal-Mikes)
 - Curt Wagner... Talkeetna (history, artist)
 - Natural history... moose, caribou (migrations in past), medicinal and useful plants
 - Railroad history... building, surveying
 - Curry Lookout, town of Curry, building of bridges, expeditions... looking for a route to the interior... bridge across river to Curry Lookout
 - Ken Marsh... historian in Trapper Creek... Curry
 - Swans (trumpeter recovery program)
 - Sandhill cranes stop to feed on berries
 - Bears... brown and black... prime feeding areas nearby... salmon, alpine, forest regions... tremendous amount of denning... Troublesome Creek and Byers heavily used
 - Building of the Parks Highway... Scenic Byway study currently... bridges across Chulitna... historical route through the area... overgrown tractor trail... talk with Scenic Byway people... homesteads and native allotments...
 - Aviation... military plane on Kesugi Ridge
 - Climbing stories... Dave Johnston, Roger Robinson (NPS), Brian Okonek, Daryl Miller (NPS)
 - Mining history... Chuck Hawley-excellent for geology (former USGS), business in Anchorage; Earl Foster
 - Focus in on the smaller animals and plants
 - Glaciers... shaped by glaciers... what it looked like at one time during glaciation... timeline... glacial erratics...
 - Multiple seasons... what's it like in the winter... flagging trees
- What effects do you foresee the South Denali facility having on the region, your community, or Curry Ridge? Potential benefits... Concerns...**
- Negative impact on natural resources: habitat, bear denning areas, ease of use to high country
 - Increased snow machine use could have impacts. Could also be a

benefit... good way to get people up there to see the area

- Concern about “glitter gulch” at entrance of NP. Avoid concentration of businesses... need limits.
- Concern about airport at mile 131. Entire area needs to be planned... this would be the first step to development.
- Protect the integrity of the entire region. Denali has a great draw. Planning for the whole region, not just around the visitor facility. Variety of activities, private in-holdings. Won't have the same attraction if not protected. Ensure long-term income.
- Flight traffic (climbers on Denali)
- This area is special because it is undeveloped and unspoiled. More than just staying inside a visitor center looking at exhibits. Need to experience the site.
- Previous selected site is tucked into the Ridge... difficult to see the building from other places on Curry Ridge. Create the facility so it cannot be seen from the lake or other places higher on the Ridge. Don't want to see the parking lot either. Can tuck different facilities into the spruce trees.
- Tour busses should not be allowed to drop off visitors at the visitor facility

site. How many shuttle busses needed to transport visitors. Don't need a large parking lot. Shuttles can be continuous route.

- New site... more buildings would be more exposed.
- What's the point of having an elaborate building if it is just a gateway to the site? Size, purpose.
- Any structure needs to blend in the landscape and use the resources on the site. Endemic materials. Wind and solar power to make self-sustaining.
- Three things to maintain natural opportunities
 - Avoid glitter gulch... purchase in-holdings along Parks Highway... land use controls south of the park
 - Need a comprehensive biological inventory of this area... identify important wildlife areas... protect or mitigate impacts
 - Budget related... operating and maintenance costs... burden on state parks... need a budget for maintenance. Long term sustainability and visitor experience quality.
- Avoid piecemeal development... secure the entire package... when developing the road, know that the visitor center will have funding.

- Address RVs. Camping areas.
- Connect to the South Denali Viewpoint, Troublesome Creek trailhead, trails, bike path. Number one thing at Princess Lodge people want is to hike. Make the entire area a destination. DOT should work on the highway for biking and pedestrian use. Bike Trail the entire length of the state park... bike between this visitor center and the Denali NP visitor center.

How can the South Denali facility be developed to benefit Alaska residents? Specific features of the visitor center... Specific features of the site...

- Make it comfortable for people who cannot be outside. Linger and watch the view from comfort of inside the building. Expansive view of the Alaska range. Don't have people be in front of the windows
- Outside deck
- Change seasonally. Room that changes for lingering. Different uses in different seasons.
- Development of many trails will benefit Alaska residents. Not many trails in the state for just hiking... most are multi-use.
- Educational groups... use in shoulder

seasons to bring in students from Mat-Su area.

