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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Revised Environmental Assessment Invasive Plant Management Plan

Additional 30-day Public Review: September 30 to October 30, 2009

Dear Reviewer:

The National Park Service (NPS) has revised the environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed adaptive management plan to control invasive plants in Alaska National Park System units. The original public review EA evaluated the environmental effects of the proposed action plan and the no-action alternative, and it was circulated for public review during September and October 2008. In response to public review comments and internal discussions, the NPS has revised the proposed action and parts of the analyses of impacts. In particular, the decision tree has been revised and simplified and the proposed limits of treatment areas have been expanded to address a more realistic projection of potential treatment needs. For these reasons, the NPS has decided to reissue the EA for an additional 30-day public review. Comments should focus on those parts of the EA that have been revised. Parts of the EA that have been changed are listed on the attached sheet.

Public comments are requested on the environmental assessment through October 30, 2009. To comment, please visit http://parkplanning.nps.gov, or write to the address above. If you wish to have a hard copy of the revised EA at this time or have questions about the EA, please contact Bud Rice, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (907) 644-3530 or by email at Bud Rice@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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