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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 a request from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for temporary access across Bering Land Bridge National Preserve for the Shishmaref Relocation Road Reconnaissance Project. Congress has made funds available to ADOT&PF through the Federal Highway Administration to study the potential for developing a suitable material site at Ear Mountain with an access road from Shishmaref Inlet across the Preserve. ADOT&PF is proposing to conduct exploratory drilling along the route when there is adequate protective snow cover and summer drilling at Ear Mountain.

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 15 days, beginning March 11 and ending March 26, 2008. Please send written comments to:

Attn: Bud Rice  
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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 new 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 Bud Rice at (907) 644-3530.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Glen Yankus  
Acting Team Manager, Environmental Policy & Compliance