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IN REPLY REFER TO: L7617 (KATM)

May 1, 2008

Dear Interested Citizen, Agency or Organization:

Enclosed for your review is an environmental assessment (EA) in which the National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to upgrade the existing Brooks Camp communications system and install a real-time web camera at the Brooks Falls viewing platform within Katmai National Park and Preserve (KATM). This project would provide a reliable backbone communications infrastructure to the Brooks Camp facility for the benefit of staff and visitors. This project would also provide a remote link to an NPS partnership that is willing to fund high definition color video transmission of bears feeding at the Brooks Falls area. The partnership consists of the NPS, Pratt Museum, RealNetworks and National Geographic Society.

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 May 2, 2008 and ending June 1, 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 Helen Lons, Chief of Environmental Planning and Compliance, at (907) 246-2145. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ralph Moore Superintendent

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