# Fort Yukon Wood Energy Program: Wood Boiler Deployment

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# Organizational Overview:

- Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG)
  - Consortia of 10 Tribal Governments of Interior Alaska
- Gwitchyaa Zhee Corporation (GZ Corp)
  - Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Village Corporation
- Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI)
  - Rural Alaska economic development organization

#### Overview of Project:

- First off grid, off road system biomass CHP in the world
  - 8 miles north of the Arctic Circle
- New Power House
- Wood Chip Boiler
- District Heating loop providing heat to commercial buildings
  - Ie. School, AC, Radio Station, Water Plant, Clinic, etc.

#### Integrated Biomass Program

Rural Economic Development

Energy Cost Reduction

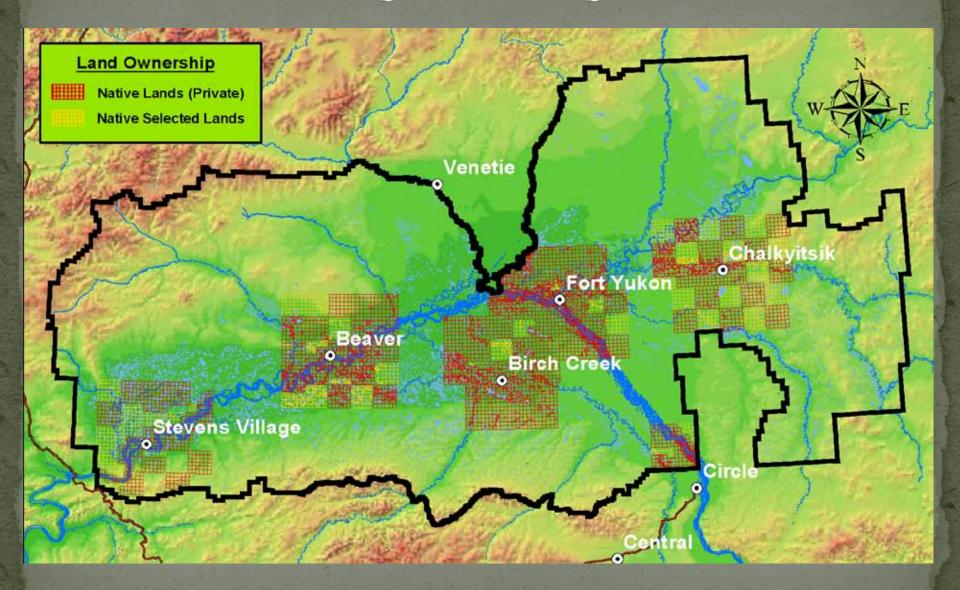
Environmental Improvement

Community
Biomass
Utilization
Program

Habitat
Enhancement

Wildfire Mitigation

#### Land Ownership: It's complicated!



# How much money will be spent?

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Funder/Grantee	Amount	Source	Scope
Denali Commission (DC)/Alaska Energy	\$ 808,809	Round "zero" Renewable Energy Fund	Grant Secured - Match in place - Harvest Equipment
Authority (AEA)			
DC/Alaska Village Intiatives (AVI)	\$ 258,30	Economic Development Program	Training and Tech Support and Harvest Plan
DC/AEA	\$ 60,000	Energy Program Planning/Design	Comprehensive Energy Business Plan including Rural Power System Upgrade
			(RPSU), heat utility/wood harvest, biomass diesel hybrid power and integrated
			district heat system. 1st draft completed
AEA	\$ 210,000	Final Design Funds AEA	In conjunction with DOE and is match
DOE	\$ 210,000	Phase 1 80% design DOE	In conjunction with AEA and is match
DOE/CATG	\$ 990,000	Renewable Energy DOE	Construction or other support functions needs 1:1 Match
AEA/GZ	\$ 2,300,00	REF Round (3) AEA	Construction Funds
GZ Cash	\$ 300,000	Cash GZ	Company start up fundfs
DC/AEA	\$ 280,000	RPSU Program	Diesel powerhouse design & CHP BOP
AEA/Power House funding	\$ 3,500,00	Awarded from USDA - NEPA needs to be	Diesel powerhouse construction
		done	
GZ Match Land and Building	\$ 400,000	GZ Corp	
	\$ 9,317,10	Total Funding Secured	

#### Products thus far:

- Conceptual Design
- Financial Analysis
  - @ 4.10 a gallon & \$250 a ton with 70% displacement a \$80K boiler pays back in 3 years.
- Boiler Business Plan
- Powerhouse business Plan
- Combined business plan
- Harvest Plan
- Operations Plan
- Environmental Assessment
- Harvest Equipment

#### Power Costs: among highest in nation

- $\overline{-}$  Gasoline = \$8.50 per gallon
- $\overline{\text{No 1 Diesel}} = \$7.00 \text{ per gallon}$ 
  - Average house hold cost for oil = \$3,500 per year
  - Oil cost per year for school = \$210,000
  - Fuel cost for electrical generation = \$1.4 M
- Cord Wood = \$275 \$300 per cord
- Kwh = \$0.51 (rate increase coming)
- Propane = \$193 per 100 lbs tank

#### Years achievements:

- Funder reassurance
- Consultant accountability
- Harvest Equipment Grant
- Harvest site selection
- Power house funding
- Two pieces of Equipment
- Integrated business plan



- CHP (Power house) Facility construction
  - Who is responsible
  - Objectives List
  - Timeline for completion
- Biomass Harvest
  - Timeline
  - Operations

