



# What do you value about Wrangell-St. Elias Wilderness?

We want to understand what you value about wilderness in Wrangell-St. Elias. The topic areas below describe what we’ve heard from the public so far – ***what do you have to add?***

### Visitor Experience

- Encourages independence, self-sufficiency, and outdoor competence
- Opportunities for trails to help facilitate access
- Appreciation for the vastness and history of Alaska
- Opportunities for diverse visitor experiences, for example, visitors at popular access portals can have different experiences than on less used point-to-point routes
- Opportunities for adaptive management that responds to on-the-ground needs
- Little, if any, evidence of other visitors
- Few physical developments
- Minimal administrative presence and NPS regulations
- Opportunities for visitor education about Alaska, subsistence and traditional uses, and wilderness
- Natural soundscapes
- Difficulty of access
- Opportunities for solitude



### Airstrips

- Access
- Sightseeing
- Exploration opportunities
- Collaborative opportunities to maintain airstrips
- Dynamic resource where the needs change as airstrips and use patterns
- Relocate or maintain existing airstrips
- Can help disperse and/or channel recreational and other users
- Historical legacy of access
- Local knowledge and skill required for use



### Commercial services

- Opportunities for diverse users
- Opportunities for collaboration between commercial operators and the NPS– partners in managing use
- Visitor education opportunity
- Opportunities to clarify user conflicts– for example, between hunters and hikers
- Opportunities to concentrate or disperse visitor use, and manage visitor experiences



### Cabins

- Access
- Historical legacy of cabins used for traditional and subsistence purposes
- Facilitate recreation and subsistence uses in the park
- Maintenance to keep cabins functional and clean
- Collaborative maintenance opportunities with partnership organizations or private individuals
- Opportunities for visitor education
- Provide for protection of public health and safety



### Access

- Many areas are not impaired by motorized access in the winter
- Vast size of the park allows for little to no conflict between users
- Important for access to subsistence and traditional uses
- Focus management actions on actual use in specific areas of concern



### Subsistence and traditional uses

- Integral to the park’s character and history
- Protected by law
- Opportunities about visitor education that show this park is still an inhabited landscape
- Access is important to preserving these uses