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Dear Mr. Christensen

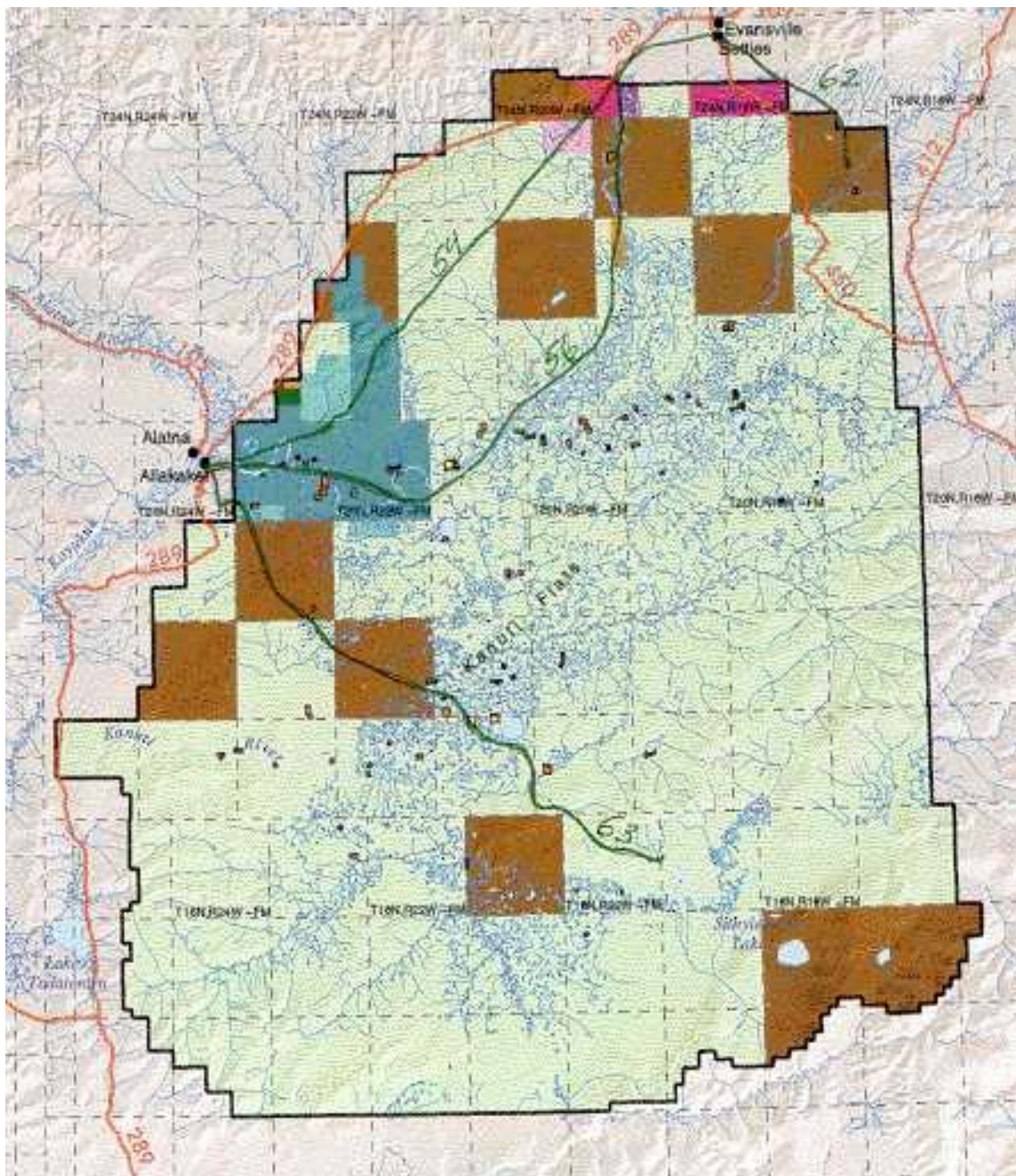
The State of Alaska has reviewed the draft Land Protection Plan for Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge. The State appreciates this opportunity to review the draft plan. The comments in this letter represent the consolidated views of the State of Alaska agencies.

Recreational Use and Access

The plan cites the importance of maintaining public access to Sithylenkat Lake, yet the plan places a low protection priority for this area. Though we understand the focus of the plan is resource protection, it would seem appropriate to place a higher protection priority on Sithylenkat Lake and other important public access areas. Prioritizing public access areas, including important public use lands along trails and rivers may help elevate some of the measures or steps towards protecting important habitat areas, while at the same time, considering areas that might someday be the best places to promote and develop public use facilities.

RS 2477 trails

We recommend revising the title of Figure 2 to RS 2477 Rights-of-Way, rather than the term "Highways." The former is the identifier used by the Alaska Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), and other state agencies. Also, the DOT&PF Trails Inventory lists four additional trails, #54, 56, 62, & 63 than are shown in figure 2. The rough locations of these trails are shown on the attached map below.



Please contact me at 907-269-7476 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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