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## Parting Comment

*Public comments in response to our Draft Plan were useful, but the response, right, deserved a full printing.*

*I am interested in the proposed Glenn Highway Scenic Byway proposal. I am a natural resource specialist by profession and also a property (recreational) owner along the highway near MP 100. The corridor is one of my top tourist recommendations, not only for its overwhelming scenic qualities but for the tremendous transition in natural resources readily visible along its length. The highway corridor offers a continuous visual exposure of geology, landforms, vegetation and soils as they transition from continental permafrost ecosystems, through active glacial zones, down to maritime ecosystems. The linkages between the natural resources and cultural history are also readily visible. As an example, the processes involved in creating the fertile soils for the Palmer area agriculture can be easily viewed and literally traced back in time to the source near Matanuska Glacier simply by driving the highway.*

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# 9 Conclusion

The Glenn Highway is a scenic wonder. Resident and visitor alike appreciate the corridor's history, beauty and wildness. The Glenn Highway Scenic Byway Corridor Partnership Plan and the Partnership Board have been the mechanisms for the people of the byway to tell their stories and to express their concerns. The process to develop this Corridor Partnership Plan represents the spirit of the people who live, work and play along the Glenn Highway.

The plan recognizes this spirit and finds common ground to work with business interests and residents alike. The plan demonstrates that less can be more, that scenic qualities can be enhanced and conserved while embracing thoughtful economic development activities, ensuring that visitors and residents alike can enjoy the scenic marvels within this special place for generations to come. It requires nothing less than a dedicated commitment by all involved to be certain that a proper balance is realized and that the outstanding experience of traveling this byway is maintained and enhanced.

The uniting thread throughout the process has been the Glenn Highway, what it has meant in the past, what it means today, and what it will mean in the future to the corridor residents, businesses and travelers. The Glenn Highway is truly a story of repeated struggles and successes down through the ages in Alaska. The Glenn Highway stories relate to all who wish to experience life in the Last Frontier. The treasures of the Glenn Highway truly belong to All Americans.

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