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Dear Ms. Putz:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Environmental Assessment for Radio Communication Site Upgrades on the Tongass National Forest. This letter constitutes the consolidated state agency comments covering Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)-related issues and other state interests, excluding coastal zone management, which will be addressed, as applicable, by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Coastal and Ocean Management.

The State supports the proposal to allow the continued operation and maintenance of these permanent administrative facilities. We understand proper equipment and adequate shelter are essential to maintaining a high level of employee safety. Use of these communication facilities, and their continued maintenance, are clearly necessary for on-going management purposes.

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

Sincerely,



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ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, State ANILCA Program Coordinator
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