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Don Striker, Superintendent Denali National Park and Preserve P.O. Box 9 Denali Park, AK 99755

Dear Mr. Striker:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Wonder Lake Climate Reference Station Installation Environmental Assessment for the proposed project at Denali National Park. This letter represents the consolidated views of state resource agencies.

We strongly support the National Park Service's intent to authorize the proposed action, which will allow continued and improved weather data collection for use in determining how the climate of the nation changes over the next 50 years. This type of facility is specifically allowed under Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 1310(b), which provides for establishment, operation, and maintenance of new facilities for weather and climate research and monitoring within conservation system units.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact me at 907-334-2563 or jennifer.wing@alaska.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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