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TO: Alaska Area Director, FWS, Anchorage, Alaska
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SUBJECT: Cross Kenai Trail System

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Our staff contact for the Kenai Trail proposal is Dave Patterson I & R Specialist in the Anchorage Area Office, phone #276-3800 ex. 431. We concur with your thoughts on the recreational potential of this trail system.

We have contacted the Refuge staff of the Kenai National Moose Range and they have expressed enthusiasm for this project but recognize certain concerns which must be addressed during the planning process.

1. The proposed route crosses 3-4 rivers which may require extensive bridge work which is not economically feasible at this time.
2. Development of a trail through this area increases the exposure to safety hazards i.e. glaciers and rivers which the KNMR staff is not currently capable of responding to in a technical search and rescue situation.
3. Alternate routes should be considered in the event the currently proposed route proves to be beyond financial capabilities.

Although these concerns seem to represent some sizeable problems we do not feel they are insurmountable. We will be looking forward to future involvement in this planning process.

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