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**Route To:**

**Subject:** RAC Project Approval Ketchikan RAC

**To:** Jeffrey DeFreest

I have reviewed the projects that the Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) recommended for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Self-determination Act of 2008, also known as the Payments to States Legislation. I reviewed the projects (see attached letter from Ketchikan RAC Chairperson, Jim Mitchell with recommended project descriptions) to see if it met the intent of the Act. This evaluation determined if:

- The project complies with all applicable Federal laws and regulations
- The project is consistent with the applicable resource management plan and any subsequent plan developed pursuant to the resource management plan;
- The project has been approved by the resource advisory committee in accordance with section 205;
- A project description has been submitted by the resource advisory committee in accordance with section 203;
- The project will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems and restore and improve land health and water quality;

The project was approved by the Ketchikan RAC in accordance with section 205 and project descriptions have been submitted by the Ketchikan RAC in accordance with section 203 of the Act (see attached Ketchikan RAC meeting notes, dated June 23, 2016). I am ready to approve the additional funding requested total cost of \$12,468.75 for the Ward Lake Parking lot (striping project) and the three new project proposals below.

- Ward Lake Parking lot (striping) project proposal amended to increase cost to 12,468.75.
- Ketchikan Trails maintenance crew project proposal
- Picnic table replacements project proposal
- Ward lake fire rings project proposal



The projects may begin the process toward implementation immediately. Please work with the RAC implementation team to determine the best tool for funding this project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Earl Stewart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

M. EARL STEWART  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Diane Olson, Ketchikan RAC Coordinator

