

Completed Alaska Forest Legacy Program Project – Colorado Creek

Project Name:	Chena River SRA In-holding
Forest Legacy Area:	Alaska
Location:	Fairbanks, AK
Description:	239 acre in-holding in the Chena River State Recreation Area is approximately 36 miles from Fairbanks. Funded in 2003.
Important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contains historic Colorado Creek Roadhouse ruins ● Crossed by major, heavily used, winter trail ● Forested with spruce and mixed hardwoods ● River frontage, moose habitat, grayling fishery ● Within existing conservation unit ● Within one hour of Fairbanks
Threatened:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The land was currently on the market and was being advertised for both house lots (the river front parcels are subdivided) and for an RV park.
Strategic:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chena Winter Trail used as part of the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog race. This is the only portion of the trail on private land, and acquisition of this parcel protects the integrity of this trail. ● Several local trails, including one to a popular public use cabin, cross near the property. ● This parcel was also the largest undeveloped private parcel in the park, with access from the road, and to the river. Conversion of this land would have interrupted the connectivity of the wildlife and river habitat, destroyed forest habitat, and had a significant impact on existing outdoor recreation use.
Ready:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appraisal completed ● Estimated completed date: January 2004 ● Funded match ● Parcel was on the market ● Sales agreement signed ● Willing seller to State of Alaska/FLP
Interested Parties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Conservation Fund