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To Whom it May Concern:

Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve is considering the issuance of a special use permit to an individual in Chisana for the harvest of up to 120 green trees for house logs. Logs harvested on NPS lands would be used on private land for the construction of a cabin as a primary residence. The park's subsistence log policy covers the non-commercial subsistence harvest of house logs in accordance with ANILCA and Title 36 CFR Part 13.485. The park has determined that the applicant meets the requirements for eligibility, including:

- a) Applicant lives within the park boundary and has demonstrated a customary and traditional use of park resources; and
- b) Applicant has explored reasonable alternative sources for logs.

The applicant would harvest live trees on NPS lands near Chisana and skid them to his private property. All harvest and skidding would occur under conditions of adequate snow cover (6") and frozen ground. Access to harvest areas and log skidding would occur over snow utilizing a snowmachine. NPS will delineate specific areas of avoidance for protection of cultural resources and fish habitat.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NPS is writing an Environmental Assessment (EA) displaying the environmental effects of this proposal. NPS is accepting comments on this proposal to use in developing issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EA.

You may submit comments on this proposal in one of three ways:

- By submitting comments through the PEPC website;
- By e-mailing Bruce Rogers, park planner, at bruce_rogers@nps.gov
- By writing to the following address: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve; Attn: Bruce Rogers; P.O. Box 439; Copper Center, AK 99573.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Rick Obernesser
Superintendent

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