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Dear Mr. Berry: *Russ*

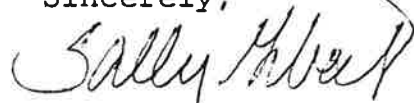
The State of Alaska has reviewed the Environmental Assessment concerning the rest stop and campground at the Teklanika River in Denali National Park and Preserve. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

The State is pleased to see the National Park Service (NPS) making visitor improvements inside the park. We support the proposals and appreciate that the NPS will be able to more comfortably accommodate an increased number of visitors at this location along the park road. The Section 810 Evaluation appears to be adequate, and the State does not anticipate that the improvements will have negative impacts on subsistence users of the park.

According to the EA, the campground is subject to flooding; yet the document is unclear about what portion of the \$1.7 million cost of the improvements will be spent on the campground. We urge NPS to consider flood potential in the design of the campground upgrade, so that valuable public funds are not spent on improvements which could be readily damaged by future flooding. This topic should have been addressed in greater detail in the EA.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 561-6131.

Sincerely,



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