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Dear Ms. Banks:


The State of Alaska reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Dry Bay Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Use Plan. Except for a response to the negative determination submitted in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act, which will be provided separately by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting, the following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

We are supportive of the Service's efforts to identify and designate multipurpose ORV trails and areas in Dry Bay and appreciate the meticulous and comprehensive trail assessment protocol utilized for the project. We also appreciate the Service's willingness to work with the State in providing for this important access while protecting park resources.

The EA indicates the Service has not made a determination as to whether ORVs were traditionally used for subsistence purposes in the Glacier Bay National Preserve (Page 1-3). Appendix E, however, states ORVs are not recognized as a customary and traditional means to access the Preserve (Page E-7 and E-8, Appendix E: 810 Evaluations and Findings - Alternatives 2 and 3). We assume the statement in Appendix E refers to Customary and Traditional (C&T) Determinations for the Game Management Unit by the Federal Subsistence Board and not a subsistence use determination for the Preserve. If so, we request that be clarified in the final document.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator