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RE: State Project No. Z676720000
Sitka: Katlian Bay Road Project

To whom it may concern:

I am submitting the enclosed preliminary project plans for your review and comment. In addition to a general review, please specifically review for compliance in accordance with AS 35.30.020.

Under AS 35.30.020, the Department must comply with local planning and zoning ordinances and other regulations in the same manner and to the same extent as other landowners. If you believe the Department's construction of this project would result in a violation of planning, zoning, or other regulations generally applicable to landowners, please identify the portions of the project possibly in violation, and the specific planning, zoning, or other regulations you believe would be violated.

The submitted project for your review proposes to construct a new 9-mile one-lane gravel road on Baranof Island in the vicinity of Katlian Bay, located 7 mile northeast of Sitka, Alaska. Project components include an aggregate surface road, three bridges, intervisible turnouts, scenic overlooks and day use area, off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail connection to an existing U.S. Forest Service OHV trail, rehabilitation of existing forest service road for construction access, and mitigation for unavoidable wetland impacts. The road would cross State of Alaska, U.S. Forest Service, and Shee Atika Incorporated Lands. The purpose of the Proposed Katlian Bay Road project is to provide recreational and subsistence opportunities on Baranof Island within Forest Service Sitka Range District National Forest System lands and provide access to potential new material sources on State, Federal and Native Corporation lands for possible future development.

If we have not received comments regarding the project's compliance with planning and zoning

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ordinances within 90 days after submittal of these plans, the Department will proceed with the project as planned. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at: (907) 465-4443, or by e-mail at: christopher.goins@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Goins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Goins, P.E.
DOT&PF Engineering Group Chief

Enc: Preliminary Project Plans