



## Katmai National Park and Preserve and Alagnak Wild River Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan Flyer, March 21, 2022

The National Park Service (NPS) is developing a plan to guide the future management of the Katmai and Alagnak wilderness and backcountry areas. Your ideas will help us shape the future of these remarkable places. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Provide Input

Between March 21 and April 19, 2022, share your input by visiting the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/katmai-wbmp>).

Once on the website, select “Open for Comment” to provide your thoughts or ideas. The project site will provide information on public meeting opportunities as well. To learn more about this planning effort, visit our StoryMap at <https://bit.ly/katmaistorymap>.



*Bear near Mount Kelez*

### Key Issues

The NPS planning team has identified the following four key issues facing the Katmai Wilderness and the Katmai and Alagnak backcountry areas. The wilderness and backcountry management plan needs to address all these issues to ensure that wilderness character is maintained, resources are protected, and opportunities are provided for a high-quality visitor experience.

1. Impacts of Concentrated Visitor Use on Wilderness and Backcountry Areas
2. Human-Wildlife Interactions and Potential Conflict
3. Management of Commercial Services as Visitor Demand Increases
4. Challenges for Managing Wilderness and Backcountry Areas with Limited Staff across Millions of Acres and ANILCA Wilderness Complexities

### Purpose and Need For the Plan

The purpose of the wilderness and backcountry management plan is to preserve the wilderness character of Katmai’s designated and eligible wilderness and guide the long-term management of visitor use and cultural and natural resources in both wilderness and backcountry areas of Katmai National Park and Preserve and Alagnak Wild River.

The plan is needed to safeguard wilderness character, address the effects of concentrated and increasing visitation, and provide guidance and direction for managing commercial and private visitor use.

### Study Area

The project area includes backcountry areas in Katmai National Preserve and Alagnak Wild River and congressionally designated wilderness and lands identified as eligible wilderness in Katmai National Park and Preserve. This plan will only apply to lands and waters that are under federal jurisdiction.