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To: Amy Miller, Program Manager, Southwest Alaska Network (SWAN)

From: Mark Sturm, Superintendent, Katmai National Park & Preserve

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Re: Handling of protected natural resource data for Katmai National Park & Preserve

My staff and I have reviewed guidance from the Inventory & Monitoring Division for documenting protected data, dated February 26, 2018. We recognize that access and distribution of data related to natural resources that are rare, threatened, endangered or commercially valuable could lead to harm, theft, or destruction, if released to the public. In reviewing the scope of the SWAN's Vital Signs Monitoring Program within Katmai National Park and Preserve, we find the following case in which current natural resource data require limited access or distribution. The following rules must be followed when disseminating natural resource information collected through inventory, monitoring, or other related scientific activities:

Type of Data	Data Source	Level of Protection	Rules for Dissemination
Other species (non-T&E)			
Bald eagle nests - locations	SWAN	Legally protected	Protected from release to public, indefinitely; restrict data to number of nest sites in the park.
Brown bear abundance surveys - animal locations	SWAN	Operationally protected	Protected from release to public, indefinitely; restrict data to number of individuals in 10-km grid cells within the park.
Moose abundance surveys - animal locations	SWAN	Operationally protected	Protected from release to public, indefinitely; restrict data to number of individuals in GMUs that fall within the park.
Other resources – Location Data			
Lidar data that has the potential to include cultural sites	SWAN	Operationally protected	Protected from release to public, indefinitely; redacted. Data may be released to NPS staff and other government agencies on a case-by-case basis.