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Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy Investment Proposals

Engaging Communities and Sustaining Economies



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Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy

Supports and enhances a diverse economy, community and cultural resilience, and conservation of natural resources

- Meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations and Alaska Native corporations; collaboration with partner and municipal government engagement
- Ending large-scale, old-growth timber harvest and focusing resources to support forest restoration, recreation, climate resilience, and sustainable young-growth management
- Proposing Roadless Rule protections
- Identifying short- and long-term investment opportunities and barriers to investments



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Short- and long-term investments

- Initial commitment of up to \$25 million based on local priorities
- Complements partnerships
- Inclusive of the values and people in the region.
- Identify short-term - projects to quickly deploy funds or capacity
- Look at long-term – forward-looking approach for future investments that are responsive to local priorities



Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy

Outreach, engagement, proposal submittals, review, and analysis

- Utilized nontraditional request process for diverse input
- Focused engagement period from Sept. 15 – Oct. 18, 2021
- Consulted with five Tribal Nations and five Alaska Native corporations
- Met with 33 entities representing conservation, industry, municipal and state governments, and community-based groups
- Received over 270 investment ideas, with an estimated value of \$276 million



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Investment ideas were selected according to a rigorous assessment that included:

- Strong set of partners
- Priority economic sector representation
- Critical community capacity needs and/or increases capacity
- USDA commitment to ecological, economic, cultural sustainability
- Historic and/or structural decisions that have contributed to inequitable access to USDA programs



Investment Recommendations

Four categories of investments of the initial \$25 million are identified:

- Tribal and Indigenous Interests
- \$12.5 million (50%)
- Natural Resources
- \$6.25 million (25%)
- Infrastructure
- \$3.125 million (12.5%)
- Community Capacity
- \$3.125 million (12.5%)



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Initial Investments Partner Organizations

Alaska Division of Forestry
Alaska Forest Association
Alaska Oyster Cooperative
Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Chichagof Conservation Council
City and Borough of Wrangell
Craig City School District
Defenders of Wildlife
Hoonah Indian Association
Hydaburg Cooperative Association
Juneau Economic Development Council
Kootznoowoo, Inc.
National Forest Foundation
OceansAlaska Shellfish Hatchery and Marine Science Center
Organized Village of Kake
Organized Village of Kasaan
Prince of Wales Tribal Conservation District
Prince of Wales Vocational & Technical Education Center
SalmonState
Sealaska Heritage
Shaan-Seet, Inc.
Sitka Conservation Society
Sitka Trail Works
Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition
Southeast Conference
Spruce Root
Sustainable Southeast Partnership
Takshanuk Watershed Council
Trail Mix, Inc.
Wrangell Cooperative Association
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe



Next Steps

- Working with tribes and partners to create agreements and/or contracts
- Hiring a fulltime OneUSDA Sustainability Strategy Coordinator
- Working on a OneUSDA Charter
- Identifying and resolving barriers
- Implementing ideas/projects in 2022
- Empowering shared leadership within the Region
- Collaborating to identify long-term investment strategy



Questions?

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