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Dear Friends of the Chugach,

The Glacier Ranger District of the Chugach National Forest has completed analysis of proposed activities in the Spencer Glacier Mineral Materials project area, located near Spencer, Kenai Borough, Alaska. The project proposes to allow extraction of mineral materials (sand, gravel, and rock) from a 560-acre area. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the Proposed Action, No-Action Alternative, and three action alternatives. This range of alternatives addresses the major issues identified from public comments and by Forest Service resource specialists. A copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is enclosed for your review.

The project analyzes whether to allow mineral materials extraction, and if so, under what conditions. As the deciding official, I am responsible for choosing an alternative that will follow Forest Plan guidance and determining any mitigation measures that will be required.

Your comments will be accepted for 45 days following the publication of a notification of availability in the Federal Register. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for comment on the DEIS prior to the completion of the Final EIS and Record of Decision. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Please send comments through any of the avenues listed below:

Glacier Ranger District
Attn: Alice Allen
P.O. Box 129
Girdwood, AK 99587-0129

Phone: 605-673-4853
Fax: 907-783-2094
Email: comments-alaska-chugach@fs.fed.us



Additional information regarding this action, including a copy of the DEIS, can be obtained from the following address:

Chugach National Forest Supervisors Office
3301 C St., Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99503-3998
(907) 743-9500

In addition, the DEIS can be viewed and downloaded from the Chugach National Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe L. Meade", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JOE L. MEADE
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure