



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-25

Title: Request State and Federal elected officials and agencies work to provide transportation plan and include essential elements to Baranof Warm Springs Road, the Lynn Canal Road and the Niblack/Bokan Road.

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp is a fraternal organization organized in the year 1912. It is dedicated to the advocacy of civil rights, health, education, welfare, employment, economic justice and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the ability to move goods and services, people and products in a safe reliable and cost effective means does not adequately exist in Southeast Alaska despite years of planning and efforts including the passage of SAFETEA-LU and Title 11 of ANILCA which provides a means of access for transportation and utility corridors across conservation units; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Roadless rule further limits transportation and access throughout Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the application of the Roadless Rule negatively affects the value of lands conveyed to Alaska Natives for future economic prosperity as more than 90 % of the Tongass is effectively rendered of little value to commerce and natural resource development (see attached map); and,

WHEREAS, two road segments that have been on the drawing board need to be moved forward to begin to address the longer terms needs of the region – namely the Baranof Warm Springs and a road North from Juneau to Haines or Skagway, and the Road to Niblack and Bokan Mountain connecting East Prince of Wales Island to remainder of the POW road system; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the US Forest Service need to complete a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement on a region wide basis addressing the needs of the communities and business interest of the region addressing the economics associated with transportation of goods, services and utilities so that needs of each and every community, business interest and tribe is addressed; and

RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013, seeks through its Executive Committee and Grand Officers, to address with the State of Alaska and Region 10 of the Forest

Service, the Alaska DOT/PF, and the US Department of Transportation the need to provide a comprehensive region-wide framework with support from the Alaska Legislature and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to deliver goods and services including electricity throughout the region.

ANB Grand President

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.

ANB Grand Secretary