

Sara Peterson

From: Coral Crenna
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:12 AM
To: Sara Peterson
Subject: RE: Sitka land subject to Sec. 24 Fed. Power Act (Takatz Lake)

From: Brudie, Nina M (DNR) <nina.brudie@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:50 PM
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Mr. Miller:

The state is currently considering whether to accept title to land in the Takatz Lake area, described below, which is subject to Sec. 24 of the Federal Power Act for a hydroelectric project.

T. 54 S., R. 66 E., CRM
Sec. 35, lots 1 to 6, inclusive, S2NE4, SE4NW4, SW4;
Sec. 36, lots 1 to 6, inclusive, S2NW4, NW4SW4.

T. 55 S., R. 66 E., CRM
Sec. 1, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;
Sec. 2, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, S2NE4, E2NW4, NW4NW4, NE4SW4, SW4SW4;
Sec. 3, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, SW4NE4, NW4NW4;
Sec. 4, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, NW4, N2SW4;
Sec. 5, S2NE4, NE4NE4, SE4;
Sec. 10, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, SE4NW4.

DNR approved this land for conveyance to City of Sitka in 1981 when the land was only state selected, so it has never been fully conveyed to Sitka. On 11/7/2011, the federal withdrawal for the hydroelectric project was lifted, but the land remains subject to Section 24 of the Federal Power Act, which stipulates that the U.S. or its assignees, without compensation to the owner, can enter upon, occupy, and use any part or all of said lands, in the judgement of the FERC Commission. However, the U.S. would compensate the owner for any damages to crops, buildings, or other improvements. I am writing to inquire whether Sitka is still interested in this land, given these conditions. **Please provide a letter addressed to me at your convenience, indicating whether the City and Borough of Sitka still wishes to receive these lands as part of its municipal entitlement for our records.** Also, if you happen to have a copy of the FERC license for the Takatz Lake hydro facility you could forward, I would appreciate it; we couldn't locate a copy on the FERC web site. If not, do you know the FERC license number?

Thank you for your help, if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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