KAKE – PETERSBURG INTERTIE
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This updates the information that was provided in December 2014.

Permitting and preliminary design work continues for a proposed new electrical transmission line intertie extending west across the Tongass National Forest, from the Petersburg area to Kake on Kupreanof Island. The Kake–Petersburg Intertie (KPI) would transmit power to Kake at either 69 or 138 kilovolts (kV) and consist primarily of single wood pole structures.

Environmental Impact Statement: The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Draft EIS describes and analyzes four alternatives, including a no action alternative. All three action alternatives follow existing NFS system roads to the extent possible. No new roads would be built under any of the alternatives. Construction access in areas without existing roads would be via temporary shovel trails and matting panels, with helicopter support, as needed. Shovel trails would be temporary and decommissioned following project construction.

The Notice of Availability seeking public review was published in the Federal Register on December 26, 2014 and that began a 45-day comment period which is now closed. Public meetings were held in Kake and Petersburg on January 13 and 14. Approximately 19 individual comment letters have been received by the Forest Service and content analysis is currently underway. All comments will be taken into consideration as the final EIS and the Draft Record of Decision (ROD) are prepared.

The Draft EIS links and other information is available on the SEAPA web site. Go to www.seapahydro.org and then the project tab and click on Kake-Petersburg Intertie.

Next Steps:

- The Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) is scheduled for early August of 2015.

- When the EIS is finalized and the intertie route is identified work will continue to make the project shovel ready. The process to select a design engineer will start. ✎

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