



United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

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Dear Interested Citizen, Agency, or Organization:

Enclosed for your review is an environmental assessment (EA) in which the National Park Service is considering access to inholdings across Gates of the Arctic National Park between the community of Anaktuvuk Pass and Native lands around Chandler Lake. The purpose for the requested access is to transport two 8-wheeled Argo all-terrain vehicles into and out of the Chandler Lake area during summer and to use snowmachines with sleds to move equipment and personnel during spring to remove abandoned Department of Defense military debris from Native allotments and corporation lands. The requested access would traverse about 20 miles of non-wilderness park lands along Kollutarak Creek and southern parts of Chandler Lake. Anaktuvuk Pass residents are presently allowed to use Argos and snowmachines in that area for subsistence purposes only.

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

The comment period for the EA will extend 30 days, beginning May 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2013. Please send written comments to me at the address above or to:

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Comments on this EA may also be posted using the internet via the National Park Service *Planning, Environment, and Public Comment* (PEPC) program located on the National Park Service planning website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

If you have any questions about the EA or need additional copies, please call Bud Rice at (907) 644-3530.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Greg Dudgeon
Superintendent