

October 26, 2019

To: MOA Assembly

From: RCCC Ky Holland-Co Chair

Re: RCCC Support wildfire hazard mitigation and capacity building

The RCCC general membership at its October 10, 2019 meeting unanimously approved the following resolution and request that support for these items be provided by the MOA Assembly and the administration in order to support the work we are doing and the work of the Anchorage Fire Department, the Chugach Electric Association and the State of Alaska Division of Forestry.

Whereas the AFD Firewise Forester position is not funded from November 1 through April 15th under the current grant funding;

Whereas the CEA is clearing right of ways and identifying dead spruce trees out of the ROW, but at risk of falling and damaging the electrical lines or potentially coming into contact and igniting;

Therefore the RCCC requests the MOA assist with identifying \$100,000 of funding from the \$2,000,000 All Hands All Lands and other sources to supplement the CEA ROW clearing efforts to drop dead spruce trees outside of the ROW subject to landowner approval and notice that CEA will only be dropping and not cleaning or removing the fallen trees. Further, to maintain the momentum of our neighbors and many groups such as HALO and our community council's Resiliency Committee currently preparing for April and May wildfire season we request that funding for the AFD Firewise Forester be secured to continue the part time position through the winter.

Respectfully,

Ky Holland Co Chair

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