1. Comment: 2 similar comments were received that indicated an opposition to banning gas generators in the campground. They both referenced the changing need of visitors to charge more and more electrical devices. Additionally, they commented on the NPS use of generators and gasoline powered vehicles within Brooks Camp. The suggestion was to allow gasoline generators but restrict hours of use. Additionally, one commenter mentioned that providing alternative charging stations would be the ideal solution.

NPS Response: The NPS is aware of the impact that generators have on the natural soundscape and visitor experience, and we are currently in the middle of a multi-year project to move our own power generation plant to the south side of the Brooks River away from camping and visitation areas. While restricting the hours of use for gas powered generators may confine the noise impact to designated hours, it does not address the concern of exhaust fumes being produced in proximity to tents and cooking areas. As technology advances and more people are using devices reliant on electricity, the technology to charge those devices is also advancing. There are many options for battery charging banks, small solar chargers, camping stoves with built-in charging systems, etc. that our visitors can use to keep their electronics charged while camping, without relying on gas powered generators. Our own staff use portable battery banks in the backcountry to keep devices charged. The NPS agrees that providing some sort of electrical charging station would be an ideal outcome and are working on options to potentially provide that service at some point in the future. The current campground rates are based on services provided and adding electricity would likely necessitate a corresponding increase in campground fees.

Brooks Camp is remote without road access, and we (NPS) are working hard to reduce the need to transport fuel to the BCDA by upgrading the area's power generation systems and considering renewable energy options where possible.