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Date: July 17, 2008

City and Borough of Sitka - Electric Department
Attn: Charlie Walls, Utility Director
105 Jarvis Street
Sitka, AK 99835

RE: Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2230) License Amendment, USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, Sitka Ranger District, Comments on Draft Recreation Resources Study Plan

Dear Mr. Walls:

We have reviewed the July 2008 Draft Recreation Resources Study Plan and offer the following comments:

1. Page 3. "The data gathered will be furthered reviewed to determine current usage."

We ask the City to include the current number of both vehicles and visitors accessing Sawmill Creek Campground and Blue Lake by month in any Report.

The data should be displayed in a reasonable and easy to understand format

2. Page 3, second paragraph. Due to funding constraints, I have no plans to fill the Sawmill Creek Campground host position. I recommend you contact Sandy Russell, Campground Manager at 747-4216 or srussell03@fs.fed.us to obtain information on level and kinds of use in the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please address all inquires and comments regarding the Project to me, by mail at the address listed above; by phone 747-4218; by fax 747-4253; or by email at cgoularte@fs.fed.us. Please copy (cc) Melissa Dinsmore, by email at mdinsmore@fs.fed.us; by phone at 747-4201.

Sincerely,

for CAROL A. GOULARTE
District Ranger

cc: Dean Orbison, Engineer, City& Borough of Sitka-Electric Department

