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Dear Mr. Ernenwein:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the proposed revisions to National Park Service (NPS) regulations at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A, which govern the use of water by mining claimants on national parklands. The state has been working with the NPS since 1985 on this issue and supports the proposed revision. Specific comments follow.

Section 9.8(a) - The State supports this proposed subsection with the following comment: The regulation is unclear regarding new water rights that might be filed for within a national park. There may be instances where miners with existing claims or inholdings have not yet applied for water rights. As the agency responsible for allocating the state's water resources, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will adjudicate applications for new water rights on national parklands and give the NPS notice of such applications.

Section 9.8(b) - This subsection is consistent with regulations being proposed by DNR for emergency use of water.

On behalf of the State of Alaska, thank you for the opportunity to review these proposed regulations. If you have any questions regarding the state's comments, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Grogan  
Director



by: Michelle Sydeman  
State CSU Coordinator

Mr. Richard Ernenwein

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