







CHUGACH



**CHILDREN'S
FOREST**











Plan Revision Process

- ▣ **Just beginning the first phase of a 3-year process**
- ▣ **Revising 2002 Plan under the “new” 2012 National Forest Planning Rule**
- ▣ **Revision is an Opportunity to Evaluate How Current 2002 Plan is Working and If there is a Need for Change**

What is a Forest Plan?

- ▣ **A Strategic Framework that guides forest's day to day resource mgmt.**
- ▣ **A comprehensive plan to guide management over the next 15 years - framework that guides day to day mgmt. operations**

Why Revise?

- ▣ **National Policy Requires Forest Plans be revised every 15 years.**
- ▣ **Revising under the 2012 Planning Rule**
- ▣ **1 of 8 forests nationwide referred to as “early adopter” forests**

What's Different with Revising Under 2012 Planning Rule

▣ 3 Phases

■ Assessment

- ▣ We are currently in this phase

■ Plan Revision

■ Monitoring

2012 Planning Rule Highlights

- ▣ **Designed to take less time/cost less money**
- ▣ **3 Phase Adaptive Planning Process**
- ▣ **Enhanced public engagement/collaboration**
- ▣ **Outreach to New Audiences/groups**
- ▣ **All Lands Perspective**
- ▣ **Sustainable Rec. as important multiple- use**
- ▣ **Multiple uses & integrated resource mgmt. requirements considering full range of values/uses - mining, energy, rec, fish,**

▣ **Emphasis on Sustainable Recreation**

- **Important multiple use**
- **Contributor to social & economic sustainability**
- **Responsible officials must also consider habitat to support hunting/fishing when providing multiple uses.**
- **Requirements to provide for multiple uses and integrated resource mgmt. considering full range of uses/values including mining, energy, recreation, timber, watershed, fish & wildlife, and subsistence.**

Assessment

- ▣ **Snap shot of existing conditions and identifies issues and trends.**
- ▣ **Non-decisional document**
- ▣ **15 required elements, ie. social , cultural, and economic conditions; multiple uses and their contribution to local, regional, and national economies; terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems**

What Do We Want to Hear?

- ▣ How do you use the forest today?
- ▣ What are barriers to use?
- ▣ Anything else you want to make a comment on about how the current 2002 Forest Plan is working or is not working.

In Summary

- ▣ In revising our Forest Plan we will be starting with the current 2002 Plan.
- ▣ We will be determining, from both public, state, tribal and everyone's input, what is working with the current plan and what is not.
- ▣ We will use the information from the Assessment AND all the input on the current plan, to build the case for change to revise the Chugach National Forest Plan under the 2012 Planning Rule.

A large stack of cut logs is the central focus of the image, arranged in a neat pile. The logs are cut into uniform lengths and are stacked in a way that shows their circular ends. The background is a dense forest of green trees, with sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating a bright and natural atmosphere. The overall scene suggests a logging operation in a forested area.

How to Get More Information

1) Go to the Chugach National Forest Web Site

www.fs.usda.gov/chugach/



How People Can Get More Information

2) Then select Chugach National Forest Plan Revision

Phase I – Assessment

Public Forums

Sign up for mailing list, or provide comments on Phase I.



TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
Land and Resource Management Plan
(Forest Plan)
Five-Year Review
March 2013



Purpose of Tongass Forest Plan 5-Year Review

1. **Provide Forest Supervisor with insight** into the public's, Tribes' and employees' view of the Forest Plan and its implementation, at the five-year mark
2. **Maintain communication** about the Plan and its implementation.
3. **Assist Forest Supervisor** in determining whether any actions are needed, at this time, to clarify or adjust the Plan.

Examples of Actions that Could Result from the 5-Year Review

Type of Action	Time to Complete Action
1. Provide written clarification of Forest Plan sections	1 to 2 months
2. Plan supplement	1 to 12 months
3. Minor Plan amendment	1 to 2 years
4. Major Plan amendment	1 to 3 years
5. Plan revision	4 to 5 years*

*Other projects may be put on hold due to budget and personnel limits

Major Components of the 5-Year Review

Dec 2012

Prepared Information Needs Assessment

Jan–June 30,
2013

Solicit written comments from public and TNF employees, Consultation with Tribes, Stakeholder Meetings, Others

Feb – March
2013

Public Meetings

May 2013

Prepare 5-year Monitoring & Evaluation Report

July 2013

Review Forest Plan Conservation Strategy

Early 2014/
Spring 2014

Summary (report) of all the components, including comments and responses from Forest Supervisor

History of Tongass Forest Plan

1976: Tongass Land Management Plan started

1979: Tongass Land Management Plan/FEIS (TLMP)

