

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION BY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE APPROVING A WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 11 AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE GRANT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Resolution 11-01

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), the USDA Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, and the Economic Development District (EDD) for Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Conference is responsible for preparing and maintaining a regional development strategy for capacity building, economic and community development, and resource conservation and development in Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska provides ARDORs annual operating grants to partially fund performance of work plans that implement regional development strategies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors approves the Southeast Conference integrated SEC/ARDOR/RC&D Work Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board authorizes acceptance of and assumes responsibility for an ARDOR grant of \$62,122.50 to partially-fund execution of the FY11 Work Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board certifies the required non-state cash match has been committed as reported in the Conference's ARDOR Grant Application. The Board agrees to collect the required match of \$24,824.15 and allocate it to performance of ARDOR tasks

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board authorizes Executive Director Shelly Wright, and any successor, to negotiate, execute, and administer documents required for granting of funds to Southeast Conference and for managing funds on its behalf. She and her successor are further authorized to negotiate and execute amendments to grant documents when needed to adjust the Work Plan or Budget to better meet the development needs of the region at the time.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JULY 16, 2010

Witness:



Maxine Thompson - President

Attest:



Shelly Wright – Executive Director

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A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SIGNATORY NAMES AND AUTHORIZATIONS ON THE BANK ACCOUNTS FOR SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Resolution 11-02

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is a non-profit corporation in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation's Board of Directors President is Janice Hill; and

WHEREAS, A Juneau-sited Director on the Corporation's Board of Directors is Merrill Sanford; and/or

WHEREAS, A Juneau-sited Director on the Corporation's Board of Directors is Lori Blood; and/or

WHEREAS, The Corporation's Executive Director is Shelly Wright; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation's Chief Finance Officer is Cheri Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, In order to update signatures required for signing all checks & transfers needed and necessary for the purpose of doing business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference has appointed President Janice Hill, Director Merrill Sanford, Director Lori Blood, and Executive Director Shelly Wright as signers for said corporation's accounts with Wells Fargo, First Bank, and Alaska Pacific Bank;

AND, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference authorizes Cheri Lancaster, Chief Finance Officer, to do all regular and necessary business with said accounts.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on October 15, 2010

Signatures by:



Janice Hill
President



Shelly Wright
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-03

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL STATE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE STATE AND MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS The State of Alaska has one of the finest public harbors systems in the country. Alaska's magnificent coastline and bountiful marine resources make our harbors vitally important to Alaskans and our communities; and

WHEREAS Southeast Alaska is blessed with water transportation corridors throughout the SE Region, but few communities are linked by roads, making marine port facilities and use of regional waterways an essential part of local community infrastructure for the movement of goods, services, and residents to points of employment or emergency services.

WHEREAS Good docks and harbor facilities are essential to maximize economic development opportunities in industries such as tourism, commercial fishing, mining, timber harvest, and manufacturing, all of which depend on low cost transportation options; and

WHEREAS The State of Alaska is encouraging local governments to assume ownership, maintenance and operation of their local docks and harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS Many community docks and harbor facilities are in need of inspection, maintenance, upgrade and expansion to keep up with demand for those facilities; and

WHEREAS Communities in the region are struggling to provide basic services to their residents as a result of state funding assistance cuts and decreasing revenues due to the deterioration of the economic base in the region, and do not have the resources to maintain, upgrade and develop docks and harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS This program, if funded, could provide financial assistance to municipal owned harbor facilities, the Alaska Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2006 establishing a new 50/50 matching grant program called the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program. This grant program could go a long way towards recapitalizing local government's harbor infrastructure and furthering the sustainability of Alaska's public harbor system; and

WHEREAS This grant program is funded on an annual basis at the discretion of the Alaska Legislature with approval by the Governor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Southeast Conference strongly recommends the State of Alaska appropriate sufficient funding for the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program to support those communities who have applied and been accepted.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON AUGUST 20, 2010.

