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Dear Commenter:

Thank you for participating in the public scoping process for the Delta River Management Plan. The purpose of "scoping" is to identify issues important to the future management of public lands and resources within a planning area. Identifying issues helps to guide the development of management alternatives that are evaluated in an Environmental Assessment (EA), ultimately leading to decisions that will form the basis for the new Delta River Management Plan. The scoping process also provides an opportunity to educate the public about the management of public lands, and for the BLM to measure the concerns of those who have an interest in the resources and resource uses of the planning area.

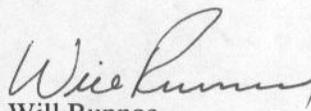
The BLM has prepared a scoping report and comments table that documents the public scoping process for the Delta River Management Plan. The comments table includes all of the comments that were received during scoping, responses to each comment, and actions taken by the BLM in response to these comments. The scoping report includes a description of the scoping process and activities, a summary of the comments submitted by the public, an overview of the issues identified after a thorough review of the scoping comments, and an overview of the planning schedule. The comments that were received during scoping have helped to refine the issues that will be addressed through the development of management alternatives in the EA. There will be additional opportunities for public comment during the preparation of the EA.

Additional information on the Delta River Management Plan efforts, including the associated scoping report and comments table, can be found on the BLM website at:
http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/sa/delta_nwsr/Delta_River_Planning.html

If you do not have access to the Delta River Planning website, or would prefer paper copies of these documents, please contact Debbie Townsend at the BLM Glennallen Field Office at 907-822-3217.

The BLM would like to thank you for your participation in this scoping process. Your input is an important step in the planning process for the Delta River corridor. If you have any questions regarding the Delta River Management Plan or its process, please contact Heath Emmons at (907) 822-3217, or hemmons@blm.gov.

Sincerely,


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