

**2008 - 2014 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2014

***Forest Service Recreation Priority #2 (out of 3 proposed trails)**

2. Project Name: Cavern Lake Platform	3a. State: Alaska 3b. County(s):
4. Project Submitted By: Victoria Houser, Recreation Planner	5. Date: 7/1/14
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8. Project Location: Craig, AK	
a. National Forest(s): Tongass NF	b. Forest Service District: Craig Ranger District
c. Location (Township-Range-Section):	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:
Goal: Provide a safe and functional viewing platform for the public at Cavern Lake. Objectives:
- **Replace the deteriorating Cavern Lake platform**
- **Harden the existing trail.**

10. Project Description:
a. Brief: (*in one sentence*) Replace the existing Cavern Lake platform with a new platform of the same dimensions.

b. Detailed:

The karst environment of the northern Prince of Wales Island, with its caves, caverns and sinkholes, has been enjoyed by local residents and tourists alike. Three recreation sites have been developed in this area to showcase the karst environment and help educate Forest visitors about this sensitive resource. Cavern Lake, one of these three important sites, shows how subterranean water flows out of an underground system. Water from the lake above flows underground and out of a large cave at the Cavern Lake site. The platform provides an opportunity to see the cave, its resurgent creek, and many species of wildlife that inhabit this rich environment.

Cavern Lake is a beautiful and interesting site. It relates nicely with El Capitan Cave Interpretive Tour and the Beaver Falls Karst Trail, because it allows visitors to see the nutrient rich water flowing out of the karst system. Yet, the platform is in relatively poor condition and needs to be replaced. Rotting tread and sills require complete removal and replacement and the handrail is nearly falling away from the rest of the structure. In addition, the short 500 foot trail that leads to the platform will

benefit from a gravel cap, creating a hardened surface that is easier for walking.

Replacement of the platform and gravel capping of the travel will take place through a contract.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status: Tongass National Forest System Lands

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

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

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

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

Other Project Type (specify):

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1):

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Miles of road maintained:

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved: 1

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:0.1
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 nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks:
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): Potential for 500
Direct economic activity benefit:
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date: May 2015	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: October 2015
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

The karst environment of Northern Prince of Wales Island and the developed recreation sites that provide access to it have been identified as one of the top niche areas to concentrate limited resources on Prince of Wales Island. These sites have demonstrated their recreation and tourism value over the past decade, bringing approximately 1,000 visitors to see the karst environment. A small cruise line has made El Capitan one of its primary stops along its cruise route. Furthermore, this cruise is considering expanding to offer tours to Cavern Lake and Bearver Falls Karst Trail. Providing high quality facilities to accommodate all visitors to these sites is likely to return economic benefits to the communities through increased tourism.

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

This project improves existing infrastructure and perpetuates the agency's ability to provide high quality recreation opportunities on the island. Moreover, a hardened trail and safe viewing platform keep visitors on the designated trail and away from the sensitive karst system.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement

<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? Yes X No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$38,500
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: N/A

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.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

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

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

- X Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.
- Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)
Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)
Forest Supervisor

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	\$5000			
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering	\$2500	\$2500		
f. Contract/Grant Preparation	\$2500	\$2500		
g. Contract/Grant Administration	\$2000			
h. Contract/Grant Cost		\$30,000		
i. Salaries		\$3500		
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
1.				
2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
Total Cost Estimate	\$12,000	\$38,500		

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