



What do you value about Wrangell-St. Elias backcountry areas?

We want to understand how to identify backcountry and what people value about it. The topic areas below describe what we’ve heard from the public so far – *what do you have to add?*

Opportunities

- Encourages independence, self-sufficiency, and outdoor competence
- Appreciation for the vastness and history of Alaska
- Opportunities for diverse uses and experiences
- Opportunities for visitor education about Alaska, subsistence and traditional uses, and wilderness
- Commercial opportunities
- Somewhere between Wilderness and developed areas



Access

- Access
- Sightseeing
- Exploration opportunities
- Collaborative opportunities to maintain airstrips
- Can help disperse and/or channel recreational and other users
- Historical legacy of 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



Amenities/Infrastructure

- Cabins
- Airstrips
- Trails
- Education and Outreach
- Ensuring public safety
- Ties to the historic legacy of the region
- Support for subsistence and access



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



What other thoughts or values would you like to share? - Use sticky notes to add!