Forest Legacy Project

Sorenson/Gorman In-holdings, Wood-Tikchik SP, Dillingham (Bristol Bay Borough County), Alaska

FUNDING HISTORY

Forest Legacy Funding to Date Total Project Costs Total Project Acres					\$ 313,575 \$ 511,005 203	
Tract Name	Size (acres)	Tract Cost	FLP Funding	Non–Fed Cost Share	Status	
Gorman In-holding	80	\$ 252,473	\$ 120,329	\$ 132,144	Completed 2006	
Sorenson Inholding	123	\$ 258,532	\$ 193,246	\$ 65,286	Completed 2005	I
Total	203	\$ 511,005	\$ 313,575	\$ 197,430		I



General Description – 123 and 80 acre in–holdings in Wood–Tikchik State Park, one at the head of the Agulowak River, a premier trout fishing stream that drains Lake Nerka, the other at the mouth of Elva Creek, also on Lake Nerka. Wood–Tikchik State Park is near Dillingham in Southwest Alaska. For 2003 funding.

PROJECT FEATURES

Important:

- Both lake and river frontage.
- Forested with a mix of white and black spruce, birch and alder.
- Premier trout fishing area, with a fish density approaching 4,000 rainbows per mile, one of the largest densities in the state.
- Strategic location at head/mouth of river which provides immediate river access and protected floatplane landing.
- Within Wood-Tikchik State Park, the largest state park in the United States.

Threatened:

- For financial reasons, owners must sell, if not to the State, then to private developers, where subdividing is likely.
- Parcel has a protected landing area, making it very accessible for the area, and therefore, very desirable to developers. The property is also accessible by boat from the village of Aleknagik. Aleknagik is road accessible from Dillingham.



Strategic:

- The location at the head of the Agulowak River, or at the mouth of Elva Creek, on Lake Nerka makes it a prime target for developers. This would impact not only the habitat along the river and lakeshore, but would increase fishing pressure on a world–class resource that is currently well managed for sustainability. It would impact the existing recreational experience for those in the area.
- This action is supported by the Southwest Alaska Conservation Coalition, a regional partnership of commercial, native, private, non-profit and government interests working cooperatively to secure native allotment in-holdings within parks and refuges for conservation purposes.

Ready:

- Appraisal completed.
- Parcel already purchased by the Conservation Fund.
- Purchase agreement will be developed as soon as purchase by the Conservation Fund is complete.
- Willing seller to State of Alaska/FLP.
- Supporting parties include: The Conservation Fund

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