



# CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM UPDATE

## BOARD OF FORESTRY

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# OVERVIEW

- Created with Governor's SB 48 (May 2023)
- Goal: Develop nature-based projects that generate revenue, create co-benefits, and allow companies to voluntarily mitigate emissions
- Projects generate credits based on the amount of atmospheric carbon removed; companies purchase credits to reduce or “offset” their carbon footprint and meet emission reduction targets

## TIMELINE

- May 2023 SB 48 passed; begin drafting regulations
- May 2024 Haines SF management plan revision begins
- July 2024 Regulations enacted
- Sept 2024 RFP seeking a forest-carbon project developer issued
- Nov 2024 Contract awarded to Terra Verde
- Jan 2025 Tanana Valley project feasibility study completed; BIF initiated
- April 2025 Pre-registration discussions with ACR begin
- June 2025 Tanana Valley SF management plan revision completed
- July 2025 Kenai project feasibility study initiated

# TANANA VALLEY PROJECT

- Improved Forest Management (IFM) project:  
Increasing the amount of carbon stored in a forest beyond what would happen under normal management
- Project area includes TVSF and forest-classified general lands
- Project areas remain open to
  - Timber, mining, and other resource development
  - Public access for hunting, fishing, recreation, etc.

# TANANA VALLEY PROJECT DESIGN

- Create carbon revenue while maintaining a stable timber base
- Based on annual forest growth
  - Unharvested growth (that could be harvested) would be the basis for carbon credits
  - Timber production would have “first bite”

## EVOLVING RULESETS

- Seeking pre-registration guidance from ACR on implementation of new IFM methodology
- SB 48 crafted around old methodology; new methodology is untested, more conservative
- Project must align with state timber management goals

# PATH FORWARD

- Pending ACR discussions:
  1. Prepare for project registration
    - Update State Forest management plans
    - Refine project areas
    - Draft BIF
  2. Advocate for an IFM methodology that aligns with DNR management goals
  3. Solicit interest in other proven project types
  4. Explore emerging opportunities

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