Witness by:



Maxine Thompson, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-04

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, capital improvement projects on port development projects will greatly benefit commerce and trade for the entire Southeast Region, and

WHEREAS, capital improvements for port development projects as described in the various TIGER II federal grant applications are included within the Southeast Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2010 Update) and remain the number one priority for the communities, and

WHEREAS, the port capital improvement projects will result in innovative multi-functional international marine terminals, furthering efforts in Southeast Alaska to bolster trade and commerce between southeast Alaskan communities and Canada, and

WHEREAS, the communities applying for a TIGER II federal grant are competing nationally for limited federal transportation funds and it is critical that the application reflect regional support, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference membership is in full support the betterment of the entire Southeast Region,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southeast Conference strongly recommends the TIGER grant investment by the US Department of Transportation for the communities of Southeast Alaska,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Southeast Conference strongly recommends the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature support port development in the Gateway Communities of Southeast Alaska.

**ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-05

A resolution of the Southeast Conference in support of full funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor facility Grant Program in the FY2012 capital budget

WHEREAS, harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, harbor facilities are ports of refuge and areas for protection for ocean-going vessels and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in Southeast Alaskan communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the municipalities built these harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has transferred most of its harbor facilities to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities took over this important responsibility even though they knew that these same harbor facilities were in poor condition at the time of transfer due to the state's failure to keep up with deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, consequently, when local municipal harbor masters formulated their annual harbor facility budgets, they inherited a major financial burden that their local municipal governments could not afford, and

WHEREAS, in response to this financial burden, the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation, supported by the Southeast Conference, to create the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program provides state assistance in the form of a matching 50/50 grant for municipal owned harbor facilities, to be administered by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is pleased with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' administration process to review for eligibility, and to score and rank applicants to the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant since state funds may be limited; and

WHEREAS, for each harbor facility grant application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting cost and plus 50% of the construction cost; and

WHEREAS, completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50% match from the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference representatives from the City of Thorne Bay in FY2008, the City of Craig in FY2009, the Haines Borough in FY2009, the City and Borough of Juneau in FY2009 and FY2010, the City of Ketchikan in FY2009, and the City and Borough of Yakutat in FY2009 have greatly benefited by receiving previous grant awards from the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference representatives from the City of Hydaburg, the City and Borough of Juneau, the City of Petersburg, and the City of Skagway applied for Municipal

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Harbor Facility Grants this July which are pending full funding in the FY2011 capital budget; and

WHEREAS, eleven Alaskan coastal communities submitted grants totaling \$21,084,645 which if fully matched by the State of Alaska, would result in over \$42 million of construction work that would stimulate local economies, create safer and more-functional harbors for the fishing fleets of Southeast Alaskan coastal communities, and create job opportunities for local residents, which is especially important in these times of economic hardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Membership of the Southeast Conference urges full funding by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Southeast Conference Membership encourages the Southeast Conference Legislative Delegation to support the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-06

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY INTO THE VESSEL REPLACEMENT FUND TO SUPPORT THE “ALASKA CLASS FERRY” AND FUTURE NEW FERRIES

WHEREAS, The southeast region relies on the Alaska Marine Highway System as its main mode of transportation between communities, and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Marine Highway System fleet is in need of new vessels to replace its aging fleet, and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Marine Highway System has embarked on a new ferry project called the “Alaska Class Ferry Project”, and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has been in support of funding for Alaska Marine Highway Systems operations, and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is also in support of continued funding for new ferries, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southeast Conference Board of Directors and its membership strongly encourages the Parnell Administration and the Alaska State Legislature to complete the funding for the “Alaska Class Ferry Project” and begin annual appropriations to the Vessel Replacement Fund to continue the program of replacing its aging fleet.

**ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF BALLOT MEASURE 1 AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE IN STATE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is the Alaska Regional Development Organization with a mission to help develop strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment in southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, membership in the Alaska State Legislature is based on the number of House and Senate Districts in the state, and

WHEREAS, currently, the Alaska Constitution calls for forty (40) House members and twenty (20) Senate members, representing forty (40) House Districts and twenty (20) Senate Districts respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska constitution requires that each election district be composed of compact and integrated socioeconomic units, and

WHEREAS, the 2010 census was just completed and after each census election districts are redrawn with population being a key factor in the redistricting process, and

WHEREAS, the number of legislative districts has not been changed since statehood, while the size of Alaska's population has nearly tripled, and

