

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The National Park Service has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review analyzing the Horsfeld Concession Camp Move, a proposal to relocate and rebuild nine structures within a commercial concession facility near Horsfeld, Alaska, inside Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve. This EA analyzes the proposed actions, alternatives, and potential impacts to cultural and natural resource values that could result from the proposed action. It has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations of the Council of Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.9).

Horsfeld Creek is aggrading just above its confluence with Beaver Creek, forcing its main channel to move to the east. Associated flooding has damaged many structures, some of which may soon be destroyed. This flooding adversely affects the visitor experience, as well as the viability of the concession operation. The park has proposed to permit the operator to relocate and rebuild the affected structures on a terrace immediately to the east and partially overlapping the current camp.

If you would like to comment on the EA, the document may be obtained by contacting Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve at 907-822-5234, PO Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573. Comments on the EA may be sent by mail to the park at the above address during the public comment period.

Interested parties may also review and comment on the EA online. Go to the NPS website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> to retrieve the EA and provide your comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Protection Specialist Geoffrey Bleakley at 907-822-7235.