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Dear Public Reviewer:


Thank you for your comments regarding the *Established and Maintainable Access to Inholdings Programmatic Environmental Assessment* (EA). After careful consideration, the National Park Service (NPS) has approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI, attached) for this proposal, which implements Alternative B, *Implement a program to Authorize Right-of-Way Certificates of Access for Established and Maintainable Access to Inholdings* (the proposed action alternative and the NPS preferred alternative). This FONSI clarifies the activities and information outlined in the EA that were identified by various commenters. Park staff will soon be notifying landowners in an effort to identify established routes that could be covered by this EA.

A total of seven comment letters were received on this EA. Written comments were received from the State of Alaska, ANILCA Implementation Program; the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), which also represented The Wilderness Society, Alaska Center for the Environment, and Defenders of Wildlife, and five individuals. Comments received were of a clarifying nature, asked for additional information, supported the proposed action, and requested notification of routes to be covered by this effort. The public comments did not change the concepts included in the plan. NPS responses to the substantive comments are provided in Attachment A of the FONSI.

These documents also are available at the following website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Follow the links to Wrangell-Saint Elias National Park and Preserve, Established and Maintainable Access to Inholdings Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your interest in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. I look forward to working with landowners to issue RWCA's under this program.

Sincerely,



acting for:

Meg Jensen
Superintendent