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Mr. Don Striker, Superintendent
Denali National Park and Preserve
P.O. Box 9
Denali Park, AK 99755

Re: Comments for Eielson Area Trail Improvements Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Striker,

The State of Alaska reviewed the Eielson Area Trail Improvements Scoping Notice. The following comments represent the consolidated views of the State's resource agencies.

We support the Service's intent to rehabilitate the web of social trails in the Eielson Area of Denali National Park. We appreciate that this will provide increased hiking opportunities for visitors while allowing the Service to consolidate trail use and minimize adverse impacts from informal social trails currently being created. This strategy meets the intent of the 1996 Final Entrance Area and Road Corridor Development Concept Plan.

Hiking opportunities would be increased and enhanced through more and better defined trails in the entrance area and at certain locations along the park road corridor. (Pg. 27, NPS 1996)

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please call me at (907) 334-2563 or email at jennifer.wing@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Wing".

Jennifer Wing

ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Susan Magee, ANILCA Program Coordinator; Paula Homan, NPS