



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native  
Sisterhood  
Grand Camp**



**RESOLUTION NO. # 13-18**

Title: Request the United States Department of Agriculture USFS initiate an investigation to detail and document the burning/destruction of Native smokehouses, campsites, cabins and inholdings conducted in the last century.

WHEREAS, many individual family traditional lands were systematically destroyed by successive administrations of the USFS in order to eradicate the traditional, customary and continued use of lands used by Southeast Natives, and

WHEREAS, the destruction of property and fish camp infrastructure was paid for and administered by the government of the United States, and

WHEREAS, records of contracts, names of employees, names of administrators, memorandums, boat logs were created to oversee administer, pay and to carry out duties to burn and eradicate the burning of smokehouses, cabins and other property of Native Alaskans.

WHEREAS, the apology and recognition of USFS for these acts is a very good first step other actions are necessary to given meaning to the apology.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013 request that the USFS fund and launch an extensive investigation to research and document these acts taken against the Native people in Southeast Alaska so that these land holdings and prior areas can be documented for historical and future purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Agriculture issue the findings of this report to progress being made in this regard to Grand Camp and at our 2014 Convention and that consultations be made to discuss and identify the findings with relevant and interested parties.

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ANB Grand President

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ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Yakutat, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through 11, 2013.

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ANB Grand Secretary