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Subject: Section 4(e) Authority in Roadless Areas

To: Forest Supervisors and Deputy Forest Supervisors

The Washington Office sent the enclosed memo to the Alaska Region. The memo clarifies Forest Service direction and regulations regarding our Federal Power Act Section 4(e) authority in Inventoried Roadless Areas. As Regional Forester, I can approve 4(e) conditions allowing for the building of roads for hydropower projects in roadless areas. We will continue to use our section 4(e) authority to limit or prohibit roads when necessary, consistent with the forest plans.

I would also like to reiterate direction from the Washington Office in their August 16, 2007, memo. The Chief Financial Officer provided the following:

Expenses incurred by the Forest Service to provide analysis and/or comment to an Environmental Analysis when the Forest Service is not the deciding agency shall be charged to the BLI associated with the program providing the analysis/comment. For example, an employee providing analysis of the impact on recreation will charge NFRW while an employee providing analysis of the impact on wildlife will charge NFWF.

This policy was further clarified in a memo dated January 11, 2008:

Forest Service expenses incurred from the time FERC issues Scoping Document 1 through the issuance of the final Environmental Analysis (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are to be charged to the Budget Line Item (BLI) associated with the program providing the analysis or comment to FERC. Forest Service staff work accomplished prior to scoping and after the release of the final EA or EIS, such as development and transmittal of final 4(e)'s and the justification document supporting the 4(e)'s, will continue to be charged to Landownership Management (NFLM). Similarly, NFLM is to be charged for tasks necessary to implement license conditions or review and input to post-license plans.

A copy of each memo is enclosed. Please ensure that all employees working on hydropower projects are correctly coding their time to the correct BLI as described in the Washington Office direction along with the proper six special tracking codes.



If you have questions regarding the direction for hydropower in roadless areas, or the correct coding for participation in the FERC process, please contact Roger Birk, Special Uses Program Manager, at (907)586-8843.

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