



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
P.O. Box 517
Skagway, Alaska 99840

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 2, 2010

Dear Interested Citizen, agency or organization:

Enclosed for your review is an environmental assessment (EA) in which the National Park Service is considering the expansion of the remote automated weather station (RAWS) network and adding one radio communications repeater in Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park and at one site on nearby Tongass National Forest lands at Goat Lake. The proposed action would expand the climate monitoring program by establishing four additional stations to collect basic climatological data including air and soil temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, and snow depth. The installation of all four proposed stations will be phased and not completed until after the 2012 summer season. The data will be available to the public in near real-time (or archived versions) over the Internet.

This EA was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40CFR 1508.9).

The comment period for this EA will extend 30 days, beginning on April 2 and ending on May 2, 2010. Please send written comments to:

Superintendent
Klondike Gold Rush NHP
P.O. Box 517
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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>. You may also email comments to dave_schirokauer@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 and 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 available for public inspection in their entirety.

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If you have any questions about the EEA or need additional copies, please contact Dave Schirokauer at (907) 983-9228. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,


for Susan L. Boudreau
Superintendent

Enclosure