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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed round of projects for POW.

As a year round citizen of Klawock, AK that makes my living as a full time hunting and fishing guide on POW, I am fully vested and concerned with our great island.

In broad terms, my wife and I fully support all projects that improve our watersheds and forests to maximize the carry capacity for our fish and wildlife. We are also fully supportive of any recreation improvements that will benefit the locals and the tourism industry. We are very supportive of local jobs and local industries but not if the renewable resources, specifically our fish and wildlife will suffer consequences as a result of the industry. For example the logging industry, specifically clearcutting and road building has a very real, long term, negative impact on healthy watersheds, healthy forests and the tourism industries. We are much more receptive to helicopter logging operations that don't scar the land, cause landslides, increase sediment loads in the streams, and ruin the visual appeal for of the land.

Specific projects we fully endorse are the trail improvements at Canoe Point, 12 mile cabin improvements, invasive weed mitigation, the Sarkar Cove access project for kayaking/canoeing and the El Capitan campground/boat launch/restroom improvements and ALL the stream restoration projects.

We fully endorse any and all stream restoration projects. The Harris, 12 mile and other streams have benefited greatly from what has been done. Great job!

We are strongly opposed to harvesting anymore of our precious old growth forests that provide invaluable winter range habitat for our deer herds.

If logging has to be done on POW, we much prefer helicopter logging to clearcuts.

We are strongly opposed to any more new roads being built unless it is a short one that serves a specific recreation access point such as the 12 mile cabin and the Sarkar Cove boat launch area.

POW has well over 2500 miles of logging roads on the island, please don't punch in anymore!

Respectfully,

Kurt Whitehead and Trina Nation