

**Forest Legacy Federal Grant Program****FY2002 Request: \$500,000****Reference No: AMD 34881****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Jim Stratton**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-8701**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Forest Legacy Program provides federal funding from the USDA Forest Service for acquisition of high-value private forestland that is threatened with conversion to non-forest use. In Alaska, we are concerned that private inholdings in publicly owned forested areas that are primarily used for fish and wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and traditional recreation access would be converted to non-forest use and disrupt, destroy, or degrade these important public uses. The primary areas where these types of conversions are probable is in the state park system. However, the ability to use this program to protect forested areas will not be limited to state park lands. This program is only for willing sellers.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

This is a new project request.

**Project Description/Justification:****Detailed Project Justification:**

Our forested parks cover several million acres and there are inholdings in each of these units whose potential use threatens to convert forestland to non-forest use. This is especially true in Wood-Tikchik State Park, Kachemak Bay State Park, Afognak State Park, Shuyak Island State Park, and Chena River State Recreation Area. Often times a park inholder is anxious to sell their property for inclusion in the park and this program allows for this type of transaction to occur. It is a win-win for the private landowner and the public. This program will provide 75% of the total acquisition cost. The non-federal portion may be from in-kind and private donations.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

This project will fund the acquisition of forested inholdings within State Parks and other publicly held forested areas.

**Project Benefits:**

Protection of important fish and wildlife habitat. Perpetuation of traditional recreation and access to important public recreation lands.

**Project Support:**

DNR Division of Forestry, the Nature Conservancy of Alaska, local land trusts, Brown Bear Trust, private landowners, fishermen, hunters, guides.

**Does this project leverage other funding for the state?**

No, but the 25% match will be sought, in many cases, from local and national land trusts and land conservation agencies.