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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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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 expansion of the remote automated weather station (RAWS) network in three of the Southwest Alaska Network Parks: Katmai National Park and Preserve (KATM), Kenai Fjords National Park (KEFJ), and Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (LACL). The proposed action would expand the RAWS program by establishing additional stations to collect basic climatological data including air and soil temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, and snow depth. New permanent RAWS would be established at as many as six locations in KATM, three locations in KEFJ, and four locations in LACL.

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 February 27, 2008 and ending March 28, 2008. Please send written comments to:

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Those of you with Internet access can post your comments using the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) program located on the NPS public comment website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions about the EA or need additional copies, please call Glen Yankus at (907) 644-3535. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Glen Yankus