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Mr. David Spirtes  
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Dear Mr. Spirtes:

The State of Alaska has completed review the Draft Development Concept Plan (DCP) for the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. The DCP proposes a cooperative visitor center in partnership with the city of Nome and one or more Alaska Native organizations, along with administrative offices located elsewhere in Nome in leased office space. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

The State commends the National Park Service for working closely with municipal and local organizations in the development of this plan. It appears the Service has done a good job in crafting an alternative which meets the needs of interested parties.

We have the following relatively minor comments.

**Subsistence.** The ANILCA 810 analysis is adequate; any impacts from the preferred alternative would be expected to be minimal. On page 65 of the DCP, however, a misleading statement appears. The second sentence in the section "Subsistence Economy" reads: "Workers engaged in subsistence activities are not likely to be classified as members of the labor force". This presumably is intended to mean that "subsistence" is not a recognized classification in Department of Labor statistics. Many persons who engage in subsistence activities are also employed at least part of the year and therefore are represented in labor statistics. The statement should therefore be clarified.

**Traffic Flow.** As with any new facility intended for public use, the Service should work with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on how facility siting will affect local traffic flow. DOT/PF permitting may also be required, so coordination with this department is recommended.

**Coastal Zone Management.** The State appreciates the reference to the Alaska Coastal Management Program on page 51 and looks forward to working with you on a coordinated consistency review during the design phase.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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