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Mr. Michael Penfold  
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Bureau of Land Management  
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Dear Mr. <sup>Mike</sup> Penfold:

The State of Alaska looks forward to participating in development of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southcentral planning area. As you know there have been several discussions between various state agencies and BLM staff regarding ways to facilitate effective state participation in the planning process.

I understand that BLM intends to work directly with appropriate state agencies during this scoping phase to gather information and identify issues. This process has already begun, as illustrated by the May 25, 1989, letter to you from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Lynette Nakazawa of your staff has contacted other agencies as well.

When the BLM planning team begins to formulate alternatives addressing proposed management decisions, the state requests that appropriate state agencies be involved from the beginning. Since major land management decisions often affect more than one agency, it will be important to work with all appropriate state agencies. The Department of Fish and Game and DNR, as principal state agencies affected by the plan, should be regularly updated and provided opportunities to participate early in the decision-making process. Meetings requiring these and other state agencies should be held jointly to facilitate a unified state position.

During the draft plan development stage, there appears to be no need for an active DGC role in state agency coordination. However at state agency request, we can assist as needed. Once the draft RMP has been released for formal public comment, DGC will coordinate state agency comments and provide a consolidated state response.

In the meantime, the following individuals have been identified by their respective agencies as primary contacts for this planning effort:

Ron Swanson, DNR Phone 762-2680  
(More specific information about agency contacts  
within DNR can be found in DNR's May 25 letter)

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In addition, we are forwarding the following scoping comments from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:

1. Adequate material sites should be made available on BLM lands where required for existing and future state and local roads and airports.
2. The establishment of rest areas, scenic viewpoint turnouts, and campground areas along existing and future roads through BLM lands by other federal, state and local government agencies should be permitted.
3. Aircraft landing areas on BLM lands commonly used by the public should be identified by BLM. This use,

where not in conflict with land use designations, should be permitted by the plan.

4. Provision for the future extension of the Copper River Highway across BLM lands to connect with the state contiguous highway system should be included in the plan. The preferred alignment for this extension follows the Copper River from the present terminus of the Copper River Highway to Chitina. Other alternative alignments include the Tiekel and Tasnuna Canyon routes.
5. The plan should recognize the possible need for the future upgrading, realignment and expansion needs of the state transportation system.

Thank you for inviting state participation in the BLM Southcentral Plan. State agencies look forward to assisting in this effort.

Sincerely,

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Director

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