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Philip Hooge PhD
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Dear Superintendent Hooge:

I write today with gratitude for the generous mutual aid support provided by Glacier Bay National Park (NPS) Rangers in the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 27, 2021, when the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire in the Good River neighborhood. The call came about 1:00 am on a very cold and windy night. Chief Travis Miller immediately asked for mutual aid support from the NPS knowing that City department's apparatus carried limited water supply for such an event. Rangers Wendy Bredow, Jared Mitrea, and Bruce McDonough responded quickly to the scene with the NPS fire engine. The NPS employees pitched in alongside the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department team, aided also by the Alaska Department of Transportation Airport fire truck. Together, they extinguished the fire after nearly two hours of hard work. Although the fire heavily damaged the roof and upper floor, the timber structure was saved. There were no injuries. Chief Miller said the NPS assistance was critical to that success.

Mutual aid agreements are vital to successful responses to many emergencies here. Our agreement is just one expression of the value Gustavus receives from a strong working relationship with Glacier Bay National Park. We appreciate that relationship very much.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore
Mayor, City of Gustavus