WHEREAS, legislative districts are so excessively large in land mass or are experiencing rapid population growth so that vastly different interest groups are being represented by one person making it nearly impossible for those districts to receive meaningful representation, and

WHEREAS, this situation will only worsen after the next redistricting cycle in 2011, and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 1 will be put before the voters in the general election and will increase the number of legislative districts by adding four (4) house districts and two (2) senate districts, and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure 1 will mitigate the negative impacts of redistricting by reducing the population change in each legislative district, bringing the people closer to their elected officials and allowing for easier access to state government, and

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF BALLOT MEASURE 1 AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE IN STATE GOVERNMENT, cont.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference Board of Directors supports the passage of Ballot Measure 1 and the preservation of the people's voice in state government.

Approved and Passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on October 15, 2010

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTIONS 11-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS CONSISTING OF GROWING, BUYING, AND EATING LOCAL AND REGIONALLY PRODUCED FOODS, WITH THE INCLUSION OF CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL SUBSISTENCE FOOD PRODUCTION.

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference (SEC) recognizes the promotion of healthy and sustainable local and regional food systems strengthens increased opportunities in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the development of local food systems is a source of growth for the regional economy and improved health advancements; and

WHEREAS, subsistence food production, equally important, involves preparing, processing, and cooking at the household and community level; and

WHEREAS, the regional area experiences social and economic benefits from activity created by implementation of regional food production measures; and

WHEREAS, regulations add prohibitive costs to “food certification” to local food productions; and

WHEREAS, local food production displaces the high cost of transportation added to food imported from outside the region; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are partner agencies calling for increased regional food production; and

WHEREAS, SEC recognizes the importance of the “Strategic Doings” process by implementing doable committee recommendations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference supports the development of local food systems consisting of growing, buying, and eating local and regionally produced foods, including customary and traditional subsistence food production

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on November 23, 2010

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 11-09

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA SOLID WASTE
AUTHORITY'S FY2012 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR
ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) is a Municipal Authority formed in 2009 under the guidance of Alaska Statutes 29.35.800 – 29.35.925, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA's primary goal is to allow the communities of Southeast Alaska to work together to stabilize the cost of disposal of municipal solid waste in the region, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference (SEC) has received partial Authority startup contributions from member communities, sale of the SEC Household Hazardous Waste support van and from a Denali Commission grant for a combined amount of \$126,800, which the SEC holds and administers for the SEASWA, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA has the need to continue the work of organizing its membership, recruiting additional membership, performing research into solid waste disposal solutions and developing plans and projects to address the stabilization of solid waste disposal in Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the SEASWA is requesting a FY12 legislative appropriation in the amount of \$125,000 to match existing organizational grants and contributions to the Authority and to fund the Authority's three year organizational budget, and

WHEREAS, this appropriation request is within the limits of allowable appropriations that are available to newly formed municipal authorities under AS 29.05.180 and .190.

WHEREAS, SEASWA has made an initial request to Governor Parnell's office for inclusion of the SEASWA appropriation in the Governor's budget for FY12 and wishes to garner regional support for this request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Southeast Conference Board of Directors supports the formation and organizational efforts of the SEASWA and the Authority's legislative appropriation request for fiscal year 2011.

Passed and Approved by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on November 23, 2010.

ATTEST:



Jan Hill, President

WITNESS:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR UNITED STATES PRODUCED SEAFOOD

(Resolution 11-10)

WHEREAS the State of Alaska in conjunction with the Alaska seafood industry created the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) to market and promote Alaska seafood; and

WHEREAS the Alaska seafood industry has 'self-assessed' fishery production to pay for ASMI's promotional activities; and

WHEREAS effective marketing of Alaska's seafood requires a constant, consistent and long term marketing presence, especially in times of oversupply and new competition; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects over \$300 million dollars annually through customs laws regulating the importation of fishery products, many of which compete with Alaska's fishery products; and

WHEREAS funds collected from the importation of fishery products are not available for the domestic marketing of American seafood; and

WHEREAS using fishery product import revenues to market American seafood will preserve and enhance American jobs related to fishing, seafood processing, and support services, increase economic activity in coastal communities related to the seafood industry, and ensure availability of domestic seafood for the American consumer; and

