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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Interested Citizen, Agency or Organization:

Enclosed for your review is an environmental assessment (EA) in which the National Park Service (NPS) is considering expansion of the remote automated weather station (RAWS) network in the Arctic Alaska Inventory and Monitoring Network (ARCN). The Arctic Network consists of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (GAAR), Noatak National Preserve (NOAT), Kobuk Valley National Park (KOVA), Cape Krusenstern National Monument (CAKR), and Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (BELA).

The proposed action would expand the RAWS program by establishing additional stations to collect basic climatologically data including air and soil temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, and snow depth. New permanent RAWS would be established at as many as four locations in GAAR, six locations in NOAT, one location in KOVA, two locations in CAKR, and four locations in BELA.

The EA was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.9). The comment period for the EA will extend 30 days, beginning June 11, 2008 and ending July 12, 2010. Please send written comments to:

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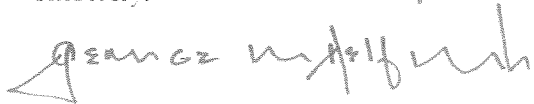
Those of you with Internet access can post your comments using the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) program located on the NPS public comment website at:  
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

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. 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, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions about the EA or need additional copies, please call Glen Yankus at (907) 644-3535. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Greg Dudgeon  
Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve



Jeanette Pomrenke  
Superintendent, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve