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Teresa Marceron
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From: Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Marceron,

The Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee (PWS RAC) met on September 24, 2016 to evaluate a total of 31 submitted proposals and to make a recommendation for the distribution of funds, as provided for under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act of 2008. The current estimate of available funds is \$826,014.07. Our PWS RAC committee determined that most of the projects met the criteria and were considered for funding with the exception of the Tidal Ecology/Old Growth Forest Education, Shoup Bay trail, and Crater Lake Trail Re-route projects. For the deferred maintenance projects, we gave more weight to those sites that are receiving higher use since access to the Childs Glacier site has become so limited. The remainder were considered on the merits of ecological benefit or whether they provided access to USFS lands.

Based on the RAC bylaws and recommendation from the USDA Forest Service, \$25,000 of the available funds are recommended to be used for grants and agreements and administrative expenses.

We are recommending that the remaining funds available be allocated as follows:

Project Name	Amount Requested	Funds Allocated	Watershed Criteria Amt.
Rec. Eqpmt. For Water Quality Protection	\$6,680	\$6,680	\$6,680
Snag Lake Restoration	\$20,543	\$20,543	\$20,543
AK Geographic, Youth Stewardship Expeditions	\$136,242	\$80,000	
Pipeline Lakes & McKinley Lake Trail Bridges	\$55,100	\$55,100	\$41,325
Invasive Weeds Control in	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$2,325

Whittier			
Elodea Treatment on Copper River Delta	\$60,122	\$60,122	
One Eyed Pond Rec. Site Rehabilitation	\$41,637	\$41,637	\$41,637
Granite Mine Historical Trail Restoration	\$23,630	\$23,630	\$11,815
Fleming Spit Access to PWS	\$119,255	\$80,000	
Fox Farm Trail Def. Maint.	\$56,480	\$56,480	\$28,248
Sheridan Glacier Trail Culvert Installation	\$36,400	\$36,400	\$18,299
Invasive Plant Control & Mitigation on CR Delta	\$130,335	\$65,166	\$16,291
Eyak River Cemetery Bank Restoration	\$21,048	\$21,048	\$21,048
Mile 18 Lake Rd. Def. Maint.	\$57,950	\$57,950	\$41,250
Valdez Invasive Plant Survey	\$16,023	\$16,023	\$16,023
Horsetail Falls Gate Impvt.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Alaganik Slough Rd.	\$173,250	\$132,122	\$132,122
Whittier & Valdez Kiosks	\$39,626	\$23,813	\$0
Overhead/monitor/travel		\$25,000	
Total funds allocated		\$826,014	\$494,428

In total, the 19 projects recommended for funding, along with \$25,000 for administrative costs would result in the amount of \$826,014, leaving a zero balance.

The committee recommended six contingency projects for additional funding, should more funds become available. Potential sources of this funding could come from cost savings from other projects, or from projects that are not implemented. If additional, adequate funds become available, they should be directed to projects in the order stated in the table below.

Project Name (in contingency order)	Amount Requested	Funds Allocated	Watershed Criteria Amt.	Unfunded Request Amount
1. Horsetail Falls Parking Lot	\$25,225	\$0	\$0	\$25,225
2. Goat Camp Road Deferred Maintenance	\$79,500	\$0	\$0	\$79,500
3. AK Geographic, Youth Stewardship Expeditions	\$136,242	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$56,242

4. Invasive Plant Control & Mitigation on CR Delta	\$130,335	\$65,166	\$16,291	\$65,166
5. Fleming Spit Access to PWS	\$119,255	\$80,000	\$0	\$39,255
6. Alaganik Slough Rd.	\$173,250	\$132,122	\$132,122	\$41,128
Total funds allocated on contingency basis				\$306,516

More information about the 19 projects we are recommending for funding and the 6 contingency projects is provided in the attached table.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (907) 424-3334. Thank you for your consideration of the PWS RAC's recommendations.

Sincerely,

Kristin Carpenter
 Committee Chairperson
 Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee

Cc:

Tim Charnon, Acting DFO
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Attachment