

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly specifying the percentage of National Forest Receipts funding to be allocated to Title I and Title II.

WHEREAS, boroughs and counties having United States National Forests within their boundaries have received Forest Reserve funds for roads and schools since the passage of the Agricultural Reapportionment Act of 1908 based on revenues generated from these forests; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities have substantial areas of land in public ownership which can neither be developed nor taxed to generate revenue from economic activity or taxation; and

WHEREAS, the demands for education and roads have, in most jurisdictions, continued to increase while Forest Reserve revenues have declined; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of information about the possible FY14 extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, the State of Alaska is proceeding with soliciting applications from municipalities which the state determines are eligible for participation in the program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's application requires the Borough to identify the percentage of the Borough's FY14 National Forest Receipts Program payment it intends to reserve for Title II and/or Title III projects, with an amount not less than 15 percent but no more than 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's application form requires the Borough to identify the Borough's proposed allocation of Title I, Title II, and Title III programs as a percent of the total; and

WHEREAS, in the 2008 reauthorization of the National Forest Receipts Program more narrowly restrict the use of Title III funds; and

WHEREAS, the Lynn Canal-Icy Strait Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed in order to fund the following types of projects in the Lynn Canal and Icy Straights with the use of Title II Forest Receipts:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- Soil productivity improvement;
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- Watershed restoration and maintenance;
- Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- Re-establishment of native species.

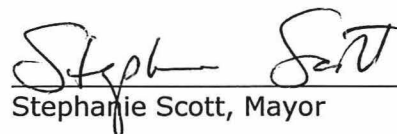
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly hereby elects to allocate 15 percent of its annual National Forest Receipts Program payment amount to Title II projects, with the remaining 85 percent allocated to Title I.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 13th day of August, 2013.

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Stephanie Scott, Mayor