

Community Help Needed for Roosevelt Harbor Restoration

The Wrangell Ranger District is currently in the planning stage of developing a collaborative restoration project with the City and Borough of Wrangell for the USDA Forest Service administrative site at Roosevelt Harbor. Currently, the site has inadequate grade resulting in undesirable drainage direction leaving nearby Roosevelt Harbor vulnerable to pollutants and sediment from erosion.

In order to implement this important project, we need the community's help to create an inventory of all vehicles (operational and nonoperational) located in and around Roosevelt Harbor and Deep Bay on Zarembo, Island. The project objectives are to:

- Add base surface material to existing grade to create positive drainage of the parking area (away from Roosevelt Harbor)
- Restore and improve existing drainage ditches and culvert to prevent deterioration and erosion of parking area
- Restore and improve functionality of the deteriorated catchment pond

Successful implementation of this project will require a cooperative effort by local stakeholders including the Forest Service, the City and Borough of Wrangell, and members of the community. This notification is the first step in that effort, seeking to create a dialogue, and we greatly appreciate everyone's participation. We all know this will be a complex task given the fact that many of the vehicles are no longer registered, and most have since changed hands.

In the coming weeks, Forest Service personnel will be contacting potential vehicle owners in an attempt to establish ownership. At the same time, we encourage folks to continue proactively contacting us regarding ownership. Identified vehicles will be inventoried and marked with a physical tag. When this process comes to an end, a final public service announcement will be issued to share which vehicles remain unidentified, and subject to impoundment and removal.

The inventory process is expected to take several months and conclude this field season. While the project timeline and funding are still being determined, the schedule and success of the entire process is dependent on community cooperation and help.

Please help by contacting the Forest Service at 907-305-0842 or by email at lynda.nore@usda.gov to share information for the inventory. For additional information please contact District Ranger, Clint Kolarich at 907-874-7500.

Thank you for your help and consideration in this effort.

Sincerely,



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