Open House & Subsistence Hearings

TONGASS LAND and RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

You are invited to attend an **Open House** on the Proposed Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Forest Service staff will be available to answer questions. You will have the opportunity to review the five alternatives and the proposed amendments to the text of the Plan, which are analyzed in the DEIS. Following the Open House, there will a **Subsistence Hearing** under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). During the hearing you are invited to give testimony on your comments and concerns about the alternatives and the proposed amendments relative to subsistence issues on the Tongass National Forest. Spoken testimony will be recorded and written testimony can also be submitted.

The Open Houses/Subsistence Hearings will be held in following locations from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the Open Houses, and from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the Subsistence Hearings:

January 11 – Craig/Thorne Bay /Klawock, Alaska

Prince of Wales VoTech Center, 6565 Boundary Road, Klawock, AK

January 12 – Ketchikan Southeast Alaska Discovery Center, 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, AK

January 13 – Wrangell Wrangell Ranger District Conference Room, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK

January 14 – Petersburg Petersburg Ranger District Conference Room, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, AK

January 19- Juneau Juneau/Admiralty District Conference Room, 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, Juneau, AK

January 20- Sitka Westmark Hotel Conference Room, 330 Seward St, Sitka, AK

January 21 – Hoonah Hoonah Ranger District, 430 Airport Way, Hoonah, AK

January 22- Yakutat Yakutat Ranger District, Kwaan Plaza Conference Room, 712 Ocean Cape Rd., Yakutat, AK

Formal comments can be made on the Proposed Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment and DEIS, and will be accepted until February 22, 2016, when the comment period closes. Both the written comments and the testimony from Subsistence Hearings will be considered during the preparation of the Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision.

