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Dear Secretary Purdue, Governor Walker and members of the State Advisory Committee;

- The State and Forest Service should maintain protections that provide tour operators pristine places to take guests. The agency must analyze current and past special use permits as well as places that vessels anchor for marine-based activities, the scenic viewsheds, fish and wildlife values. They also must maintain room for our businesses to grow in the future.
- Forest Service budget priorities and permitting are the limiting factors on tourism access, not roads.
- Alaska's tourism brand is based on outstanding scenery, wildlife and opportunities for solitude. Tour operators are taking proactive steps to coordinate and disperse use to maintain solitude. Increased road density could limit our growth.