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Dear friends of Wrangell-St. Elias,

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve has been in the process of preparing a Backcountry and Wilderness Stewardship Plan. The plan will guide the preservation, management, and use of the largest designated wilderness in the United States as well as define and identify how we manage large areas of backcountry. We need your assistance and continued engagement as we move forward on this project.

I have been reviewing draft documents, materials and your comments on this plan since I arrived at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. Your previous comments and input have been heard and will be used to inform the plan and our next steps. As part of my review it became clear that we need to re-engage you, the people who care about this park as a home and a destination. We want to make sure we fully understand what you value about this park and what makes this place special to you.

This newsletter kicks off a second round of public outreach. We will be holding community listening sessions this upcoming summer. I will be attending most of these meetings and will personally work to speak with as many of you as possible. The locations and times of these listening sessions will be announced soon. We encourage you to visit with us at these meetings to help us understand your concerns and suggestions.

I am inspired by how much everyone cares about this special place. I look forward to working with you to guide the stewardship of backcountry and wilderness at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve.

Sincerely,

Ben Bobowski

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Superintendent*

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