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Samantha Lopez River Center Manager Donald E. Gilman River Center 514 Funny River Road Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Samantha,

The Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District (KSWCD) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Kenai Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (USFWS) are pleased to partner with the Kenai Peninsula Borough on the purchase of an incredible educational resource, an Em2 stream table, created by Little River Research and Design.

The availability of an Em2 stream table will be valuable not only to the local community, but to the Borough at large. Locally we currently have one Em2 stream table which is primarily used in the school and youth education setting and has been popular and well received by local educators. The stream table has proven so popular that it is scheduled for use well in advance, leaving gaps in availability for other education and outreach needs. In particular, a second table is warranted to meet the needs for adult and streambank landowner education all across the Peninsula and to serve as a back-up table for youth education as well.

The KSWCD and USFWS are committed to sharing the cost of a second Em2 with the Borough. The KSWCD, utilizing pass-through dollars coming from a cooperative agreement with the USFWS, can provide the Borough up to \$7,000 in reimbursement for costs associated with the purchase. The intent is for the KSWCD and the USFWS to jointly split the costs with the Borough by approximately 50%.

Please contact Tiffany Brand, District Manager of KSWCD at (907) 741-7923, or Emily Munter, Habitat Biologist with the USFWS at (907) 395-7818, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Brand District Manager Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District