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Jedediah,

Thank you for meeting with us here in Gustavus regarding the new Xunaa Borough. I asked a couple questions during the meeting and wanted some clarification on your answers. The first question was regarding the map of the Xunaa Boroughs boundaries. The map showed the area around Gustavus all in white which extended all the way to the border with the Haines Borough. I don’t believe that this is correct as I stated during the meeting. The land directly north of Gustavus to my knowledge is National Park Service land. Can you tell me exactly the boundaries of the new borough where it meets Gustavus and Park Service, Haines Borough boundaries? It was a little distressing to have you present a map that seemed to be inaccurate. Would the National Park Service retain the land directly to the north of Gustavus which to my knowledge they currently own? The ownership of the land surrounding Gustavus and all Glacier Bay all the way out to the coast is a huge concern to me and I think all the people in Gustavus.

My other question was regarding the ownership of the National Park Service and Forest Service land which the new borough would take over. When I asked you about this you said something to the extent that the Park Service would retain ownership of their land along with the Xunaa Borough if I understood you correctly. Please tell me how this relationship between the Xunaa Borough and the National Park Service and National Forest Service would work.

Who owns what and who would have control of what? I thought that if the Xunaa Borough took over this land then they would have complete ownership and could do whatever they wanted with it ie. developing, mining, logging or whatever they wanted to do. Is this not correct? Please explain.

Thank you,

Thomas McLaughlin, PE Sent from my iPhone