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Robert Jess, Refuge Manager
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Dear Mr. Jess:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Yukon Flats draft Compatibility Determination and associated documentation for limited 2D seismic survey data gathering on refuge lands. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The proposed project involves geophysical data collection using methodologies that will have minimal environmental impact. The project will provide valuable information to the residents of Stevens Village and shareholders of Doyon Corporation regarding the potential development of privately owned resources, and to the Service regarding the subsurface resources of the Refuge. We concur with the Service's determination that the proposed project will not materially interfere with or detract from refuge purposes, and support approval of the proposed seismic program in its entirety.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (907) 269-7529 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan E. Magee
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator
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