What/who are some resources that we can investigate or interview to learn more about this area?

- NPS Staff... Phil Breese (geologist), Jane Bryant (cultural resources, historian),
- Local authors: Ken Marsh (Trapper Creek), Roberta Sheldon (Talkeetna author)... Don Sheldon's wife
- University of Alaska-Fairbanks: Museum, archives
- Fran Seeger-Boss (historian for Mat-Su)

**Wasilla
November 28, 2007**

What stories would you share with an out-of-town visitor? About your community... About Curry Ridge and this region...

- Ecology: Plant identification, each habitat area
- Rescue from plane crash
- Mountaineering: complement story on north side, early explorations... by river boat following drainages...

winter ascents (see signage at South Denali Viewpoint)... Dave Johnston story (living historical treasure)

- Mining story
- Indigenous use of the area. Connect with the elders for stories
- Interpretive trail systems... chance for people to explore sites and use all of their senses
- Alaskan artists... how the region inspires their work
- Curry hotel on the railroad... how advanced it was... tie into the Alaska railroad
- Dioramas, sculptures of the range, Sheldon Amphitheater, Ruth Glacier...
- Different viewpoints... not just linear... show depth of the mountains
- Glacial recession over time
- Geological history of the mountain range
- Bush pilots, Don Sheldon, Hudson
- History of the Parks Highway... development of the area... transportation corridor along the Chulitna River
- Wildlife story of the area... hunting and trapping
- Talk about a land ethic... how the visitor center is developed... philosophy of having a wilderness park... preserving the wilderness integrity

- Holding onto the value of what Curry Ridge is... tourism comes second.

What effects do you foresee the South Denali facility having on the region, your community, or Curry Ridge? Potential benefits... Concerns...

- Avoid "glitter gulch"... concern about the private property in-holdings within the park...
 - Emphasis on acquiring the in-holdings before development (access road) occurs
 - Develop land use controls
- Funding operations and maintenance
- Perform updated and current biological inventory of landscape and identifying important habitat
- Road is a significant impact on the site... it is a difficult area to access. Access will improve. Will degrade the qualities of Curry Ridge... the reason the visitor center is located at the site.
- Transitional area is important to black bears... spring and fall for berries... important post rut recovery area for bull moose... important travel area for moose... snow machine access will drive wildlife to other places

- It will also become a summer time hub for foot travel... increase access to the ridge
- Will this provide an advantage for multi-day hiking... where will the trail go in? Connection point to existing trail. Have the ability to develop trails correctly and minimize impact.
- Large number of people crawling over the alpine ridge top areas... difficult to anticipate the impact... prediction of 400,000 visitors during summer... some dispute over the numbers...
- Advantage of this road... park road instead of DOT road... management controls and access
- Restrict hunting in the area.
- Concern about snow machines having access to the road... no reason for people to walk up to the Ridge... one of the few places in Alaska that is quiet... management opportunity to restrict snow machines... management must be in place before the road is constructed... could move snowmobiles to Kesugi Ridge
- Many other opportunities are being offered along the Parks Highway and Petersville Road for motorized use. Might be a balance between this visitor facility.

**How can the South Denali facility be developed to benefit Alaska residents?
Specific features of the visitor center...
Specific features of the site...**

- Build physical shelter where a person can get warmed up... warm drink... concessions that are tasteful without impacting the environment
- Like the idea of condensing the campus of buildings to one
- Concern about the size of the building
- Some of the same educational opportunities should be available indoors
- Have it open more than 4 months of the year... year-round. Most of the winter, the mountain is visible. Denali National Park is closed.
- Facility that would encourage people to recreate... snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, non-motorized.
- Retreats, educational workshops that center around core values of the landscape (like Murie Center in Denali NP). "Wilderness" meeting space to work on issues of preservation...
- Open space area for classrooms or public meetings. Fireplace.
- Education for school children, training for teachers, graduate work... address Alaskan issues

- Key: Shoulder season and winter use. Function in the summer is different than in the shoulder/winter seasons.
- Access Blair Lake to the south of Lake 1787. Some concern about the Boy Scouts camp. Protect public's right to use the state park lake.

