

Tribal and Corporation Consultation Record

12/14/18 G2G 4 POW Tribes

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Additions to the Agenda:

- Earth Day
- Subsistence RACs
- Herring
- RAC funding

Contracting & Agreements staff from the Regional Office provided an overview of the existing work:

- Good work with tribes and different types of agreements. Agreements, Hubzone, and other ways that the FS can work with tribes—a discussion took place a couple years ago. How do we move programs further? How can we help?
 - John G & Mark:
 - G&A: Pamela Ward has POW in her service area. Staff trying to communicate that any of the staff is available to help staff and tribes/tribal partners. We can help with any difficulties folks might be running into with this work. James does a lot of the agreement work on the ground. Cooperative Forest Road Authority-lots of good work with the tribes on the island, and he is the POC.
 - National Forest Roads and Trails Act: road authorities with roads on NFS can work with NF's to get funding to maintain those roads. Few years ago, request to get tribes road authority. Yes, but roads need to be in tribal transportation inventory & USFS road inventories. Then: what is the activity? Allows for different activities: brushing, blading, maintenance related. But, room for improvement: ALP, culvert replacement, and other improvement activities. Good to get road maintenance dollars into the tribal hands.
 - Ron question: 8A operations on the island now? Answer: POWTEC. But, they are not working with the USFS. Ron: if we were to form 8A's and proceed with contract attempts, how many years would a contract run? Answer: depends on the need behind the contract. If 1+ year (or reoccurring), it could be a requirements contract for 5 years. Matt: Sealaska 8A to do elevator work in Juneau and maybe some thinning work. John G: More info to come from Jody King.
 - Jody: certifications available to bring funding to tribes and what we have geared up for the next year in terms of projects going toward those certifications
 - PTAC is always available to join tribal meetings in person or over the phone
 - PTAC overview: free assistance to all aspects of federal contracts. Geared toward

for-profit side of tribal businesses in competitive contracting opportunities. Licensed to do business in the state (licensing, insurance, etc.).

- 8(A) program under Small Business programs. Application process for tribally held businesses. Removed considerations for net worth, recognizes that they would..... 1-time shot. If you have an existing for-profit business and it has the 8A designation years ago, no new for-profit subsidiary is necessary. 9 year lifespan. Business development tool.
 - Ron: the application process can be very tedious. Jody: net worth can't exceed... For ANC's the paperwork is much of the business-ready, managerial, financial capacity.
 - Ron: **do tribes have an advantage over ANC's?** Jody: depends on who you are competing against. If sole-source, factors are determined by the agency. Matt: for sole-source...
 - John: if a tribe gets a subsidiary that is 8A certified, when we look at our procurement forecast—we can alert the 8A vendors to gauge interest, and ask for capabilities statement.
- Hubzone: designation is eligibility requirements, based on location of principle office. IE: construction projects competitively in the state
- Both certifications has applications through SBA. PTAC can help with the applications and paperwork. There is also a contact with Native PTAC....also looking at business development and tribal governments in business developments as well. NEW office in Anchorage. Free assistance from them as well.

- Team efforts possible among 8A's
- Ron: OVK and Craig set up an 8A program in 2007. Subsidiaries formed—but do we have to go back and develop another to do 8A programs on the island? Jody: yes—they would need to apply and go in to the 8A program. Some limitation—no multiple subsidiaries using....codes. Hubzone, partnering with other companies may be the way to go.
 - John G: what does POWTEC do?
Ron: IT, but we broke away from that a bit.
 - Sarah:
 - **Jody and John will follow up with Mr. Layton on specifics with regard to 8A, POWTEC, etc.
 - PTAC is a resource for contracting with more than just the federal government. We are available to attend meetings in person or on the phone at anytime as planning efforts undergo.
 - John C: contracts with all tribes on POW, except Kasaan which will come for next year. Funding like Joint Chief's not lined out yet, more to come. It has been in a challenge cost share with Hyd and Klawock
 - 3 challenge cost share agreements. 1 RAC agreement: challenge cost share is on their property. Hyd: challenge cost share.
- Luke: lots of different agreements and authority types, depending on the activities. Conversations between the folks on the ground and G&A staff are helpful when agreements are being planned. Timeframes, matches, and other nuances can be talked about and questions can be answered.
- Matt: match has been fought for years on road maintenance agreement. **New information:** may still be, depending on the nature.
 - Luke: If the tribes can do the USFS needed work (maintenance), no match. For improvements, it is a case-by-case basis. That is a program decision at the district levels, and in consultation with the tribes can come up with the best plan.

