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Mr. Ryan Mollnow, Refuge Manager
Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge
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Re: Scoping Comments for Land Exchange at Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Mr. Mollnow:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) scoping letter and maps for a proposed land exchange between the Service and The Conservation Fund (TCF) involving lands within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. This letter contains the consolidated scoping comments of state agencies.

The northern boundary of the proposed Tetlin parcel is situated 300 feet from the Alaska Highway. The Alaska Department of Transportation requires a permit approval process for any proposed property access routes, either new construction or modification, that may occur in the State's right-of-way.

In addition, we request that the former Haines to Fairbanks pipeline easement be subject to a 25-foot wide trail easement to preserve access to the Airs Hill Trail. This proposed easement would follow the current alignment of the trail where it crosses the proposed land exchange parcel.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments – we expect to provide additional comments regarding the land exchange as the proposal progresses. If you have questions, please contact me at (907) 334-2563.

Sincerely,



Nina Brudie
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Susan Magee, ANILCA Program Coordinator