WHEREAS increased economic activity related to the seafood industry in coastal communities will increase tax revenues collected at local, state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS the health benefits of seafood have been proven many times, including the role of seafood in disease prevention; and

WHEREAS concerns over the future of health care costs in the U.S. makes the promotion of healthy diets an important national policy issue;

WHEREAS increased economic activity related to the seafood industry in coastal communities will increase tax revenues collected at local, state and federal levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Southeast Conference strongly supports the creation of a National Seafood Marketing Fund using a portion of federally generated fishery product import revenues for the domestic marketing of Alaska's seafood; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Alaska Congressional Delegation is urged to work with representatives of other seafood-producing states to secure adequate funding for effective and sustained domestic marketing of United States seafood; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southeast Conference send a copy of this resolution to Governor Sean Parnell, the Alaska Legislature, the National Seafood Marketing Coalition, and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich, and Representative Don Young.

**Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on
January 31, 2011**

Witness:



**Jan Hill, President
Director**

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive

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RESOLUTION 11-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST AS PRESENTED IN HB105 & SB44

WHEREAS, the majority of timber in SE Alaska is on federally owned National Forest land, harvest of which has drastically declined and local mills are heavily dependent on sale of state timber, and;

WHEREAS, the state is committed to maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber land base, and;

WHEREAS, there is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in SE Alaska from old growth to young growth stands, which yield higher volumes per acre on shorter rotations, and have less impact on wildlife, and;

WHEREAS, much of the state timber land was conveyed from the federal government with young growth stands, the shift from old growth to young growth harvest can be accelerated by thinning these stands, and;

WHEREAS, thinning and subsequent young growth management constitutes long-term investment, it is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management, and;

WHEREAS, land designated as State Forest would ensure that some land will remain available for long-term management for multiple uses including the supply of timber to local processors, and;

WHEREAS, the State owns the parcels of land that are listed in HB105 and SB44 and are suitable for designation and subsequent management as a State Forest, now therefore;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference generally endorses establishment of a Southeast Alaska State Forest as currently proposed in House Bill 105 "An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest and providing for an effective date" and Senate Bill 44 "An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest and providing for an effective date",

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference will transmit this resolution to the Governor of Alaska, House and Senate Resource Committee Chair, Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Forest Service Chief, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester.

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on January 31, 2011

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

Southeast Conference

Resolution 11-12

A Resolution by Southeast Conference Encouraging the Governor, the Legislature and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to Take Aggressive Action to Oppose the Formation of New De Facto Wilderness Areas on all federal lands in Alaska.

WHEREAS, through ORDER NO. 3310 the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on December 22, 2010 sets new POLICY for the SINGLE-USE management of lands which the U.S. Bureau Land Management (BLM) may classify as lands with “wilderness characteristics” and designate such lands as “Wild Lands” ; and

WHEREAS, the BLM is purported to be a Federal land management agency with a MULTIPLE-USE land management mandate under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLMA); and

WHEREAS, the 1964 Wilderness Act (P.L. 88-577) established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) with a total of 9.1 million acres; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United State of America retains the authority for additions to the NWPS; and

WHEREAS, the BLM relies on Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act for the definition of “wilderness characteristics”; and

WHEREAS, the BLM manages approximately 245 million acres of federal land and thus under this new departmental level POLICY could potentially create multiple areas of a new wilderness preservation system that are much greater than the NWPS established by P.L. 88-577; and

WHEREAS, under ORDER NO. 3310 the Secretary of Interior has usurped the authority of the Congress of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the MULTIPLE-USE management of the 245 acres of Bureau of Land Management land is essential to the economic well being of every individual in every state with such Federal land and is essential to the utilization of renewable and non-renewable resources from these lands by every individual in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, through ORDER NO. 3310 the Secretary of the Interior has set in motion actions that will adversely affect the economy of the State of Alaska and the economy of the entire United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Southeast Conference strongly supports all actions by the Governor, the Legislature, and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to work together and/or with other states to defeat the imposition of new wilderness preservation systems on states with BLM managed lands.

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on January 31, 2011.

