

Chugach State Park LWCF Grants

Notes:

1. Are the Grant files received from DPOR excerpts or the full file?
2. According to CSP website, the park contains approximately 495,000 acres. One of four largest state parks in the United States.
3. <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach/manageplanchug.htm> **2011 Chugach State Park Management Plan** (Draft) p.32 *"All of Chugach State Park is considered an LWCF protected area and is subject to the program provisions."* (Basis for statement???)
4. <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/protect.html> **NPS LWCF Website** – *"This "anti-conversion" requirement applies to all parks and other sites that have been the subject of Land and Water grants of any type, whether for acquisition of parkland, development or rehabilitation of facilities. In many cases, even a relatively small LWCF grant (e.g., for development of a picnic shelter) in a park of hundreds or even thousands of acres provides anti-conversion protection to the entire park site.*
5. http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_15-LWCF.pdf **3.1.14 Washington State LWCF Manual - Boundary Map:** *"One of the most important attachments to the project application is the 6(f)(3) project boundary map. This map shows the park area to be covered by Section 6(f)(3) anti-conversion protections. This map, which must be submitted with every grant application, need not be a formal survey document, but should contain enough site-specific information to:*
 - *Ensure that both the grant recipient and RCO agree on the property boundaries of the covered site at the time of the grant award.*
 - *Provide location, size indicators, and a picture of key facilities and landmarks to help future project inspectors better identify and evaluate the site.**The project boundary should delineate clearly the area to be included under the conversion provisions of Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act. All land within the project boundary must be dedicated in perpetuity to public outdoor recreation. At a minimum, this area must be a viable public outdoor recreation area that is capable of being self-sustaining without reliance on other areas not identified in the scope of the project. Except when the project sponsor can show that a smaller area is a self-sustaining outdoor recreation resource, the area to include within the boundary map will include the larger park, open space, or recreation area being developed or expanded. Any change of the land within the boundary for a use other than public outdoor recreation will require replacement of the converted land."*
6. <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/manual/lwcf.pdf> **NPS LWCF State Assistance Program Manual 2008** – *"The following documents comprise the federal application for LWCF grant assistance and shall be coordinated by the State and submitted to the NPS: Section 6(f) boundary map. One copy, hand-signed and dated. The Section 6(f) map shall clearly delineate the area to be included under the conversion provisions of Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act. An acceptable Section 6(f) map is required for all development and combination projects prior to NPS approval, and for acquisition projects, prior to reimbursement." "Except in unusual cases where it can be shown a lesser unit is clearly a self-sustaining outdoor recreation resource, the area subject to Section 6(f) protection will be the park, open space, or recreation area being developed or expanded. Exceptions will be made only in the case of larger parks*

where logical management units exist therein resulting in smaller viable public outdoor recreation areas.”

7. <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/lwcf/14/mapsiteplan.pdf> Alaska LWCF Web page – Maps & Site Plan Examples: Note sample boundary map is signed and dated by state LWCF Grants Administrator.

02-00057 – Wayside Water Supply Eagle River

- Not subject to provisions of Section B.2(d) of the December 1965 General Provisions (?)
- P 9/25 – Conversion of land offset by vacation of existing road ROW.
- 02-00057A is well at Eagle River Campground (CSP)
- 02-00057B is well at Bird Creek (CSP)
- Grant includes maps showing definite campground boundaries with well location
 - P 14/25 Bird Creek Campground map - unsigned
 - P 13/25 Eagle River Campground – unsigned
- One conversion transaction occurred at a water site (Rocky Lake)
- Conversion “Rainbow Land Trade” purpose and location indefinite.

02-00062 – Captain Cook Recreation Area

- Acquisition of 80 acre CSP inholding as a result of conversion of land from Captain Cook State Park.
- P 2/3 - Crude unsigned map notes “Replacement property to be added to LWCF Boundary of Chugach State Park”

02-00079 – McHugh Creek Expansion

- Not subject to provisions of Section B.2(d) of the December 1965 General Provisions (?)
- P 4/4 Unsigned partial map shows parking layout & picnic sites (?)

02-00143 – Trails Program

- Foot trails, site improvements, wells, parking & picnic area in multiple parks.
- Not subject to provisions of Section B2(d) of the December 1965 General Provisions (?)
- Boundary map is indefinite and unsigned; text calls for hiking trail beginning at Paradise Haven, foot bridges, signs; Spread across 4 parks, this is only a \$85,000 project.

02-00144 – Chugach State Park Access

- 5.9 acre land acquisition; trail head with parking; picnic units, well & latrine.
- Not subject to provisions of Section B.2(d) of the December 1965 General Provisions (?)
- P 5/6 Grant Map Unsigned and indefinite.
- Amended to include ROW acquisition; P6/6 Map definite but unsigned. Acquisition document would provide specific description of area under grant.

02-00227 Chugach State Park Acquisition

- Acquisition of 10 inholdings totaling 762 acres.
- Not subject to provisions of Section B.2(d) of the December 1965 General Provisions (?)
- P 5/5 Grant map of acquisitions is indefinite and unsigned but acquisition documents would provide definite description of areas acquired.

02-00257 – Chugach Development

- Land acquisition and development within CSP at 5 sites.
- P 8/8 Indefinite map of acquisition area, initialed and dated. Acquisition document would provide definite description of areas acquired.
- No signed or dated maps for development activities.

02-00311 – Eklutna Lake Rehabilitation

- Picnic areas, trails roads, parking, water well and latrines at Eklutna Lake Campground.
- P 2/12 Map is crude, indefinite and unsigned. P11/12 Text description of land affected by Cooperative Agreement between BLM, DPOR and Alaska Power Admin. P 12/12 USGS map outlined to show Cooperative Agreement area.

02-00328 Chugach State Park Trails and Parking

- Parking, signing, landscaping & trails at three sites within CSP.
- P 5/5 Map is indefinite and unsigned. Only Eagle River Visitor Center is labeled on map.

02-00341 Eagle River Green Belt Access MP 7.8

- Parking, restrooms, info kiosk, and landscaping at Eagle River Greenbelt
- P 5-11/12 memo and plats specifically defines 6(f)3 boundary as Tract B – Maps unsigned.

02-00394 Glen Alps SRA Improvements

- Construct trail connections, toilet, kiosk.
- P 3/7 Amendment – “This grant shall not be closed until an accurate 6(f) boundary map is obtained...”
- Includes conversion of 8.4 acres of CSP land replaced with 103 acres at Stuckagain Heights
- Grant package includes no map.

02-00400 Glen Alps SRA Improvements, PH II

- Construct visitor support center at Glen Alps Recreation area.
- Grant special conditions: “Grant can’t be closed until an accurate 6(f)3 boundary map is completed for Chugach State Park and all conversion issues resolved.”
- Grant package includes no map.