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Mike Tranel, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Tranel:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Dyea Area Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA), which considers proposed changes to management of the Dyea Area within the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The State is supportive of the plan's intent to continue to proactively protect cultural and natural resources and improve the visitor experience opportunities in the Dyea Area. The proposed action alternative would accomplish such things as improve road and trail construction and maintenance, establish a formal entrance to the historic town site, rehabilitate the Kinney Toll Bridge Cabin, provide for additional parking, better protect archaeological materials, upgrade infrastructure, and update the commercial services plan. The State Historic Preservation Office looks forward to continuing to work with Park Service staff as needed.

The EA indicates that the proposed horse trail to Dyea Flats would be designed to avoid damage to wetlands and streams. Alternative 2 includes possible work in Nelson Creek and its tributaries for construction of the river trail and upgrades to Slide Cemetery Road. A Title 16 Fish Habitat Permit is required for any activity or project that is conducted below the ordinary high water mark of an anadromous stream. Please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Habitat in Douglas at (907) 465-4105 for permit information.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Magee".

Susan Magee
ANILCA Program Coordinator

