



ALASKA LAND RIGHTS COALITION

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"Working for common-sense public lands management and justice for Alaska landowners and land users"

May 27, 2006

Marcia Blaszak, Regional Director
National Park Service
240 W. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: 2ND DRAFT ACCESS USER'S GUIDE – REQUEST FOR COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

Dear Ms. Blaszak:

Alaska Land Rights Coalition requests an extension of the May 27, 2006 comment period for the above process.

There are numerous landowners completely surrounded by NPS lands who are directly affected by this User Guide and access process but the NPS has admitted it has not compiled a list of inholders and assumes there are many who know nothing about the process and this comment period. This is unacceptable. The NPS needs to locate all the owners that it asserts have no access, send them a certified letter confirming receipt of notification of the permit process being imposed and then extend the comment period at least 90 days beyond each landowner's receipt of the certified letter. The process has been completely inadequate for all parks except Wrangell St. Elias where it's obvious that some special outreach has been made by Copper Center personnel. However, we are not aware if the contact to all directly affected parties in WRST has been made and indeed are aware of many who have not been.

In summary there has been inadequate inholder notification and a comment period extension is mandatory for fairness.

Sincerely,

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