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Dear xxxxxx,

You have received this survey because you are among a very important and selected group of hunters who hunted in the area during the 2010, 2011, and 2012 seasons. The National Park Service and the University of Alaska Fairbanks is conducting a study to gather information regarding the perceptions, experiences, and reasons for hunting in the Noatak National Preserve. The results of this study will be used by the National Park Service and other state and federal managers (e.g., Alaska Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service) to understand the characteristics and perceptions of sport hunters using the preserve.

This survey should take about take about 20 minutes to complete. You will need to use the enclosed map of Noatak National Preserve to respond to questions in section 1 and 2 of the questionnaire. When you have completed the questionnaire, please return it to us in the, postage paid return envelope provided.

Your input is very valuable and it is important for us to receive feedback from as many hunters as possible. Please complete as much of the survey as possible regardless of whether or not you harvested any animals in the area. Your participation is voluntary and all responses will remain anonymous and will only be reported as a summary of results. If you have any questions or comments, you can reach us by phone or email.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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Postcard *prior* to mailing of survey

Noatak National Preserve Hunting Survey

Dear Sportsman,

In the coming weeks you will receive a mailing from the National Park Service containing a survey, a map of the area, and a return envelope. Once you receive the survey, we would ask you to please take the time to complete and return the survey, it should take about 20 minutes to complete. Because only a limited number of hunters will be contacted, it is extremely important that we hear from everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, please call or email me at (907) 455-0643; andrew_ackerman@nps.gov (e-mail) or call Pete Fix at (907) 474-6926, or email at pjfix@alaska.edu (e-mail).

Sincerely,

Andrew Ackerman
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Postcard *following* mailing of survey

Dear Sportsman,

A survey was recently mailed to you regarding hunting in the Noatak National Preserve. As of today we have not received your response. If you have already returned the survey, thank you for your help. If not, please complete the survey and return it at your earliest convenience. Because the surveys were mailed to only a limited number of hunters in the area, it is extremely important that we hear from you.

If you did not receive the survey, or it was misplaced, contact Andrew Ackerman at (907) 455-0643; andrew_ackerman@nps.gov (e-mail), or Pete Fix at (907) 474-6926; pjfix@alaska.edu (e-mail).

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