What/who are some resources that we can investigate or interview to learn more about this area?

- Dan Elliot... on the ground experience
- Brown bear habitat north of the site
- Dave Johnston: mountaineering, one of the first state park rangers, knows the area... lives in Talkeetna
- Pete Robinson... maintenance person in state park... mountaineer
- Dave Porter... Trapper Creek... ranger
- Mountaineering rangers in Talkeetna... Roger Robinson, Brian O.
- Alaska Natural History Association, Mat-Su, (indigenous, mining history)
- Johnny Baker... early miner and trapper... Talkeetna
- Cliff Hudson video... Talkeetna... put out this last year... history of the area and personalities.
- Alaska Railroad... Curry and Curry Lookout

- Trapper Creek Museum... Mr. Marsh
- Roberta Sheldon... Talkeetna
- Joe Richardson...
- Dennis Heikes... former superintendent of Mat-Su
- Dale Bingham... Eagle River, precedes Dennis
- Trapper Creek Planning Committee

Do you have other questions or comments concerning the interpretive plan for the South Denali Visitor Facility?

- Plans for security in the winter if the building isn't open? Staff would still be available in the Transportation Hub.
- Want as little impact as possible... small footprint, low profile

**Anchorage
November 29, 2007**

What stories would you share with an out-of-town visitor? About your community... About Curry Ridge and this region...

- Sydney Lawrence, artist... boat that would take tourists to cabin

- Parks Highway people built a trail along the Ridge to Byers Lake... 8 mile trail... develop a trail system (could be more bear activity at this location)
- One of the few native groups that were not nomadic... caribou access... try museum in Talkeetna
- Climbing/Mountaineering... Denali... adventures... Sourdough expedition... Cook
- History of town of Curry
- Rebuild the town and put a suspension bridge across the river... hike to the top of the Curry Ridge... testimony from people... railroad is mining behind Curry... stabilize the original lookout (grants are being secured to stabilize historic structure)
- Consider an alternative to "shuttle bus" designation that would be more usable for Alaskan residents... environmentally friendly and quiet (electric, propeller, single-track tram, gondola)
- Traditionally, the area has always been used by snow machiners. All types of recreation should be allowed.
- History of mining
- Homesteading
- Mary Kerry... applied for 5 acres on top of the Ridge... quite a character

What effects do you foresee the South Denali facility having on the region, your community, or Curry Ridge? Potential benefits... Concerns...

- Airport has been proposed for the area... concern... airport already exists in Talkeetna... would affect the quiet atmosphere and the quality of life for residents
- Powering the site (generators near the Parks Highway). Bury lines. Wind turbines would provide alternative energy
- Changing an environment that will provide more access to non-motorized use... inviting conflict between two user groups... proper planning now will help to avoid conflict in the future
- Concern about noise from snow machines
- Center should be something for all Alaskans, not just specific user groups
- Concern about further developments along the highway... "Glitter Gulch"...
- Concern about allowing private vehicles up to the site during shoulder seasons. Would impact experience especially during fall.
- Trapper Creek would benefit greatly

from the increased traffic and commerce

- Concern about damage to tundra vegetation on the top of the ridge... will be a challenge to keep visitors on the trail system... route the trails correctly... education of visitors about sensitivity of tundra travel
- Concern about the increased number of people accessing the ridge.
- Historic numbers of people accessing the ridge during the Curry days?
- Concern about litter problem of increased visitors and impact on wildlife. Standard litter patrol will be needed.
- Boy Scouts trails into the state park area (state parks would be building the trails, other sites away from public use areas)
- Concern about state park funding (will be a variety of funding sources: state, federal, private... operations plan will be developed after interpretation plan)

How can the South Denali facility be developed to benefit Alaska residents?
Specific features of the visitor center...
Specific features of the site...

