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Mr. Jim Renkert, Project Review Coordinator
State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Office of Project Management and Permitting
Alaska Coastal Management Program
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Exit Glacier Trail Improvements

Dear Mr. Renkert:

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Coastal District staff reviewed the above noted project for consistency with KPB Coastal Management enforceable policies. The project activity, proposed by the Department of Interior, National Parks Service, would occur on federal lands in the Exit Glacier area of the Kenai Fjords National Park.

Scope of Work

The National Parks Service plans to improve trails and overlooks in the Exit Glacier area to improve the visitor experience, create wheelchair accessible glacier viewing opportunities, prevent adverse impact to natural resources and provide for safe access to Exit Glacier. The improvements proposed include rerouting a portion of the Nature Trail that is threatened by bank erosion along Exit Creek, making the Nature Trail accessible to visitors in wheelchairs, rerouting a degraded section of the Harding Icefield Trail, extending the Overlook Loop Trail and construction additional overlooks to provide vistas of the outwash plain and glacier.

Findings

The proposed project will occur within the Kenai Fjords National Park, will not effect land outside the park and poses no negative impact to elements covered by Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policies.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams
Coastal Zone Coordinator