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Helen Lons, Chief of Planning and Compliance
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Dear Ms. Lons:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rehabilitation and Replacement of Brooks Camp Facilities at Katmai National Park and Preserve. With the exception of a response to the Coastal Zone Management Act Negative Determination, which will be provided separately by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting, the following represents the consolidated views of state resource agencies.

The State supports the Service's proposal to rehabilitate and upgrade facilities at Brooks Camp. According to the EA, buildings, trails and waste treatment facilities are in various stages of deterioration and disrepair. We agree the proposed upgrades are necessary to address critical health and safety issues to improve conditions for visitors and employees and reduce the potential for negative impacts to fish, wildlife and surrounding lands and water. The proposed projects outlined in the preferred alternative appear reasonable and necessary to support the proposal's overall objective. Waste treatment facilities require a plan approval from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Please continue to work with Bill Rieth regarding DEC requirements.

Subsistence uses are not authorized in Katmai National Park where Brooks Camp is located. They are, however, authorized in Katmai National Preserve. The proposed improvements are not expected to have negative impacts on subsistence uses occurring on adjoining Preserve lands. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Section 810 analysis presents sufficient information to support the conclusion that the proposed action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses.

We also note that red and sockeye salmon are referenced interchangeably throughout the EA. The accepted terminology is sockeye salmon and we recommend it be consistently applied in the final project documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan E. Magee', written in a cursive style.

Susan E. Magee
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator