

(ii) the cultural, natural, and recreational resources and landscapes of the transportation corridor; and

(C) would provide assistance to local communities, Indian tribes, and residents of the transportation corridor in—

(i) preserving and interpreting cultural and historic resources; and

(ii) fostering cooperative planning and partnerships;

(1) an additional feasibility study for the Heritage Area is not needed before designation of the Heritage Area because the studies referred to in paragraph (9) provide sufficient documentation of—

(A) the national significance of heritage resources in the region; and

(B) the support of local communities for designation of the Heritage Area; and

(2) the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Corridor Communities Association—

(A) has been formed as a nonprofit corporation to act as the Local Coordinating Entity for the Heritage Area; and

(B) is governed by bylaws that define the purposes of the Association as the purposes established by Congress for the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic and modern resource development and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor; and

(2) to promote and facilitate the public enjoyment of the resources.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) HERITAGE AREA.—The term “Heritage Area” means the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area established by section 4(a).

(2) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The term “Local Coordinating Entity” means the local coordinating entity for the Heritage Area designated by section 5(a).

(3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Heritage Area developed under section 6.

(4) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Draft Proposed NHA Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm” and dated August 7, 2007.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(6) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL FOREST HERITAGE AREA.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the State the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area.

(b) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be comprised of the land in the Kenai Mountains and upper Turnagain Arm region, as generally depicted on the map.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in—

(1) the appropriate offices of the Forest Service, Chugach National Forest;

(2) the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service; and

(3) the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer.

SEC. 5. LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Corridor Communities Association, a nonprofit corporation chartered in the State, shall be the local coordinating entity for the Heritage Area.

(b) DUTIES.—To further the purposes of the Heritage Area, the Local Coordinating Entity shall—

(1) in accordance with section 6, prepare and submit to the Secretary a management plan for the Heritage Area;

(2) for any fiscal year for which the Local Coordinating Entity receives Federal funds under this Act—

(A) submit an annual report to the Secretary that describes—

(i) the specific performance goals and accomplishments of the Local Coordinating Entity;

(ii) the expenses and income of the Local Coordinating Entity;

(iii) the amounts and sources of matching funds;

(iv) the amounts leveraged with Federal funds and the sources of the leveraging; and

(v) any grants made to any other entities during the fiscal year; and

(B) make available to the Secretary for audit any information relating to the expenditure of—

(i) the Federal funds; and

(ii) any matching funds; and

(3) encourage, consistent with the purposes of the Heritage Area, the economic viability and sustainability of the Heritage Area.

(c) AUTHORITIES.—For the purposes of developing and implementing the management plan for the Heritage Area, and subject to section 9(c), the Local Coordinating Entity may use Federal funds made available under this Act to—

(1) make grants to units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and other parties within the Heritage Area;

(2) enter into agreements with, or provide technical assistance to, Federal agencies, units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties;

(3) hire and compensate staff, including individuals with expertise in—

(A) natural, historic, cultural, educational, scenic, and recreational resource conservation;

(B) economic and community development; and

(C) heritage planning;

(4) obtain funds or services from any source, including other Federal laws or programs;

(5) contract for goods or services; and

(6) support activities of partners and any other activities that—

(A) further the purposes of the Heritage Area; and

(B) are consistent with the management plan.

(d) PUBLIC MEETINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Annually, the Local Coordinating Entity shall conduct at least 2 meetings open to the public regarding the development and implementation of the management plan.

(2) NOTICE; AVAILABILITY OF MINUTES.—The Local Coordinating Entity shall—

(A) publish a notice of each public meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the Heritage Area; and

(B) make the minutes of the meeting available to the public.

(e) PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—The Local Coordinating Entity shall not use Federal funds authorized under this Act to acquire any interest in real property.

SEC. 6. MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to develop the management plan, the Local Coordinating Entity shall submit to the Secretary for approval a management plan for the Heritage Area.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The management plan shall—

(1) include—

(A) a list of comprehensive policies, goals, strategies, and recommendations for actions and projects consistent with the purposes of the Heritage Area;

(B) a description of proposed actions and financial commitments of governments (including tribal governments) and private organizations that would accomplish the purposes of the Heritage Area;

(C) a description of the role and participation of the Federal Government and State, tribal, and local governments that have jurisdiction over land within the Heritage Area; and

(D) an inventory of the natural, historic, cultural, educational, scenic, and recreational resources of the Heritage Area that should be protected, enhanced, interpreted, managed, funded, and developed;

(2) identify existing and potential sources of funding to accomplish the recommended actions and projects for the Heritage Area;

(3) include a business plan that—

(A) describes the role, operation, financing, and functions of—

(i) the Local Coordinating Entity; and

(ii) each of the major activities addressed in the management plan; and

(B) provides adequate assurances that the Local Coordinating Entity has the partnerships and financial and other resources necessary to implement the management plan; and

(4) be consistent with Federal, State, borough, and local plans, including—

(A) the plans for the Chugach National Forest and the Kenai Fjords National Park; and

(B) State transportation and historic management plans.

(c) TERMINATION OF FUNDING.—If the Local Coordinating Entity does not submit the management plan to the Secretary by the date that is 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to develop the management plan, the Local Coordinating Entity shall be ineligible to receive additional funding under this Act until the date on which the management plan is approved by the Secretary.

(d) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of receipt of the management plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall approve or disapprove the management plan.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining whether to approve or disapprove the management plan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider whether—

(A) the Local Coordinating Entity—

(i) has afforded adequate opportunities for public and governmental involvement in the preparation of the management plan; and

(ii) provides for at least semiannual public meetings to ensure adequate implementation of the management plan;

(B) the resource protection, enhancement, interpretation, funding, management, and development strategies described in the management plan, if implemented, would adequately protect, enhance, interpret, fund, manage, and develop the natural, historic, cultural, educational, scenic, and recreational resources of the Heritage Area;

(C) the management plan—

(i) is consistent with applicable Federal, State, borough, and local plans; and

(ii) would not adversely affect any activities authorized on Federal land;

(D) the Local Coordinating Entity, in partnership with other entities, has demonstrated the financial capability to carry out the management plan;

(E) the Secretary has received adequate assurances from State and local officials, the