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**U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Glacier Bay National Park  
and Preserve**



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Dear Reviewer:

The U.S. Coast Guard and the National Park Service are announcing the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposal to permit, construct, operate and maintain a search and rescue communication facility in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

The proposed site is located on the park's outer coast in the Deception Hills area within the Glacier Bay National Preserve. The EA describes the Proposed Action, the No-Action Alternative, as well as the possible effects on the surrounding environment. There are enclosed maps displaying the proposed site.

By participating in the NEPA process, the public will be able to review the environmental analyses on the proposed facilities that, when built, will improve communications coverage on the outer coast of the Park. This assessment began with a request for comments concerning the proposed facilities. At that time, the public suggested issues or concerns they thought should be analyzed and which sites should not be considered. We have considered those suggestions in this EA and would like to hear if they were adequately addressed. This effort is the second stage of a major project designed to improve maritime VHF communications coverage throughout south-central and southeast Alaska. These facilities will provide coverage in areas where none currently exists.

We would appreciate your review and comment on the Environmental Assessment. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We 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.

Comments must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2011. Please send comments to William Freeland, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Coast Rescue 21 PRO Alaska, 100 Savikko Rd., Douglas, AK 99824. Comments may be written, sent by e-mail (William.A.Freeland@uscg.mil), or faxed to this address at 907-463-2959 (Attention: Glacier Bay Rescue 21 Communication Facilities). Questions may be directed to William Freeland at 907-463-2955. Comments may also be posted on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/publicHome.cfm> if you go to the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve page.

Sincerely,

*MLB. BL, ELC3 For*

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Sincerely,

*Susan Boudreau*

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