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Dear Ms. Walker:

The State of Alaska reviewed the April 10, 2009 scoping letter and supporting information regarding development of a management plan for the Twentymile River, Placer River, and Portage Creek. The following comments are provided to assist you in your planning efforts and represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

The State understands the value of developing a management plan for these river corridors. While this plan will ultimately enhance decision making regarding use in these areas, please keep in mind the State continues to assert ownership of the submerged lands of navigable waters in this area. In response to this planning effort, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources is researching land ownership in the boat launch area of the Twentymile River to better understand agency management responsibilities. Once the research is complete, the results will be provided to the District for consideration during the planning process.

We understand that river capacity is already defined by the Recreational Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class in the 2002 Chugach National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan. We urge the District to review the current ROS class as part of the planning process. In particular, we request revising the ROS class to make some reasonable accommodation for the increased demand for use of the river.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. We look forward to continued participation in this process and are pleased the Forest Service has, and plans to continue, engaging state agencies on these river issues. Please contact me at (907) 269-7529 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator

