

## PARK OPERATIONS

### STAFFING AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

The park headquarters will remain in its present location. The current staffing level for headquarters is considered adequate with the exception of a wildlife biologist and resource management personnel for road monitoring. Filling these positions is a high priority of park management. Additionally, aircraft availability on a year-round basis is considered necessary for the proper management of the park complex.

The visitor use proposals will require establishing a district operation on the south side of Denali. The facilities needed for management, operations, maintenance, etc., on the south side will be constructed separate from the activity center. These facilities will require cooperative management with the Alaska Division of Parks, and actual staffing needs will depend on agreements reached with that agency. The long-range personnel requirements for the south side are estimated as follows:

- 1 permanent district ranger
- 1 permanent maintenance worker
- 3 temporary maintenance workers
- 2 temporary park rangers
- 4 temporary interpreters
- 1 permanent secretary
- 4 permanent mountaineering rangers

The National Park Service will continue to carry out the provisions of section 1308 of ANILCA and 320 DM, which are concerned with the hiring of local residents. Furthermore, the Park Service will work to advance these employees into permanent staff positions as they obtain the necessary experience. This program recognizes the unique lifestyle of Alaska bush residents and is designed to use a wide variety of local skills and knowledge for employees working in seasonal and year-round jobs.

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The National Park Service will seek cooperative agreements with several agencies for the purpose of undertaking mutually beneficial programs. Typical examples of agreements are listed below.

an agreement for cooperative management with the state of Alaska regarding submerged lands

an agreement for cooperative management with the state of Alaska regarding water rights

an agreement for cooperative management with the state of Alaska regarding public use on waterways in the park (to be pursued only if case-by-case resolution of management issues proves unacceptable to the National Park Service and the state)

an agreement for cooperative management with regional and village native corporations for management of 17(b) easements should any be created by the BLM and subsequently transferred to NPS management