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Dear Interested Citizen, Agency or Organization:

Enclosed for your review is the Brooks River Visitor Access Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a plan for visitor access at the Brooks River area of Katmai National Park and Preserve. This document evaluates alternatives for constructing a bridge and boardwalks to replace the current floating bridge and associated trails to improve visitor access and provide for the same pedestrian and small vehicle traffic that currently use the floating bridge to cross the Brooks River. Existing floatplane access in the Brooks River area, to the shores of Lake Brooks and Naknek Lake, would continue. This document also considers alternatives for relocating the park's barge landing site and access road away from the mouth of the Brooks River.

The DEIS was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the regulations of the Council of Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.9)

The comment period for the DEIS will extend from June 22, 2012 to August 20, 2012.

Those with Internet access can post comments using the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) system located at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

Please send written comments to:

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Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Public Meetings for the DEIS will be held in Anchorage, Homer, and King Salmon, Alaska. The date, location, and time of public meetings will be announced in local media.

If you have any questions concerning the DEIS or need additional copies, please call Glen Yankus at (907) 644-3535.

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