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**Route To:**

**Subject:** 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 2000, 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 projects were 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 November 28, 2016). I am ready to approve the projects.

- Ward Lake Nature Trail Accessibility
- Deer Mountain Trail Parking Lot Paving
- Ward Lake Picnic Table Repair and Replacement
- Ward Lake Fire Rings and Grills Repair and Replacement
- Cabin Nordic Stoves Replacement
- Invasive Plant Control
- Trail Guide
- Naha Trails Improvement
- Deer Mountain trail Survey and Design



The projects may begin the process toward implementation immediately or when the funding arrives to the District.

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.

M. EARL STEWART  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Diane Olson, Ketchikan RAC Coordinator