

Recreation Study Comments - ADNR

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Section 5 Results			
1	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Section 5.1.1.1 Campground and Public Use Cabins (Page 12). <i>"Table 5.1-1, Canyon Group Camping Site"</i>	Canyon Group site shows as unoccupied every year. Part of this is because it is not reservable under Reserve America (RA), our third party online reservation system. This also holds true for Group sites A & B pre-2019. The facility utilization reports come from RA. Since 2018 was excluded from the average, probably not an issue.
2	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Section 5.1.1.2 Fee Stations (Page 14). <i>"Fee stations are located at the Thunderbird Falls Trailhead, and multiple locations in the Eklutna Lake Recreation Area including the two campground loops, the AVT/overflow parking lot, and Day-Use/Boat Launch parking lot."</i>	Change "AVT" to "ATV"
4	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Section 5.1.2.2 Hunting (Page 17). First sentence <i>"There are multiple game management units the Eklutna Project area falls within or can provide access to (see Appendix 3: ADF&G Eklutna Project Area Game Management Units); ADF&G manages the number of hunting permits given out for game within those units."</i>	"Units" should be "areas". All of the Eklutna Project is within one GMU, "14C"
5	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Section 5.1.4 (Page 18).	Regarding guide Services accessing the Eklutna Tailrace fishery from the Knik River Bridge launch site: ADF&G requires guides to register with the department prior to providing services. General locations of guiding services are required to register vessels with the department (primary river drainages) however, guides can move to any location they wish. ADF&G guide staff were not able to provide a listing of business operating specific to this location. To capture this information this data could be collected onsite at the Knik River Bridge from approximately the end of May-July 15.

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Section 6 Conclusions			
6	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Section 6.4.1 Vehicles in Recreational Areas (Page 46). Second sentence <i>"Fee station data does not account for annual State Park Pass holders, recreators who do not choose to comply with parking area fees, or those who otherwise are not recreating such as CSP staff, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility staff, or contractors conducting work in the area.."</i>	Change <i>"who do not choose to"</i> to <i>"who chose not to"</i> . Disabled Alaska Vets can obtain a camping pass. They are not accounted for in the fee station reports.
Appendix 1			
7	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Appendix 1: Intercept Survey, Filed Notes, and Results (Page 5). Fourth bullet <i>"Heard gunshots consistently for approxiatley 20 min at start of observation within close proximite – assumed target pracice type discharges, could be on private property as it is not allowed in the park within set distances from developed facilities inlcuding parking lots and trails."</i>	Delete "target practice". Target practice is never allowed within a state park managed unit except within a designated range or for lawful hunting. 11 AAC 12.190 Change "proximite" to "proximity" Delete "and trails". Trails do not constitute a developed facility.
8	ADNR, Chugach State Park	Appendix 1: Intercept Survey, Filed Notes, and Results (Page 9).Third bullet <i>"Two bow hungers on bike heading down Eklutna Lakeside Trail observed at 1:15pm."</i>	Change "hungers" to "hunters"