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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve
Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve
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Memorandum

To: Eric J. Wald, Program Manager, Arctic Network (ARCN)

From: Greg Dudgeon, Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (GAAR)

Subject: Handling of Protected Natural Resource Data

The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (GAAR) has identified resources that are rare, threatened, endangered, or commercially valuable as per National Parks Omnibus Management Act, Section 207, of [16 U.S.C. § 5937](#). Information about these resources (the specific location, abundance, presence, or absence), if released to the public or other unapproved audiences, has been determined to potentially result in harm, theft, or destruction. To ensure data are appropriately protected in accordance with park management priorities, the following rules must be followed when disseminating natural resource information collected through inventory, monitoring, or other related scientific activities. This memo should be reviewed and updated as warranted (e.g., every five years).

Type of Data	Level of Protection	Rules for Dissemination
Specific Harvestable (commercial value) Species Location Data: (caribou, Dall's sheep, brown bear, and moose).	Legally Protected	Under National Parks Omnibus Management Act, Section 207, of 16 U.S.C. § 5937 ; Specific location (geographic coordinates) of these harvestable (commercial) species will not be released to the general public due to their "commercial" value. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This protects collaborating agencies data as well; but does not preclude sharing between collaborating agencies. Processed data with coordinates redacted (such as summaries, processed maps, or products) remain publicly available. This will be done indefinitely.