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-13

**A resolution supporting the installation of Health Telemetry Carts
in Elfin Cove, Gustavus & Tenakee Springs**

WHEREAS, the communities of Elfin Cove, Gustavus, and Tenakee Springs have an unmet need for professional health services, and;

WHEREAS, the healthcare providers in each community are frequently volunteers, but well-trained in emergency healthcare, and;

WHEREAS, there is need for professional, advanced, and case-specific advice and direction, and;


WHEREAS, these Telehealth carts provide direct visual, audio, and telemetry connectivity to/from established hospitals and physicians on a real-time basis, and;

WHEREAS, other communities have acquired same or similar units through other means (Indian Health Service, cities with tax base, etc.) that are not available to these communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference endorses the purchase of, and training in use of, three telemetry health units for the communities listed above, and agrees to provide grant administration for the project at cost.

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on February 8, 2011.

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 11-14

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ADMINISTRATIVE IMPOSITION OF THE ROADLESS RULE AND OPPOSING ANY ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS, ROADLESS OR CONSERVATION AREA SET-ASIDES IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture has monopoly power over the timber supply in Southeast Alaska and,

Whereas, Congress established 5.5 million acres of wilderness on the Tongass National Forest in 1980 (thirty-two percent of the Tongass National Forest) and,

Whereas, Congress included a No-more Clause in ANILCA to insure the remaining unencumbered lands in Alaska could be managed responsibly and,

Whereas, Congress established another 0.3 million acres of Wilderness and 0.7 million acres of Legislative LUD-II on the Tongass National Forest in 1990 (another six percent of the Tongass) and,

Whereas, in 2000 the federal government adopted an Administrative Rule that prohibited road building and timber harvesting in Roadless Areas on the Tongass and,

Whereas, currently ninety-two percent of the Tongass National Forest is Roadless and,

Whereas, the State of Alaska sued the Forest Service for violating the no-more clause in ANILCA and,

Whereas, the Forest Service and the State of Alaska settled the Roadless Lawsuit by agreeing to Exempt Alaska from the Roadless Rule and,

Whereas, in 2009 the Secretary of Agriculture issued a Memorandum reserving to himself or his designee the authority to approve or disapprove road building and timber harvesting in Roadless Areas on the Tongass and,

Whereas, the Secretary of Agriculture has since refused to authorize road building and timber harvesting activities that are in compliance with the 2008 TLMP and,

Whereas, the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan allows timber harvesting to take place on only four percent of the Tongass and,

Whereas, half of the timberland where timber harvesting is permitted by the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan is in Roadless Areas and,

Whereas, half of the Roaded timberland where harvesting is permitted by the 2008 TLMP is young growth timber that will not be mature for several decades and,

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Whereas, the Forest Service cannot provide sufficient timber sales from only the one percent of the Roded timberland that has mature timber,

Therefore be it Resolved, we support the actions of our Alaska Governor and Congressional Delegation to enforce the Alaska Exemption to the Roadless Rule

Be it further Resolved, we oppose any additional Administrative or Legislative Wilderness, Roadless, Conservation Area or other similar land set-asides in Southeast Alaska.

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on February 18, 2011

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 11-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING THE
REAUTHORIZATION AND EXTENSION OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITIES SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**

WHEREAS, Congress recognized in early 1990's that its decision to secure and retain lands in Federal ownership would deprive the communities in which the lands are located of revenues otherwise received if the lands were in private ownership; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted (and subsequently amended) a law that required revenue derived from national forest lands be shared with communities in which lands are located for the benefit of education and roads, and

WHEREAS, in 1986, changes in the approach to managing our national forests resulted in steep declines in forest receipts paid to forest communities, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Secure Rural School and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393) temporarily stabilized forest revenue payments to forest communities and gave forest communities much needed financial support to provide critical services that directly benefit the federal lands and the people who use the land, and

WHEREAS, the current Secure Rural School and Communities Self-Determination Act expires in 2011, and

WHEREAS, education is one of the critical services supported by Public Law 106-393, and

WHEREAS, failure to reauthorize and extend Public Law 106-393 will not only have devastating effect on many forest communities across America, it will also severely impact the public education of students living in these forest communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference respectfully request and the long-term re-authorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act be passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barak Obama

Approved and passed by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on February 18, 2011

Witness:



Jan Hill, President

Attest:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director