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Chistochina Village Council
P.O. Box 241
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Attn: Wilson Justin

Dear Mr. Justin:

The Alaska Land Managers Forum is a partnership of federal, state, and Native corporation land managers which has formed to address land management issues that cross ownership boundaries. Among other issues, the Forum has indicated a desire to explore opportunities for coordinated tourism and recreation planning, both statewide and in the Wrangell Mountains region of the Copper River Basin.

On behalf of the Forum, Ms. Shanthi Nataraj has recently been working with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park staff and others to gather information about ongoing and proposed tourism development and planning projects in the area. The Forum intends to use this information to develop a comprehensive matrix of these activities, including an analysis of how they may inter-relate, to enable the private sector and government agencies to work more effectively, both individually and together, on tourism development and planning projects. The Forum hopes that this will help provide to everyone a better vision of the future of recreation and tourism in the Wrangell Mountains region.

We thank you for the information you have provided to Ms. Nataraj, and we look forward to working with the Chistochina Village Council on this and other projects in the future. If you have any questions about the Alaska Land Managers Forum or this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alan Phipps
Project Review Coordinator

Cc: Deborah Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Dept, of the Interior
Fran Ulmer, Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska
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