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MAY 25 2011

Mr. Randy Elliott
HC 60 Box 253
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Dear Mr. Elliott:

The National Park Service (NPS) acknowledges receipt of your "February 23 draft Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) documents" and the May 19th cross section data as your proposed MPO within Mineral Survey 923 at Dan Creek within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve (WRST).

This letter authorizes you to conduct mining operations within WRST as described in your MPO until September 30, 2011. This is a temporary authorization for the continuation of existing operations within Mineral Survey 923 at Dan Creek while the agency reviews your proposed plan of operations (36 C.F.R. § 9.10(g)).

This authorization is contingent upon:

1. Confining mining operations to private property within Mineral Survey 923.
2. Undertaking operations in a manner that prevents significant environmental effects to park resources and values.
3. The Superintendent having such reasonable access to the mine site within Mineral Survey 923 as is necessary to properly monitor and ensure compliance with the MPO and to collect information to analyze your proposed operations.
4. Compliance with applicable state and federal law.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Meg Jensen or Senior Management Analyst Danny Rosenkrans.

Sincerely,

Sue E. Masica
Regional Director

cc:
James Tallman