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**Date:** May 6, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Approximately

**Location:** Sitka Conservation Society (SCS), 201 Lincoln Street, Room 4

**Attendees:** Dave Schmid (USFS Regional Forester), Nicole Grewe (USFS Regional Economist), Perry Edwards (USFS District Ranger), Melinda Hernandez Burke (USFS Tribal Liaison), Andrew Thoms (SCS Executive Director), Katie Riley (SCS Policy Researcher)

**Context:**

With extra time available on a multi-staff trip (USFS) to Sitka, this was an unscheduled and informal meeting with Sitka Conservation Society. Regional Forester Schmid had informally agreed to communicate with Sitka Conservation Society regarding a variety of USFS matters while in Sitka. Additional USFS team member attended the meeting where a general discussion occurred regarding the status of POWLLA and CTLA projects, quick update on the AKRR project, and additional odds-n-ends regarding USFS happenings.

**Information Provided:**

Regarding the AKRR project, a quick update included the following discussion points.

1. Current Status – Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted to USFS Washington Office for further review.
2. Challenges – Timeframe and challenging scope of work. .
3. Public Engagement – G2G consult ongoing, speaker opportunities, significant resources applied to carry out engagement with stakeholder groups, and DEIS and subsistence hearings during summer 2019.
4. Next Steps – Awaiting final input from USFS Washington Office and then documents destined to USDA for review. Public DEIS release, public meetings, and subsistence hearings to occur mid-summer 2019.

**Next Steps:**

None



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