

WHY IS THE TONGASS DOING A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW NOW?

When the Forest Service formally adopted the current Forest Plan in 2008, the agency committed to doing a review of the plan's effectiveness in five years. Now, in 2013, the Tongass Forest Supervisor is looking to gain greater insight into the Forest Plan and its implementation over the last five years and to determine whether any actions at this time are needed to clarify or adjust the plan.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COMMENTS?

The Forest Supervisor will consider all feedback and determine the need for a response to each issue. Examples of responses may include written clarification of sections of the Forest Plan, or a more formal plan supplement, revision, or amendment. The Forest Supervisor will share the responses with the public by end of 2013 or early 2014, at the conclusion of the five-year review process. The final report will be available at the Tongass National Forest website.

ARE THERE OTHER PARTS TO THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW?

Yes. The five-year review process will also include preparing a five-year monitoring and evaluation report, completion of an information needs assessment, and review of the Forest Plan's conservation strategy. More information about these activities will be available at the Tongass National Forest project website at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/Tongass/landmanagement/planning

WHERE CAN I SEND COMMENTS?

If you would like to comment on the Forest Plan, please enter your comments online at:

www.tnf-5yearreview.com



WHERE DO I GO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Tongass website will be used to provide information about the five-year review and allows online comment submissions.

Go to the Tongass National Forest's website at

www.fs.usda.gov/main/Tongass/landmanagement/planning

To discuss the five-year review of the Tongass Forest Plan, contact Sue Jennings at comments-alaska-tongass@fs.fed.us or (907) 772-5864.

Written comments or questions can be mailed to:

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
TNF 5-YEAR REVIEW
648 MISSION STREET
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901-6591

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST LAND & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW



The Tongass National Forest is looking for feedback on its main guiding document, the Tongass National Forest Land & Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), on the heels of the plan's five year anniversary. We are looking for stakeholder and general public comments on the plan. In addition, the Tongass will lead a review of the Forest Plan's "conservation strategy," the system of old growth reserves and management standards that protects fish and wildlife across the forest. A 5-year monitoring & evaluation report & an information needs assessment will also occur.

How You Can Participate



THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

The Tongass National Forest provides a broad range of benefits to society from the Forest, from recreation opportunities to salmon to wood products. In order to ensure that today's activities on the forest do not impact these benefits over the long run, managers follow the guidance of the Forest Plan, most recently approved in 2008. Now, the Forest is looking for feedback from the public on whether the plan is working as promised, or whether some changes are needed.

The Tongass National Forest wants to hear from a wide range of people about how well the Forest Plan has been working over the last five years. The public comment period will be open between January and March 31, 2013.

COMMENT ON THE PLAN

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The Tongass National Forest will solicit comments through public and stakeholders meetings, government-to-government consultation with Southeast Alaska tribes, and written comments. The Tongass website will be used to provide information to both internal and external audiences about the five-year review.

JOIN THE CONTACT LIST

To receive updates and notifications regarding this project, join the Tongass National Forest 5 Year Review Mailing List by clicking the link on the project website: www.fs.usda.gov/main/Tongass/landmanagement/planning, or notify us in writing at the mailing address above.

ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING

In February, public meetings will be held in Petersburg, Sitka, Craig, Ketchikan, and Juneau. These meetings will include a brief review of the Forest Plan and monitoring activities, and will provide time for discussion and comment.



PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

(All Public Meetings will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm)

Community	Date	Location
PETERSBURG	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11	PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOC., ELIZABETH PERATROVICH CONFERENCE ROOM
SITKA	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13	HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL
CRAIG	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	CRAIG TRIBAL ASSOCIATION HALL
KETCHIKAN	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21	TED FERRY CIVIC CENTER
JUNEAU	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28	JUNEAU ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER



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