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Dear Interested Party:

Rick Ashby lives on an allotment in Noatak National Preserve. In early 2006, he requested to build a cabin about three miles downriver of the allotment to support his subsistence fishing. Enclosed is a copy of an environmental assessment (EA) we have completed on his request.

The first section of the EA is Purpose and Need, which gives the background of the request and the relevant regulations. The second section describes three alternatives. Number two is Mr. Ashby's proposal. The third section describes the affected environment. The fourth section analyzes the environmental impacts of each alternative.

We are interested in your comments on Mr. Ashby's proposal. Specific comments with new information, with suggestions for new alternatives, or about the accuracy of the EA's information and analysis are most useful.

In order to give everyone the opportunity to review the EA, we are accepting comments until January 5, 2009. To comment, write me at the address above or e-mail me at [george\\_helfrich@nps.gov](mailto:george_helfrich@nps.gov).

For more information, please call me or community liaison Willie Goodwin at 907/442-3890.

Thank you for your interest in the EA and support of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

George Helfrich  
Superintendent