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Ms. Susan Boudreaux
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Dear Ms. Boudreaux,

The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Huna Tribal House project in Bartlett Cove. We offer these brief comments along with our support. We are encouraged by the progress on this project since you provided the briefing at our meeting this past February in Juneau.

The proposed construction of the Huna Tribal house is an commendable example of the continuing cooperation between the National Park Service and the Hoonah Indian Association (HIA). The incorporation of traditional Tlingit design, construction, decoration and furnishings will help park visitors interpret and better understand the culture of the Huna Tlingit.

More importantly, the project will serve to recognize the importance of Glacier Bay as the ancestral homeland of the Huna Tlingit and of the historical and cultural connections that existed long before designation of Glacier Bay as a unit of the National Park System and which still exists.

We encourage the NPS to continue consultation with HIA to further refine the final interior and exterior design of the tribal house and to move forward with the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Leaphart".

Stan Leaphart
Executive Director

Cc: Ms. Mary Beth Moss