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# Tongass Land Management Plan Revision

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement

## Response Form



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## **Some Tips on Making An Effective Response**

This response form is designed to help make it easier for you to prepare your comments for us. You do not have to use this form - - feel free to send a personal letter if you prefer.

We will carefully read each response that we receive. The points you make will be considered and entered into the computer to help us analyze the expected large volume of responses.

Before you respond, carefully consider all of the issues and alternatives discussed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and in the Summary. To be most effective with your response, tell us which alternative or combination of alternatives you believe best addresses the issues. Be as specific in your response as possible. Refer to the maps and to specific locations and situations to help illustrate your points.

Remember, the more specific your comments are, the more useful they will be in the final decision-making process. A response that says, "I like Alternative X" will not be as effective as one that tells why you like the alternative, and relates to individual concerns and specific areas of the Forest.

We are eager to hear all points of view. This public response process is part of an environmental analysis procedure and is not a vote. You may be the only person to express a certain good idea. Your personal knowledge of an issue or area may strongly influence a final decision.

For the next 90 days, you have an opportunity to tell us how you think the Tongass National Forest should be managed for the next 10 to 15 years.

We are looking forward to your comments.

## **Why Respond?**

After all the comments are read and analyzed, the Forest Supervisors from the Chatham, Stikine and Ketchikan areas will review and evaluate the comments along with the Regional Forester. This information will be used to help them decide on the final Forest Plan.

You can write your comments in this booklet or you can tear pages out and type in your responses. Feel free to include additional pages if you need more room.



## **Issues Addressed by the Alternatives**

Alternatives were developed to address the issues you helped identify. It's important to us to hear from you about how well you think each alternative addresses each issue. The issues are restated on the following pages. Please feel free to let us know which alternative you think best addresses each issue and why. If you don't believe that any of the alternatives do a good job of addressing the issues, let us know what you would like to see in terms of an alternative. Remember, the more specific you can be, the better.





**Scenic Quality - What areas should be managed to emphasize scenic quality?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for scenic quality.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for scenic quality and why.



**Recreation - What areas should be managed to emphasize recreation opportunities?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for recreation opportunities.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for recreation opportunities and why.



**Fish Habitat** - What methods should be used to protect resident and anadromous fish habitat?

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for fish habitat.
- We are also very interested to know which specific streams and drainages you think should be emphasized for fish habitat enhancement and why.



**Wildlife Habitat - What amount of old-growth and undeveloped habitat should be managed for the protection of wildlife?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for old-growth and undeveloped habitat.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for old-growth and undeveloped habitat and why.





**Subsistence** - What should the Forest Service do to continue providing subsistence opportunities?

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for subsistence.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for subsistence, why, and what access should be provided, if any.



**Timber Harvesting** - What areas of the Tongass should be managed to emphasize timber harvesting?

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for timber harvesting.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for timber harvesting and why.



**Transportation System - What road system should be developed on the Tongass National Forest?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for transportation.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for road development; road closures, and why.



**Minerals** - What areas and accessibility should be emphasized for exploration, development, and production of mineral resources?

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for minerals.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for minerals and why.





**Wilderness - What areas and what amount of roadless lands should be recommended for wilderness designation or other types of roadless management?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed for wilderness.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for wilderness and why.



**Lifestyles - What ways should national forest lands be managed to provide for the local lifestyles of Southeast Alaska communities?**

- We are interested in which of the alternatives you think best addresses this issue. We want to know how you would like to see the Tongass managed considering local employment and traditional uses.
- We are also very interested to know which specific areas you think should be emphasized for local lifestyles and why.



## **Other Comments**

Please feel free to make any other comments you would like to about the materials you have received, or any aspect of Forest planning or management.



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