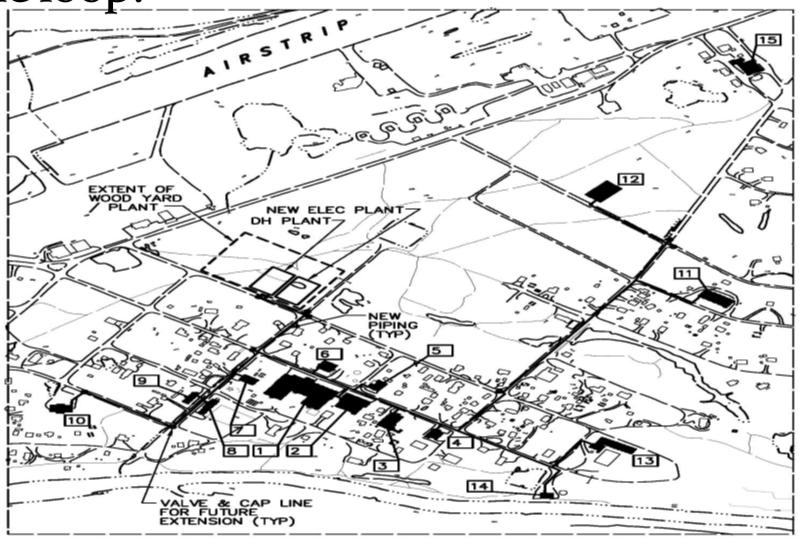


- CHP Facility construction Power house
  - Who is responsible:
    - AEA will manage the construction
    - Steve Stassel will preform engineering over site
    - Construction contract will go through standard AEA biding process.
  - Objectives List
  - Timeline for completion

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  - Objectives List:
    - Finalize legal paperwork for site control
    - Survey plot, including topographic (completed)
    - Design Facility layout
    - AEA put construction contract out to bid
    - Begin construction Spring 2012
    - Finish construction Fall 2012
  - Timeline for completion

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The loop:



MAX PLANT 1

SCHOOL GYM STORE POST OFFICE CATG OFFICE

6. STATE BLDG
7. SHOP
8. DISTRICT OFFICE
9. CHURCH
10. YUKON FLATS

11. CITY BLDG
12. NEW CATG CLINIC
13. TRIBAL OFFICES
14. WATER TREAT
15. OLD CATG CLINIC

- Biomass Harvest
  - Timeline:
    - Environmental Analysis
    - Equipment arrival
    - Clear Storage site
    - Permitting for Landing Site
    - Develop landing to harvest site
    - Harvest FiberDecember-April 2012
  - **Operations**

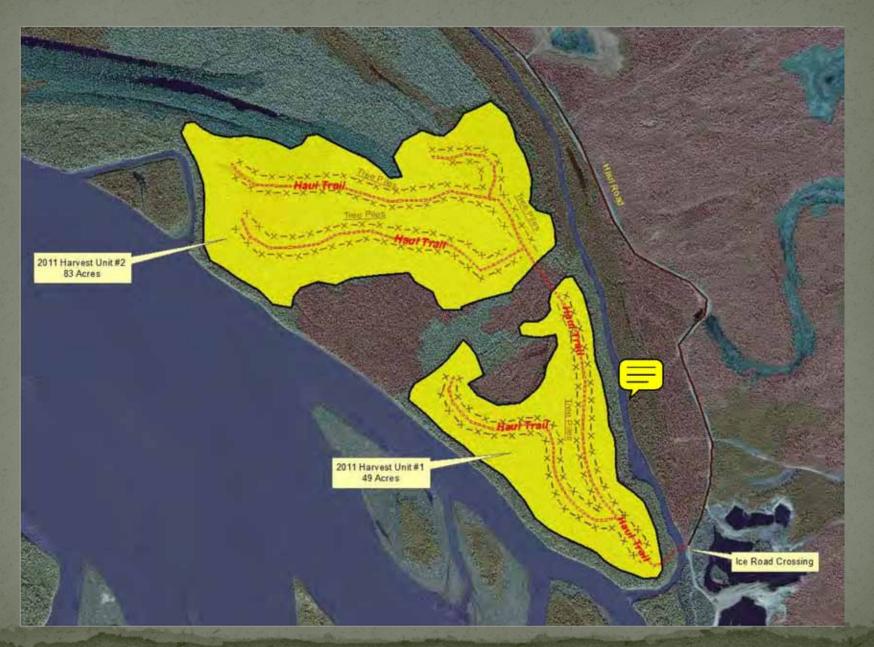


- Biomass Harvest
  - Timeline
  - Operations: Four primary components
    - Trail Development to Ulota island
    - Felling Fiber
    - Transport



Implementation Plan: Harvest Area's 2014 Harvest Unit #10 31 Acres 2013 Harvest Unit #8 35 Acres 2014 Harvest 2013 Harvest Unit #11 Unit #7 42 Acres 29 Acres 2014 Harvest Unit #9 2013 Harvest 20 Acres Unit #6 32 Acres 2015 Harvest 2011 Harvest Unit #2 Unit #12 83 Acres 48 Acres 2011 Harvest Unit #1 2015 Harvest 49 Acres Unit #13 32 Acres 2012 Harvest Unit #3 30 Acres 2012 Harvest Unit #4 14 Acres 2012 Harvest Unit #5 55 Acres

#### Year 1 Harvest Area



# Year 1 Harvest Area: Slough Crossing



- Biomass Harvest: Operation Detail Year 1
  - Cutting
    - Kubota 080 & New Holland TV 6070
  - Transport
    - Sled to staging area
  - Stack for drying
    - Separate by relative species



#### Implementation Plan: Next 3 months

- Final Environmental Analysis
- Alaska Forest Practices Act notification
- Legal site control for facility
- Final Design
- Harvest Contract