- Could convert the visitor center to a "lodge-type" facility as a warming

area for visitors

- Use Alaskan contractors to build the visitor center
- Keep the facility open year-round... let the Alaskans use the center as well
- Discount for Alaskans for user fees

What/who are some resources that we can investigate or interview to learn more about this area?

- Talkeetna museum... information about railroads, native tries
- Alaska railroad
- Locals in Talkeetna... Hudsons, Roberta Sheldon, Carol Young (served on implementation committee),
- Randy Crosby, Trapper Creek
- Ken Marsh, Trapper Creek Museum
- Wal-Mike
- National Archives and Records Administration, Anchorage
- Natural History Museum, Anchorage, library
- Alaska Lost Ski Area, Curry, Lookout, names, website
- Ken Marsh's book on Curry
- Retired state parks people: Dave Johnston, Dan Elliot, Mary's family

Do you have other questions or comments concerning the interpretive plan for the South Denali Visitor Facility?

- Should read through the Implementation Plan for South Denali
- May be some confusion with the conceptual drawings... need to emphasize that they are only conceptual

Appendix 3

South Denali Economic Impacts Assessment: Key Findings

Employment Increases

- Visitor Center construction and related construction activities will provide employment for 116-213 people over a period of 2-3 years.
- Ongoing employment created by the Visitor Center and related activities, including additional hotel rooms, would be 221-549 jobs.

Increase in Employment and Business Owner Income

- Over a 2-3 year period, Visitor Center construction related income will range from \$6.8 million to \$12.4 million.
- Ongoing Visitor Center related employment income, including additional hotel facilities, etc., will range from \$7.6 million to \$18.6 million per year.

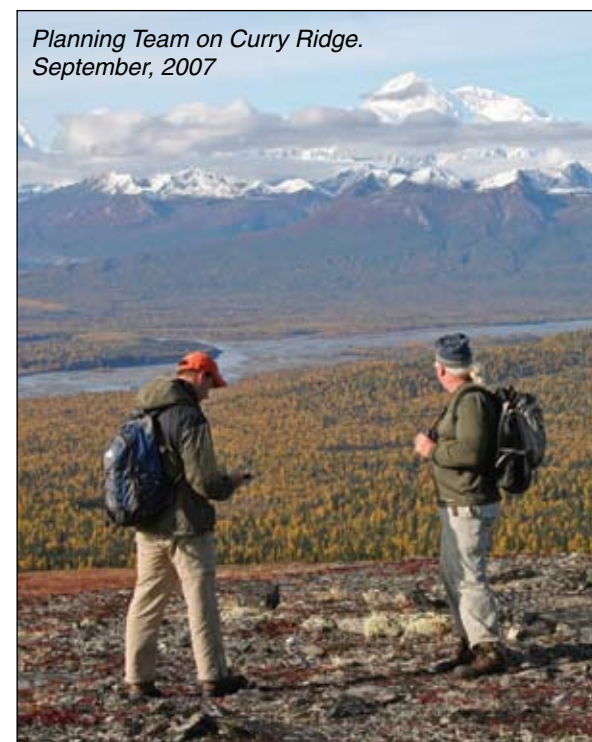
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Additional Tourism Expenditures

- Tourism expenditures stimulated by the existence of the Visitor Center will range from \$17.8 million to \$44.8 million per year

Non-Resident Visitor Increase

- The increase in non-resident visitors stimulated by the new Visitor Center will range from a 10% increase in visitors staying an additional half day to a 20% increase of visitors staying an additional day.
- It will also result in a likely 10%-20% increase in 3-day, 2-night land tours provided by the major tour companies.



*Planning Team on Curry Ridge.
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Back Cover: A promontory south of the visitor center site on Curry Ridge promises hikers dramatic views of Mt. Foraker, Mt. Hunter, Denali, Moose's Tooth, and the Ruth Glacier rising above Lake 1787. July, 2009



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