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From: Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens' Advisory Board

Subject: ILMA, Cottonwood Eastland

Dear Mayor Navarre,

In 2001, Mako Haggerty then President of Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens' Advisory Board (KBSPCAB) made an application for an Inner Agency Land Management Assessment (ILMA) for the area sandwiched between East End Road (EER), Ratone Street and Elmer's Way. This would make access to Cottonwood Eastland Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park from EER and also make room for parking and other Park facilities that are the primary improvement needed for the Park development.

In March 2020, Jack Blackwell, Superintendent, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Kenai Peninsula Region & Prince William Sound, made an application again for an ILMA to provide access to Cottonwood Eastland Unit adjoining state lands for the same reason as above, Park connectivity off EER, parking and other park facilities. In this application it didn't only include the area listed above but additional property on the other side of EER. See map attached. In addition, Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park, seeing the need of this transfer of property to the Park gave \$2400.00, to file this ILMA to DNR.

In the spring of 2022 we learned the Borough has made claim to the 60 acres parcel (Borough Entitlement Land) that parallels Ratone Street. These 60 acres makes up 2/3 of what we requested in the original ILMA leaving only 1/3 of what was planned for. Also, this small 23 acres is not centered on the Park, it is skewed west of the main part of the park. This whole parcel (60 acres and 23 acres) is needed for good access to the Park, as outlined in the current management plan. We think a precedent was set back in 2001 and again in 2020 for this whole parcel to go to and be managed by Alaska State Parks.

In conclusion, there have been two separate ILMAs, one dating back as far as 2001 requesting this whole parcel sandwiched between EER, Ratone Street and Elmer's Way to be made part of the

Cottonwood Eastland Unit of the KBSP. This whole parcel would give the needed access to the Park off EER and provide room for Park facilities as outlined in the current management plan.

The Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizen' Advisory Board voted on February 8 to forward this letter to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and DNR in hopes that there could be a mechanism to resolve this issue and enable KBSP the use of the entire land parcel below EER west of Ratone Street.

Respectfully Submitted

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Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizens' Advisory Board