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To: District Ranger, Cordova RD; District Ranger, Glacier RD; & PWS RAC Chair

I have reviewed the projects that the Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee (PWS RAC) has recommended for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Self-determination Act of 2008, also known as the Payments to States Legislation. I have reviewed these projects to determine that they meet the intent of the Act. For each project this evaluation determined if:

- The projects comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations;
- The projects are consistent with the applicable resource management plan and any subsequent plan developed pursuant to the resource management plan;
- The projects have been approved by the resource advisory committee in accordance with section 203; and
- The projects meet the Secure Rural Schools criteria.

The PWS RAC met on April 7, 2024, to evaluate twenty (20) submitted proposals and to make a recommendation for the distribution of funds. The current estimate of available funds is \$913,001. The 20 submitted proposals totaled \$1,960,904. Of the 20 proposals, 14 were recommended for full funding, and 3 were recommended for partial funding. Below is the prioritized list of projects:

Project Name	Proponent	Funds Requested	Funds RAC Recommend	Watershed Criteria Amount	Project Products
Shrode Lake Trail Restoration and Cabin Repairs	PWS Stewardship Foundation	\$23,678	\$23,678	50%	Restore & maintain 3 miles of trail; improve 1 acre of soil productivity and <1 mile of streams.
PWS Marine Debris Collection	PWS Stewardship Foundation	\$72,050	\$72,050	100%	Improve: 50 miles of streams; 300 miles of coastal habitat; 5,000 acres of forest.
Derickson Hiking and Camping Area Restoration	PWS Stewardship Foundation	\$18,920	\$18,920	50%	Restoration of hiking and camping area: Improve 1 acre of soil & <1 mile of stream.



Eyak Mountain Trail Improvement Project Phase II	City of Cordova Parks & Rec	\$47,250	\$47,250	50%	Maintain 1.2 miles of trail.
Alaganik Slough Angler Access Trail Restoration Project	Forest Service	\$48,000	\$48,000	50%	Maintain 0.5 miles of trail.
Fox Farm Trail Restoration Project	Forest Service	\$48,000	\$48,000	50%	Maintain 0.4 miles of trail.
Granite Mine Trail and Hobo Bay Camping Area Restoration	PWS Stewardship Foundation	\$11,444	\$11,444	50%	Improve 1 acre of soil; maintain 1 mile of trail.
Dusky Canada Goose, New Artificial Nest Islands	Ducks Unlimited & USFS Cordova Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,000	100%	Replace 20 nest islands; improve 324 acres of wildlife habitat.
Clean-up and Restoration in Remote Areas of PWS: Youth Stewardship Expeditions	Alaska Geographic	\$89,707	\$89,707	50%	Empower youth; Improve 5 campsites, 0.02 miles of trail & 1,000 acres of coastal uplands.
Hartney Bay Trailhead Restoration Project	Forest Service	\$47,000	\$47,000	50%	Maintained 0.1 miles of road and 0.2 miles of trail; improve boat launch & info signs.
Engaging Citizens in Invasive Plant Management	Copper River Watershed Project	\$95,773	\$65,651	50%	Control 4.03 acres of noxious weeds.
Cordova Native Seed Collection and Seed Banking	Copper River Watershed Project	\$93,852	\$71,301	25%	Reestablish 3 acres/year.
McKinley Lake Cabin	National Forest Foundation	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%	Materials/supplies for cabin replacement.
Sand Trail Rehabilitation	Forest Service	\$350,000	\$300,000	100%	Improve 1 structure; rehabilitate 1.7 miles of trail and fish habitat.
Total Funds Allocated		\$1,015,674	\$913,001		

The committee also recommended 3 fully funded and 1 partially funded contingency projects, should allocations from FY 23 become available. Other potential sources of funding could come from cost savings of other projects, or from projects that are not implemented. If additional, adequate funds become available, the following prioritized list of projects was recommended to be funded:

Contingency Project Name	Proponent	Funds Requested	Funds RAC Recommend	Watershed Criteria Amount	Project Products
COP 3 & SHER 3 - Full Design Funding	Forest Service	\$61,450	\$61,450	\$61,450	Improve 2 AOPs, 0.85 stream miles, and 9.5 pond acres.

Alaganik Slough Recreation Area Rehabilitation Project	Forest Service	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$21,500	Improve 4 picnic/tent sites, observation deck, and 3% boardwalk decking; maintain 0.1 miles of trail.
Mile 22 Recreation Site Rehabilitation Project	Forest Service	\$42,980	\$42,980	\$21,490	Improve 3 day-use sites, covered structure & boat launch; maintained 1000ft of trail.
Mile 18 Road Alignment Improvements Project (14 ft)	Forest Service	\$544,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	14 ft of road improvement.
Total funds Allocated		\$691,430	\$247,430	\$204,440	

Based on the PWS RAC recommendation provided on April 22, 2024, and after my review and discussion with the DFO, I am ready to approve the 14 fully funded and 3 partially funded projects listed above totaling \$913,001. With an FY 23 allocation of \$385,159 received on June 3, 2024, I am also ready to approve the 3 fully funded and 1 partially funded contingency projects as listed in the priority order totaling \$247,430. I accept the committee’s recommendation not to fund the PWS Marine Trail and Rimfire Marksmanship Program projects since the two projects do not comply with or meet the intent of the criteria under the Secure Rural Schools and Self-determination Act of 2008.

Timing for project implementation will be in FY 2024 and FY 2025 and will be informed by the completion of environmental (NEPA) analyses, developing and amending grants/agreements or contracts, and USFS staff capacity.

I appreciate the time and effort of the PWS RAC members in reviewing and recommending projects as well as the forest and community engagement in submitting twenty proposals for funding.

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