- PIA example: their cost was more than the dollars we gave them. It would be good for the agency to know if you did go above that. We want to know what the value of the partnership was. These are agreements, but partnerships.
 - Luke: question—indirect rates. Mark: If not a NICRA in place... 10% diminimus rate. John C: minimum to the indirect cost rate? Luke:
 - Ron: did this come out at the 4 tribes transportation meeting? Luke: it's been in the handbook, but perhaps not communicated to the tribes. Matt: we were mis-interpreting. What \$ tribes can use for match, etc.
 - Luke: "you don't have to have a match" Case by Case: seems best interest of agency and tribes here...no match seems advantageous. We need to communicate this out.
 - Ron: needs to be on the next 4 tribes trans agenda
 - Matt: the tribes have some great crews out there. Appreciate all of the work and coordination. Klawock: helps
 - Craig: is there a road work plan for 2019? James C: has that info—work needs to be flagged but info will come out in next couple weeks. Matt: one challenge—we get the plan this time of year for the island. But, we haven't synced with the tribes for interest and capacity. James doing a great job of aligning for this year.
 - Procurements Forecast-work is funneled into a project list with info from the ranger districts, and categorized by 8A, women-owned, etc.
 - Some work specifically set aside for 8A's on or off the island. Hubzone: road grating, maintenances, and resurfacing; bridge work. Women-owned: janitorial, sanitation.
 - Thinning: has always been 8A, but may be difficult this year. Going to be hard to find—the same company has been doing the thinning for a long time.
 - Jody King: describe specific requirements for hubzone and 8A certification. Good ways to bring dollars locally

POWLA ROD:

- Matt provided a background and overview
 - Where they are: objection resolution period
 - Important for the tribes to take one last look at the draft-let us know of any additional concerns or comments.
 - Next: January 16 meeting for members of POWLAT: information meeting. January 23—objection meetings at the VOTECH center.
 - New FARMBILL: stewardship contract authority and activities expanded to tribes. Could lump work together.
 - 2 biggest questions they have heard: how would roadless affect the process? Still within the TLMP to transition-still a component
 - Tony: would we have to make an integrated mgt plan? Matt: would go back to the draft EIS...

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U2 wolf:

- Wolves and deer a huge concern for everyone here on the island
- Wolf season will be closed next week
- Comments by the 21st of December for....
- Important for local input and reporting the input back to the state for accurate #'s and sound decision and quota-setting
- Jeff provided the BOG wolf proposal ****Insert Link****
- Tribal wildlife grant: opp to apply for that, or is that 1-time shot? Cathy: national competition and they like to spread the \$ geographically. Lots of effort doing it knowing they are only going to fund....
- State and partners have been interested in hosting a deer symposium to look at: habitat, stem exclusions, etc....to see why we are experiencing a downturn. This winter? If interest from the tribes, we may be able to pull something off..
- RAC meeting: if you engage with your local RD...you can change gear types, rationale, etc. It goes through the federal register... at the winter council meetings, they can come up with any proposals they choose to submit. Proposals due after their meeting, any member of the public, tribes.

- Any comments or questions about any other wildlife issues?
- ***Coordination of totem logs *** helicopter—sale. Contract: fly that tree to landing for a tribe
- Culture camp and potlatch harvest permits-let Jeff R know if events are coming up.
- TRAYLS: Sealaska asked for this on the agenda. OVKake and Kasaan got a BIA grant last 2 years to put together crews. **workforce development** USFS would like to do an island-wide recruitment under TRAYLS. Question: does the tribes have the capacity to administer and implement that grant? Not sure when that BIA grant is due. Cathy helping with 3 workforce devel academies: stream surveys, forestry, road... Seems to be a good tie in with a crew once kids get out of school. Kasaan has asked if she can help with the grant... Matt: we would like to do another YCC and SCA piece of work. If OVK's are going to go in together again.... Let us know how we can help if you apply.
 - John C: Fed Highways \$--TAP (tribal access program)

EARTH DAY:

Michelle: earth day: Sammy salmon and smokey. Water table. Anyone who could talk invasives or native species. April 18th.

Herring: Ron will be looking at bait fishery on the west coast of POW. Will be working on trying to bring back the herring in Kasaan Bay. Want to understand how that is executed. Talking to scott walker, he says the bait fishery affects how much they can take in sitka. Want to understand and try to get the herring stock...until we get it back. Bait fishery is state-governed. He has approached NOAA—they sounded supportive for some restoration. Matt offered any assistance the RD can provide. If we can bring back the herring, it may get whales off the salmon...if the herring is there, they will eat that.

RAC \$: has not been signed yet, to get the charters in place. Will send out to tribes when available. The \$ will go through the RAC for vetting—they have been supportive of roads projects.