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Thomas P. Lonnie, Alaska State Director Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office 222 West 7th Avenue, No. 13 Anchorage, AK 99513-7504

Dear Mr. Lonnie:

The State of Alaska reviewed the January 8, 2010 Federal Register Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting that addresses the continuation of Public Land Order No. 6884 for the Kenai River Recreation Area, the Russian River Campground Area, and the Lower Russian Lake Recreation Area. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

Given the high recreational use and sensitive archaeological resources located within these areas, the State supports the continued withdrawal of these lands to surface entry and mining.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (907) 269-7529 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Magee ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator