

Debra Thompson

From: Stephen Giesbrecht
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Debra Thompson
Subject: FW: Petersburg State Forest Parcels

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:37 PM
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Liz:

The VUU maps that accompanied the Certification of Entitlement for Petersburg Borough dated 12/6/2013 were generated for purposes of calculating the amount of state land the borough should receive for its municipal entitlement under AS 29.65.030. By statute this amount is 10% of all VUU land within the boundaries of the municipality between the date of its incorporation and two years after that date. The maps we provide with our certifications of entitlement are intended to provide a visual representation to verify the acreage calculation; they are not intended to provide the basis for a community's application for land selections. It is incumbent on applicants to perform their own due diligence and produce their own applications and maps. In June 2015 we advised you to submit the borough's selections because you might risk losing the entitlement by not submitting selections within a year of certification, and as time passed, land status would change. We also advised you to work with a land expert to do the research and help with your selections so they would be based on the most current land status.

As you know, the Petersburg municipal entitlement that DNR certified in 2013 was nullified when 2017 legislation granted a larger entitlement to Petersburg Borough under AS 29.65.010(a)(16) of 14,666 acres – an entitlement amount that is not based on a calculation of VUU land within the borough boundary, as provided in AS 29.65.030. Because Petersburg has been granted a municipal entitlement under AS 29.65.010 instead of AS 29.65.030, there is no statutory requirement for DNR to certify the entitlement, and thus no requirement to identify VUU lands for purposes of calculating entitlement.

Petersburg submitted selections 2/27/2018 based on its new, larger entitlement, and DNR will adjudicate these selections, following adjudication of the selection applications Petersburg submitted in 2016 and 2017 (ADL 108579). During adjudication, we will identify selected lands that are VUU and render a decision to approve or disapprove conveyance. Our staff is tasked with adjudicating municipal entitlement selection applications from communities across Alaska, however, it is not our practice, nor would it be appropriate for DNR staff to complete an application on behalf of an applicant. If a municipality does not have the expertise in-house, it is common practice for them to hire a consultant to do land research, write legal descriptions, calculate acreage, produce maps, and complete applications, thus avoiding any appearance of impropriety.

Please note that per AS 29.65.040(c), land may be selected by a municipality to satisfy an entitlement under AS 29.65.010(a)(16) any time before October 1, 2018, so you have until that date to submit additional selections to satisfy Petersburg's entitlement, should your land research reveal additional VUU land that could be selected.

Regards,

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Hi Nina,

Thanks for sending these. We already have these maps as they were included in the Div of Forestry's notice of timber harvest schedule.

We would like new entitlement maps from DNR showing the VUU land and SE State Forest boundaries on the same map. We would also like to know how many acres of SE State Forest Lands were not included in our original entitlement maps, the revised total of available VUU land within the borough, and the legal descriptions for those lands. Please see our specific request attached.

As you can imagine, we based our selections on the VUU maps provided to us and didn't realize that the SE State Forest lands around Frederick Pt. East were not included. We now need to amend our selection and need accurate maps, acreage, and legal descriptions in order to do that.

My understanding is the land in Thomas Bay is not part of the state forest – these are GU lands and therefore considered VUU. The land slated for harvest near Frederick Pt. East are within the SE State Forest and should not have been included as VUU land in our entitlement maps. I'm assuming all of the other maps we were provided are accurate. Please correct me if I am wrong in these assumptions.

Thanks,
Liz

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Liz:

See this link for maps of the Southeast State Forest: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/stateforests#sesf>
Attached are additional maps from Div. of Forestry that are more up-to-date than the SESF maps that are on line.

Regards,

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