

**2008 - 2015 Secure Rural Schools
Public Law 115-141
Title II Project Submission Form
USDA Forest Service**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee: Wrangell-Petersburg-Kake

Project Number: 21-6

Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Grave Island Trail Improvement Project	3a. State: Alaska 3b. County(s): Kake (Unorganized Borough)
4. Project Submitted By: Victoria Houser & Audrey Clavijo	5. Date: August 4, 2021
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8. Project Location: Kake	
a. National Forest(s): Tongass	b. Forest Service District: Petersburg
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) Kake, Kupreanof Island	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: Improve Grave Island Trail for safe public access to familial grave-sites on Northern end of the island and increase available area for community members to honor their deceased family members.

<p>10. Project Description:</p> <p>a. Brief: (<i>in one sentence</i>) Improve the trail on Grave Island that heads to the northernmost grave-sites on the island in order to promote safe access to heritage sites and increase available land areas for burial.</p> <p>b. Detailed: The Grave Island project will improve the user-made trail from the south end to the north end of Grave Island, opening up alternative grave sites for community members. Trail construction will consist of brushing the existing trail, adding beach gravel to harden the existing route and installing a staircase on the north portion of the trail. All work will be completed by the AYS Kake youth crew, with guidance and aid from the Petersburg Ranger District recreation department. Requested funds would support funding the AYS crew for four weeks to accomplish the trail work and the purchase of lumber and hardware for the construction of the staircase.</p>

11. Types of Lands Involved? Beach/Forest National Forest System Lands
State/Private/Other lands involved? No, but it is an important location for the community of Kake Land Status: Forest Service System Lands

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)
X Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
Restores and improves land health.
Restores water quality

13. Project Type a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
Road Maintenance	X Trail Maintenance
Road Decommission/Obliteration	Trail Obliteration
X Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): access to community member gravesites	X Community Economic Benefit
Soil Productivity Improvement	Forest Health Improvement
Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	Wildlife Habitat Restoration
Fish Habitat Restoration	Control of Noxious Weeds
Reestablish Native Species	Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
Implement CWPP Project	X Other Project Type (specify): Youth Conservation Corps Workforce Development
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Trail Maintenance	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained:
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved: 1 improved trail with staircase
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment:
Miles of trail maintained: 0.2 miles
Miles of trail obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:

Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated (mbf):
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to the nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 800 crew hours plus 160 crew leader hours plus Force account planning and executing time (80 hours).
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): 5 students
Other: 1 trail improved and staircase built by 5 YCC (Kake AYS) crewmembers + 1 Crew Leader

15. Estimated Project Start Date: June 2022	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: August 2022
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

City of Kake, Organized Village of Kake, Sustainable Southeast Partnership, Spruce Root

18. Identify benefits to communities.

The Grave Island Trail project will renovate this important cultural area for the benefit and safety of the community. It will open areas for community members to bury loved ones and to visit these graves more easily, while offering the public better access to the Tongass National Forest. Secondly, the implementation of this project will give the Alaska Youth Stewards (AYS) Kake crew trail-building and recreation management experience while reenforcing teamwork and leadership skills. It will provide youth workforce development training to five Kake Alaska youth (ages 15-18) of the YCC Alaskan Youth Stewards Crew through a conservation and environmental stewardship project that increases safe public access to community members’ deceased loved ones and enhances the overall health of the Tongass National Forest. Volunteers will also be encouraged to participate in the project, building stewardship for the area. Additionally, locally-sourced materials will provide jobs in Kake. (*Current Kake unemployment rate= 85%.)

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

As stated above, the Grave Island Trail Project will allow Kake community members to work together with the USFS, strengthening trust between the people and the Forest Service, to improve a trail for communal benefit. By doing so, the AYS crew and volunteers involved in the project will gain a more profound appreciation for the value and effort required in a project such as this. All the while, they will be implementing healthy stewardship practices and providing better access.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
Contract	X Federal Workforce
County Workforce	X Volunteers
Grant	Agreement
Americorps	X YCC/CCC Crews – AYS is a YCC program
Job Corps	Stewardship Contract
Merchantable Timber Pilot	Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$17,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

Forest Service, Spruce Root and OVK contribute to a Tongasswide AYS agreement to support the student career development AYS program. Approximately \$45,000 for the Kake AYS program.

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
 - a. The Kake youth crew will gather community member feedback regarding the completion of the project and the final products. Additionally, a maintenance report of the condition (with details of any maintenance/repair necessary) will be produced every three years by the City of Kake.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
 - a. AYS Kake Crew
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):
 - a. None

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

Project Approved By:

/s/ Patrick Fowler
/s/ Kimberly Powell
Chairpersons

/s/ M. Earl Stewart
Forest Supervisor

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

Tongass National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
E. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost	\$2000			
i. Salaries	\$4000	\$10,000	\$12,000	
j. Materials & Supplies		\$2500	\$500	
k. Monitoring				
l. Other 1. 2, Partner Indirect Cost		36% = \$4,500 Partner indirect		
m. Project Sub-Total		\$		
n. FS Indirect Costs		\$0		
Total Cost Estimate	\$6000	\$17,000	\$12,500	\$

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.