



October 20, 2018

Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor
161 East 1st St., Door 8
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: *Draft Land Management Plan*

Dear Terri Marceron:

The Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area Corridor Community Association (KMTA) is an active Chugach National Forest (CNF) partner that shares many of the goals articulated in the Draft Land Management Plan. We fully support the Plan’s emphases on partnerships, historic preservation, and sustainable recreational opportunities.

Chugach National Forest lands are integral to the economic, recreational, and subsistence life of local communities. KMTA applauds the objectives to develop new and existing public-private partnerships with local organizations and tribes. The growth of the Alaska Trail Stewards role in Iditarod National Historic Trail stewardship is a useful experiment in working with partners from project identification and execution.

Preservation and appropriate promotion of historic and cultural resources remains a rich opportunity for collaboration between CNF and KMTA. Historic structures and trails are a tangible way to discover the stories of the mountainous corridors of the Forest. KMTA is pleased to have played a part in enlivening the Hope Guard Station at its new home at the Hope & Sunrise Historical Museum.

A variety of Forest users across a range of ages and interests visit the Forest year-round. Maintaining and improving diverse recreational opportunities provides great benefits to locals and visitors. KMTA looks forward to working with CNF and other partners to keep the Kenai Peninsula a vibrant place to live or travel.

Sincerely,

Jessica Szelag
Executive Director
Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm
National Heritage Area CCA