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To Whom It May Concern:

The Nature Conservancy fully supports expanding the boundary of the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area (DCCHA). The land encompassed by the proposed expansion was purchased by The Nature Conservancy in 2004. The property was then deeded to the Department of Natural Resources for eventual inclusion within the (DCCHA).

As part of the Gustavus Forelands Preserve, The Nature Conservancy owns and manages parcels adjacent to the DCCHA. The Conservancy's management objectives for the Gustavus Preserve were modeled after Fish and Game's management of the DCCHA. Preserving wildlife habitat and welcoming hunting, hiking, and other public uses are goals shared by both The Nature Conservancy and Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall H. Hagenstein".

Randall H. Hagenstein, Alaska Director