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Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Dear Interested Organization or Citizen:

On behalf of the Alaska Region of the National Park Service, I am pleased to announce the release of the *Foundation Statement for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve*. I anticipate this document will be useful for both the National Park Service as well as those with interest in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Copies will be available at park headquarters in Bartlett Cove and at the Gustavus Public Library. You may also view and download a copy online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website by following this link:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=12&projectId=24967&documentID=26494>

A *Foundation Statement* clearly and concisely articulates the purposes for which a park unit was established and identifies what is most important about that unit. It is grounded in the enabling legislation for that unit and based on knowledge acquired since its establishment. It contains a purpose statement and multiple significance statements and lists the fundamental resources and values that are critical to the significance of the unit. A *Foundation Statement* also identifies primary interpretive themes and key legal mandates, providing the framework needed to understand the historic and contemporary roles, conditions and issues surrounding the park unit.

We welcome your feedback on the *Foundation Statement* and invite you to use it as both a reference for fundamental information about Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and for future park planning and management efforts. Our next steps are to complete an analysis of the status of resources and values identified in this *Foundation Statement* and to identify planning needs. Your feedback would be most helpful if received by April 25, 2009. You may comment by visiting the website given above, or by writing to the park or the Alaska Regional Office at the following addresses:

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For additional information on Foundation Statements for Alaska's national parks, please contact Joan Darnell at the address given above. For information on the *Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Foundation Statement*, please contact Allison Banks.

We appreciate your interest in and involvement with Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

Sincerely,

Cherry Payne  
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