

**Forest Legacy Federal Grant Program****FY2008 Request: \$2,300,000****Reference No: 34881****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2009**Project Type:** Planning**Contact:** Nico Bus**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Forest Legacy Program provides Federal funding for acquisition of high-value private forestland that is threatened with conversion to non-forest use. Legislative intent targets private in-holdings adjacent to, or within, existing conservation units (parks, refuges, etc.) that are primarily used for fish and wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and traditional access that would be disrupted, destroyed, or degraded if the private property were to be converted to a non-forest use. 4,000 acres in the Perenosa Bay, Afognak Island area will be purchased in FY08.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,300,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$7,300,000
Total:	\$2,300,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$7,300,000

☐ State Match Required    ☐ One-Time Project    ☐ Phased - new    ☐ Phased - underway    ☒ On-Going  
0% = Minimum State Match % Required    ☐ Amendment    ☐ Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SLA05/CH3 - \$630,000

SLA04/CH159 \$4,500,000 authorization

SLA03/FY04 RPL ADN#10-4-5002 \$450,000 Diamond Creek Parcel

SLA02/CH1 - \$500,000

SLA01/CH61 - \$500,000 (Language Section 84)

**Project Description/Justification:**

The following project has been submitted for funding on a federal level for FFY08.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Federal Funding Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total Project Acres</u>
American Land Conservancy and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation/ Natives of Kodiak and Shuyak Natives, Inc.	Perenosa Bay, Afognak Island	FY2008 \$ 2,250.0 FY2009 \$ 750.0	FY2008 \$ 750.0 FY2009 \$ 250.0	FY2008 3,000 FY2009 1,000

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This project, proposed by American Land Conservancy in partnership with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, is a phased project that includes the purchase of three parcels on the north coast of Afognak Island for FY2008. The parcels – Little Waterfall Lake, Delphin Point, and Portage Lake/Portage River – total 3,000 acres. In FY2009, another 1,000 acres will be purchased.

**Why these projects are needed now:** Private in-holdings and adjacent parcels are placed on the market every year. To secure priority in-holding and adjacent parcel acquisitions, agencies need to be ready to work with both the land owners and local Land Trusts to protect land that would otherwise be converted. Each year, willing sellers come forward and desire to sell either a conservation easement or fee title to their lands. The state has a tremendous opportunity with Forest Legacy to provide federal funds for one or two critical purchases each year. If the state is unable to participate in this program, forested in-holdings, adjacent parcels and parcels within the Alaska Forest Legacy Area will be converted to other uses resulting in the loss of forest, fishing, hunting, scenic resources, and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

**Specific Spending Detail:** These projects will fund the acquisition of forested in-holdings within and near publicly held forested conservation units from willing sellers. Projects are nominated by willing sellers, non-profit organizations and agencies and are recommended for funding by the Forest Stewardship Committee.

### Line Item Expenditures:

Personal Services \$30.0

Travel \$3.0

Services \$80.0 Hazmat, title certification services, and other DNR due diligence requirements.

Capital Outlay \$ 2,187.0

### **Project Support, by Applicant:**

Natives of Kodiak and Shuyak Natives, Inc./American Land Conservancy and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, American Land Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Kodiak Brown Bear Trust, Pinchot Institute, Kodiak State Parks Citizens Advisory

**Project Opposition:** None noted.

**State Match Required:** No state match is required partners provide all necessary match.