

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Kenai Fjords National Park



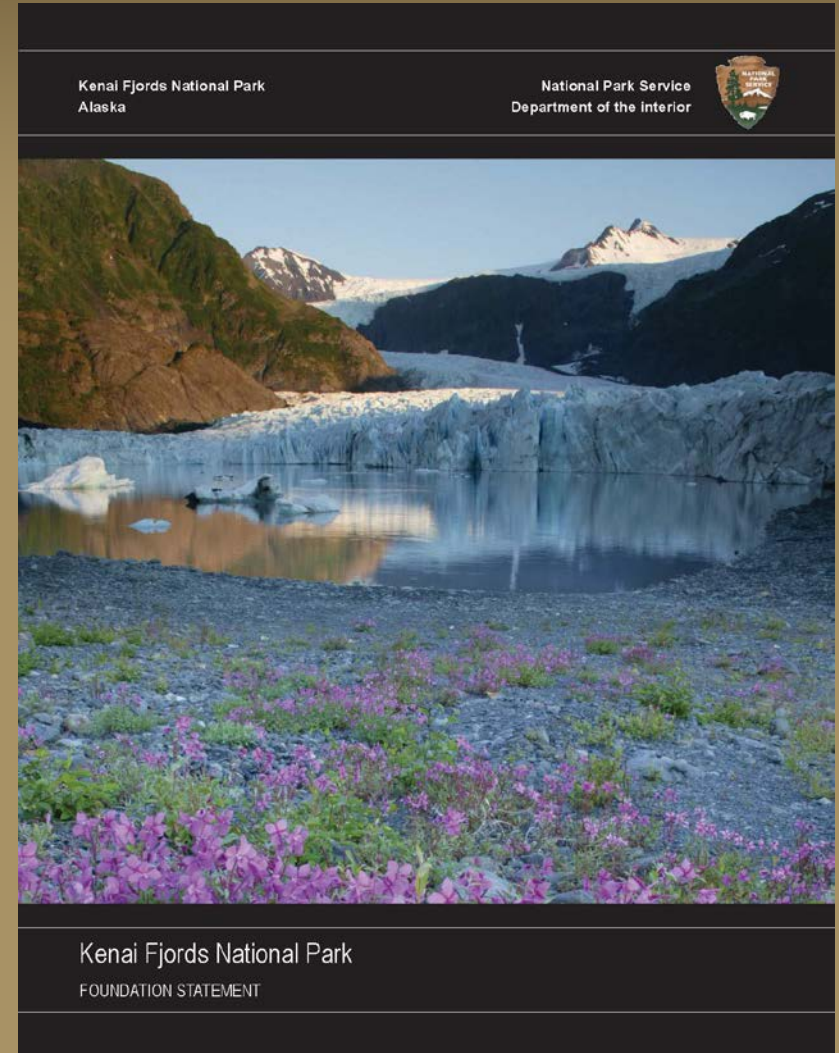
Foundation Document

- General Management Plan published in 1984
- NPS has moved to Foundation Statements instead
 - Took 10-15 years to complete many GMPs—not as useful of a tool
 - Focus on why the park was created
- Planning Portfolio now



Foundation Document

- Kenai Fjord's Foundation Statement done in 2013
- Purpose & significance of the park
- Fundamental resources and values



Foundation Statement (2013)

- **What is the purpose of this park?**
 - Kenai Fjords National Park preserves the scenic and environmental integrity of an interconnected icefield, glacier, and coastal fjord ecosystem.
- **Why was it included in the national park system? What makes it significant? What are its fundamental resources and values?**
 - Kenai Fjords National Park protects the Harding Icefield and its outflowing glaciers, where the maritime climate and mountainous topography result in the formation and persistence of glacier ice.
 - Icefields, climate processes, Exit Glacier, science and education
 - Kenai Fjords National Park protects wild and scenic fjords that open to the Gulf of Alaska where rich currents meet glacial outwash to sustain an abundance of marine life.
 - Marine ecosystems, forest ecosystems, wildness, shared stewardship, scenery
 - Kenai Fjords National Park protects an outstanding example of a subsiding coastal mountain range with steep-sided fjords, drowned cirques, and jagged islands.
 - Physical record, geologic study, interpretation/education
 - Kenai Fjords National Park protects a rich diversity of terrestrial and marine life in their natural state.
 - Terrestrial wildlife, marine mammals, birds, wildlife viewing, scientific research and monitoring, **partnerships/interagency cooperation**
 - Kenai Fjords National Park provides opportunities to experience, understand, and appreciate the scenic and wild values of the Harding Icefield, its outflowing glaciers, coastal fjords, and wildlife and to comprehend environmental change in a human context.
 - Archeological and historic resources, Native values, collections, research, **partnerships**, access, recreational opportunities, interpretation/education

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