CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 Public Involvement

The public was involved in scoping over the last 3 years in conjunction with the NPS Alaska Region process to develop an Access User Guide. Many of the access questions and concerns in the Guide deal with access to inholdings in NPS units in Alaska. In addition to this public effort, the NPS conducted stakeholder meetings in affected area communities during the week of May 14, 2007, and issued a public newsletter to the park mail list announcing the preparation of the EA to address issuing ROWs to landowners with established, sustainable access. The Interim Access Guide was released in July 2007.

The newsletter was posted on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) webpage (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/index.cfm) and was mailed or emailed during the week of June 4-8, 2007 to about 153 addresses, including:

3) Alaska Congressional delegation;
15) environmental groups;
8) native groups;
7) state and federal agencies;
5) local organizations;
5) resource development organizations; and
95) individuals, mostly landowners.

Other scoping activities included:

- Consulted with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about avoiding significant wetlands impacts and use of Nationwide Permits (Victor Ross, pers. com.).

- Consulted with NPS Water Resources Division Wetlands Specialist about NPS policy and procedures for wetlands management (Joel Wagner, Pers. Comm.)

- Consulted with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, regarding the Access User Guide provisions and principles.

- Consulted with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Anchorage, AK, in June 2007 regarding the presence of threatened and endangered species in the subject area.

5.2 List of Preparers and Consultants

Tables 5-1 and 5-2 list personnel that participated and consulted on the development of this environmental assessment.

Table 5-1 List of EA Preparers (Interdisciplinary Team)

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Table 5-2 List of EA Consultants

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