1980: TLMP Amended

1985/86: TLMP Amended

1990: TLMP Amended

1990: Revision DEIS

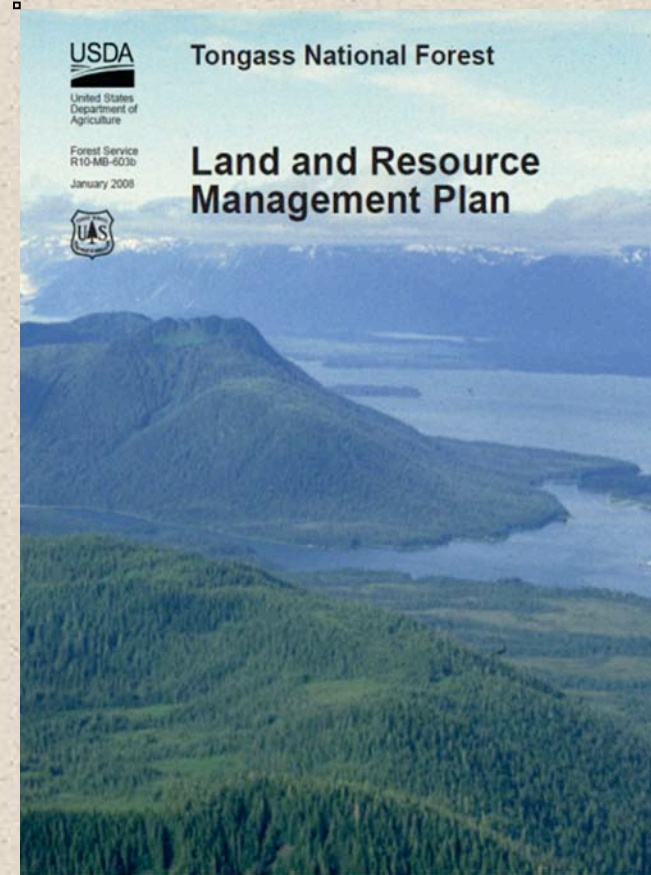
1991: Revision SDEIS

1997: Forest Plan/FEIS/ROD

2003: SEIS - No new Forest Plan

**2008: Forest Plan Amend/FEIS/
ROD**

2013: Forest Plan 5-Year Review



Public Meetings So Far

- To date, we have had meetings in Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Craig, Ketchikan and Juneau.
- We have a meeting scheduled in Haines – Monday, March 25, Haines Borough Public Library, 6 – 8 pm
- We have had over 100 people at the meetings
- We have very few comments but it is still early; the comment period closes on June 30.



How People Can Stay Informed

1) Project information at:

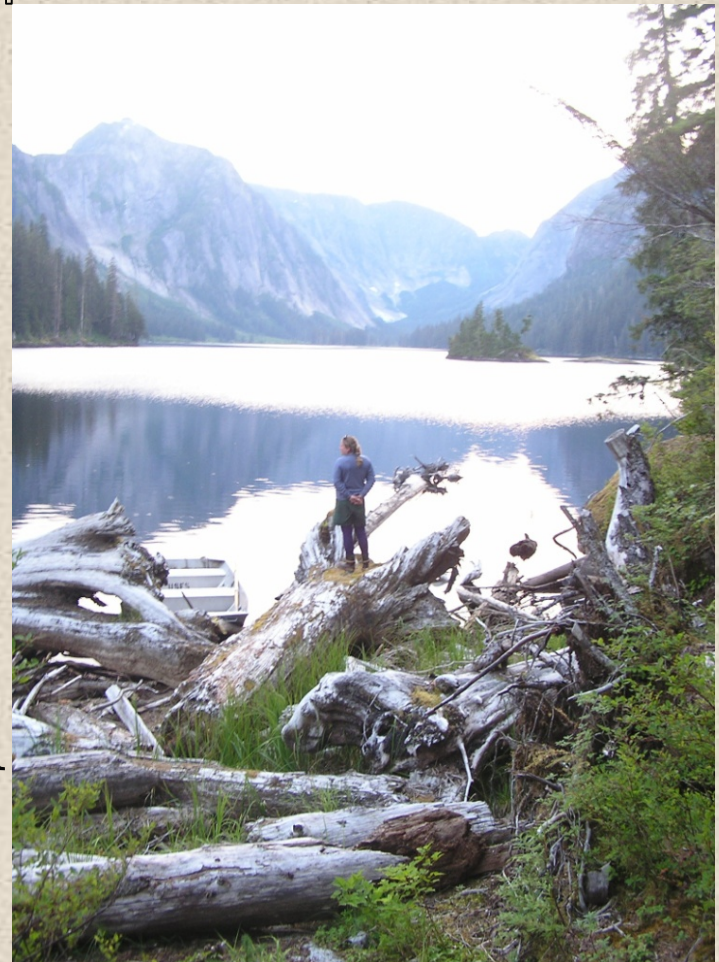
www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/

2) Join Contact List at:

Link at www.tnf-5yearreview.com

Types of Comments That are Most Helpful...specific ideas on

- How do you think the Forest Plan implementation is going and why you feel that way?
- How would you change the Forest Plan and why?
- What do you see working well on the Tongass?
- What do you see on the horizon that was not addressed in the Forest Plan & needs to be soon?



How to Submit a Comment Between Now & June 30

1. Use the web at www.tnf-5yearreview.com

- Best way to submit comments
- Use Comment Form.

2. Submit comment in writing to:

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