Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to present a statement regarding H.R. 219, a bill to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary from the Forest Service to the State of Alaska.

USDA agrees that the 1997 survey had an error and that an additional approximately 25.8 acres should be transferred to the State of Alaska. The State then plans to transfer the land to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency to facilitate the raising of the height of the spillway to produce additional electric power for southeast Alaska.

USDA supports H.R. 219. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this statement.