Lake Clark National Park and Preserve





Dear Friends of Lake Clark:

The National Park Service is currently developing a general management plan (GMP) amendment for Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, which will provide updated direction for managing the park over the next 15 to 20 years. Also, at this time, the National Park Service is updating the wilderness eligibility status for two sections of land in the eastern portion of the park.

In April of 2012, we held public meetings on the prelimenary alternative concepts and draft managment zones and asked for your ideas and concerns regarding these alternatives. Taking your feedback into account, the planning team has developed a preferred alternative for amending the existing 1984 general management plan.

In this newsletter, we would like to share information about the preferred alternative. The planning team is currently preparing the GMP Amendment/ Environmental Assessment and anticipates releasing the plan to the public for review during the summer of 2013.

We continue to invite your participation in this planning effort. Sharing your ideas and concerns for management of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve will strengthen the planning process and help us make the best decisions for the park.

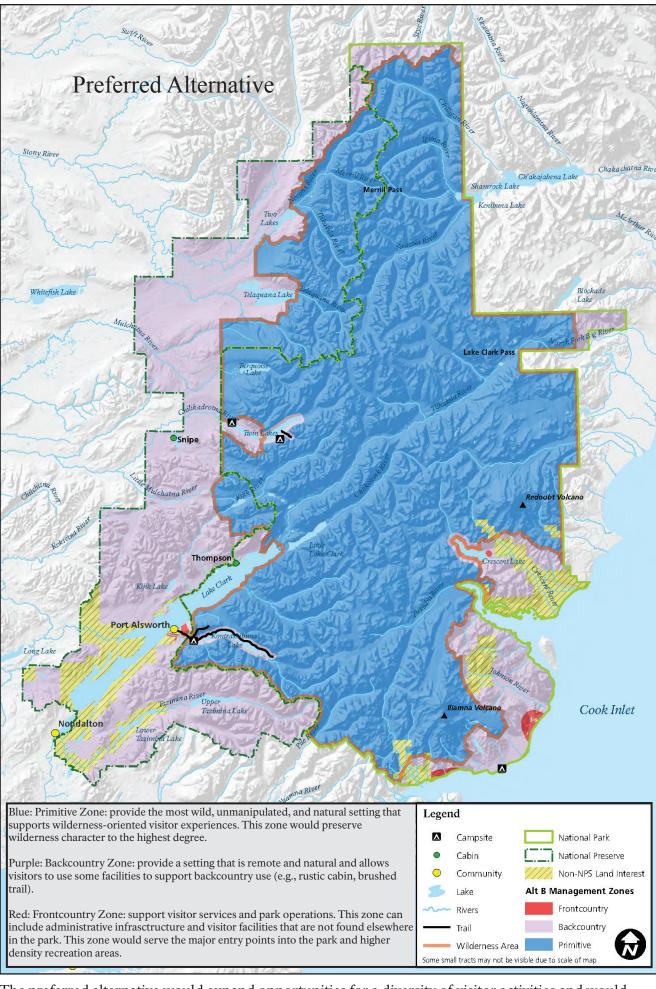
I appreciate your interest in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and look forward to working together to chart the future of this spectacular place.

Sincerely,

Magaro T. Hoodro

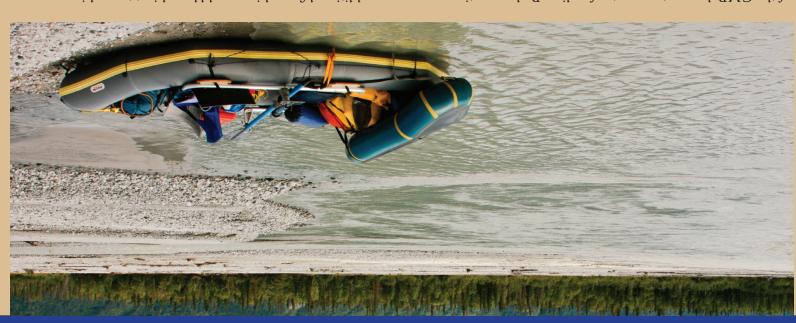
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The preferred alternative would expand opportunities for a diversity of visitor activities and would protect and maintain wilderness and park resources. This alternative would provide for more prescriptive management in areas that receive higher vistor use, such as in the preserve, near Lake Clark, and in some coastal areas. Other changes would include opening several existing cabins for public use, expanded interpretive services and commercial activites, backcountry hiking trails, and water routes. A range of management actions would be available to protect the resources in high-use destination areas. A modest approach to improved infrastructure would be provided.

Key Elements of the Preferred Alternative



additional five cabins would be subject to a cabin management plan.

Expand visitor contact opportunities through partnerships. Provide interpretive exhibits in the historic public use cabins.

some routes to provide expanded opportunities. Canyon. NPS would improve accessibility of some trails and brush Thompson Trail, Teetering Rock trail and Hope Creek trail to First Loop trails, the trail to the falls and to Kontrashibuna Lake; the Joe Port Alsworth area trails including the Tanalian Mountain and Beaver • The following existing trails would continue to be maintained:

toilet, or fire ring while the general area remains primitive. management of camping areas to address resource impact issues. Some areas may include designated sites with a leveled tent site, pit • Encourage primitive camping throughout the park. Improve

human waste disposal. Creek. Explore possible future locations for bear-proof storage and bear-resistant pit toilet and day-use storage facility at Silver Salmon • Provide improved restroom facility at Port Alsworth, a public

> many years into the future. not be funded within the life of the plan and full implementation may be would occur as additional funding becomes available. Some proposals may would continue as funded and implementation of the elements in this plan Approval of the GMP does not guarantee funding. Park operations

protection of the resources. be on-site during the summer to provide interpretation and ensure the opportunity for both MPS-led and self-guided visits. NPS staff would • Proenneke site managed as an open air exhibit. Visitors would have

land use assignment. opportunities. On Crescent Lake, seasonal storage would occur through a commercial services aimed at improving visitor access and recreation Lake admistered either by the National Park Service or limited new • Boat storage and/or rentals in specified locations on Kontrashibuna

emerging uses and mitigate future resource damage. The designation of an total of 10) may be improved and designated in the future to accommodate of the cabins would be in designated wilderness. An additional five (for a Thompson and Snipe Lake cabins would be two of the possible five. None • Up to five existing cabins would be designated for public use. The Joe

		Planning Timetable	
_	NPS Planning Activity	Dates	Description
Step 1	Collect Public Ideas for Park Management	Summer 2011	Eight public meetings (five in villages near the park and three in cities) to discuss planning issues facing the park and gather input from the public.
Step 2	Develop Alternative Management Concepts	Fall 2011 to Winter 2012	Park staff and planning team developed different management alternatives based on public input.
Step 3	Share Preliminary Alternatives	Spring 2012	Newsletter #2 released, and public meetings held to share preliminary alternatives, management zoning, and other key concepts in the plan.
Step 4 (We are here)	Prepare Draft General Management Plan Amendment	Winter 2013	The planning team will incorporate public comments and ideas into plan.
Step 5	Share Final Plan with Public	Summer 2013	The planning team will share final plan with the public and a minimum 30-day review period.
Step 6	Finalize and Implement the Approved Plan	Fall 2013	The public is encouraged to stay involved throughout implementation of the approved plan.





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