Appendix D—Letter to Researchers and Accompanying Map

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Dear Researcher.

In March of 2002, you had responded to an inquiry from Pat Holloway regarding your use of the North Campus Area (NCA). During that time, it was indicated that you conduct research in the NCA. The information that you provided to Pat is being used by the North Campus Planning Subcommittee to develop a management plan for the NCA. As part of that plan, research conducted in the NCA is being inventoried and mapped. This mapping process will serve several functions, including the following:

- . Ensure future requests for research in the NCA do not encroach upon existing research,
- · Ensure recreational trails do not expand into research areas, and
- · Ensure areas of intensive research activity and high research value are protected in the future.

A map is attached that shows the extent of the NCA and some of the trails and areas of research that have already been mapped.

For management purposes, we would like to know more specifically where your research is located and additional information regarding your research. Please note, specific information about your research will not be made public. Some of the areas of interest are as follows. I. Where are the sample plots located? GPS coordinates are the best format for this information. They are accurate and easy to obtain. However, an estimate of location is better than nothing. Please use the attached image to mark locations. Specific locations of plots will not be released to the public.

- 2. How big are the sample plots? What shape?
- 3. What measuring, collecting or alteration activities does your research include?
- 4. Is your sampling, or are the plots, particularly sensitive, i.e., to artificial light, noise, ground vibrations, trampling, collection of vegetation, fungi or animals, etc.?
- 5. If your project is sensitive, what is a minimum buffer area needed to protect from conflicting uses?
- 6. What is the frequency of your visits to the research areas? Is the research seasonal and if so, which season (s)?
- 7. For how long is the research planned?

Once again, the more information the better.

Please fold the map, so that the address is showing, and drop in campus mail. Attach notes regarding research to the map or email the notes to Michael Hay at fimilh@uaf.edu.

Thank you for your time,

North Campus Planning Subcommittee

If you have questions or concerns contact Michael Hay: ftmlh@uaf.edu, phone # 7298

GPS coordinates are the preferred format for locational information. If they are not available, please mark the approximate location of your research on this map. Legend NCL Boundary Trails Research