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Mr. Rick Obernesser, Superintendent
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve
U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service
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Re: Scoping Comments for Kennecott NHL Water System Upgrades EA

Dear Mr. Obernesser:

The State of Alaska reviewed the National Park Service (Service) scoping letter and preliminary design narrative for proposed water system upgrades to the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark within Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve. This letter contains the consolidated scoping comments of state agencies.

While it is difficult to comment on specific design details at this early stage, the State generally supports the Service's efforts to replace the domestic water system and add a fire suppression system, including fire hydrants along the rail corridor, at the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark. The project will provide safety enhancements to the community and to the historic buildings while meeting the Service's administrative needs. We appreciate the inclusion of a representative from the community on the panel tasked with choosing the design.

Please be aware that federal regulations at 40 CFR 141.701, Enhanced Treatment for Cryptosporidium, require that the Service perform an initial round of source water monitoring for E. Coli to determine the bin classification for Cryptosporidium Log Removal requirements for the system. Planning for this will avoid possible delays.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We hope to provide additional comments regarding the system design as the project progresses. If you have questions, please contact me at (907) 334-2563.

Sincerely,



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ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Susan Magee, ANILCA Program Coordinator
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