# Angoon Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project

## Issue

The City of Angoon is located within Admiralty Island National Monument and has some of the highest electric rates in Alaska due to the use of diesel generated power. Kootznoowoo, Inc., the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporation for the city of Angoon, proposes to develop a hydroelectric facility on Thayer Creek to supplement the use of diesel generators. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Section 506(a)3(B) granted Kootznoowoo, Inc., the right to develop hydroelectric resources on Admiralty Island at Thayer Creek. Thayer Creek drains from Thayer Lake and is within the National Monument and Kootznoowoo Wilderness. The Forest Service completed a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) to disclose the effects of the proposed project. A record of decision (ROD) was released in May 2009.

## Current Situation

- The ROD authorizes the construction of a 1 megawatt run of river hydroelectric facility on Thayer Creek, approximately 6 miles north of Angoon, that includes a diversion dam, penstock, powerhouse, underground transmission lines and access roads.
- Kootznoowoo Inc.has secured $2.2 million in funding in 2011 from the U.S. Department of Energy ($1.1 million) and State of Alaska ($1.1 million) for final engineering, design and permitting of the facility.
- Kootznoowoo Inc will be applying for an investigative special use permit from the Forest Service in summer 2011 for the installation of a stream gauge on Thayer Creek, locating and brushing the proposed access road center line and exploratory drilling for quality of quantity of rock quaries.
- It has been determined that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) lacks jurisdiction to issue a license for this project. The Forest Service will authorize this project through the issuance of special use permits.
- Kootznoowoo Inc., Angoon Community Association and Inside Passage Electric Co-op continue to seek additional funding for construction of the 1 megawatt run of river hydroelectric facility.

## More Information

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