



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

# Meeting Purpose

1. **To explain purpose & process** for 5 year review of the Forest Plan
2. **To give you information** you need so you can make meaningful comments during review period (written comments accepted through June 30)
3. **To provide time for questions and discussion**

# Purpose of Forest Plan 5-Year Management Review

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

# 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            |

# Major Components of the 5-Year Review

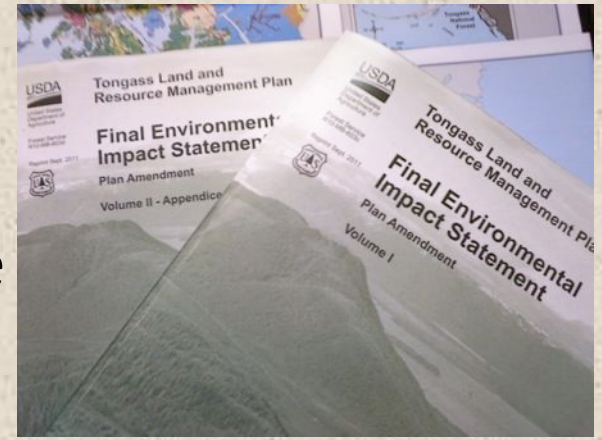
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| Jan-June 30, 2013 | Solicit written comments from public and TNF employees, Consultation with Tribes, Stakeholder Meetings, Other |
| Feb-March 2013    | Public Meetings   |
| May 2013          | Prepare 5-year Monitoring & Evaluation Report   |
| June 2013         | Review Forest Plan Conservation Strategy  |
| Done Dec 2012     | Prepared Information Needs Assessment   |
| Early 2014        | Summary of public, Tribal and employee comments, and, Responses from Forest Supervisor                        |

# History of National Forests and Planning

- Forest Reserves created 1891
- Organic Administration Act - 1897
- Tongass National Forest, established by Theodore Roosevelt as part of the National Forest System - 1907.
- Multiple-Use Sustained-yield Act (MUSY 1960)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA 1969)
- **Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA 1974)\* and**
- **National Forest Management Act\* (NFMA 1976)**
  - \* Require "...the Secretary of Agriculture to issue regulations under the principles of the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 for the development and revision of land management plans."
- Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA 1980)
- Tongass Timber Reform Act (TTRA 1990)

# What is a Forest Plan?

A Forest Plan sets the Desired Conditions\* for all areas of the Forest, based on an environmental analysis. These landscape attributes describe the mosaic of land and resource conditions envisioned for the Forest in the future.



*\*Desired Conditions – how we want the Tongass to look and function 10, 20, 50, and 100+ years from now.*

Desired Conditions are attained through Forest-wide goals and objectives, which are set for each of the 19 land use designations (LUDs). Essentially a zoning ordinance and map.

# Goals and Objectives

**Forest-wide Goals** - describe the desired conditions (*how the Tongass looks & functions in the future*).

**Forest-wide Objectives** - define HOW we meet the Plan Goals (*what activities we expect to do to get to the desired conditions*).

From the Goals and Objectives, the Tongass established forest-wide Standards and Guidelines for implementing the Forest Plan.

**Standard** - mandatory course of action or level of attainment required by the Forest Plan, typically identified by the words “must” or “will.”

**Guideline** - preferred or advisable course of action or level of attainment indicative of the intent of the Plan, typically identified by the words “may” or “where practicable”.



# Forest Plan Process

Environmental Analysis



Desired Conditions → Goals



Mapped LUDs



Objectives



Standards and Guidelines



Monitoring

← Projects →



# 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

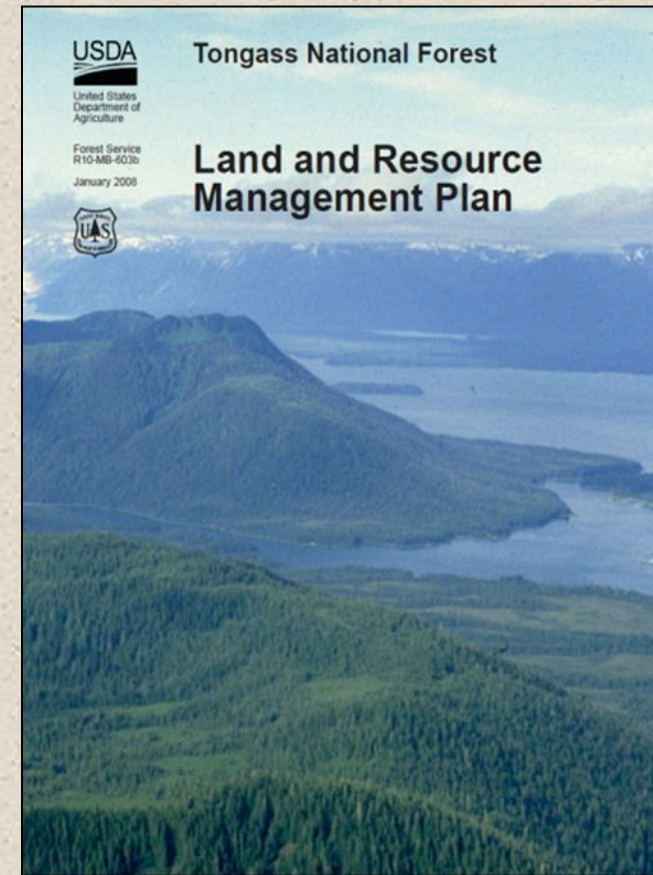
1991: Revision SDEIS

1997: **Forest Plan/FEIS/ROD**

2003: SEIS - No new Forest Plan

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

2013: Forest Plan 5-Year Review



# Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Documents

The primary documents and information that comprise or support the Forest Plan include:

- **2008 Forest Plan**
- **Record of Decision**
- **FEIS Volumes I & II**
- **Maps**
- **2003 SEIS**
- **1997 Forest Plan FEIS**

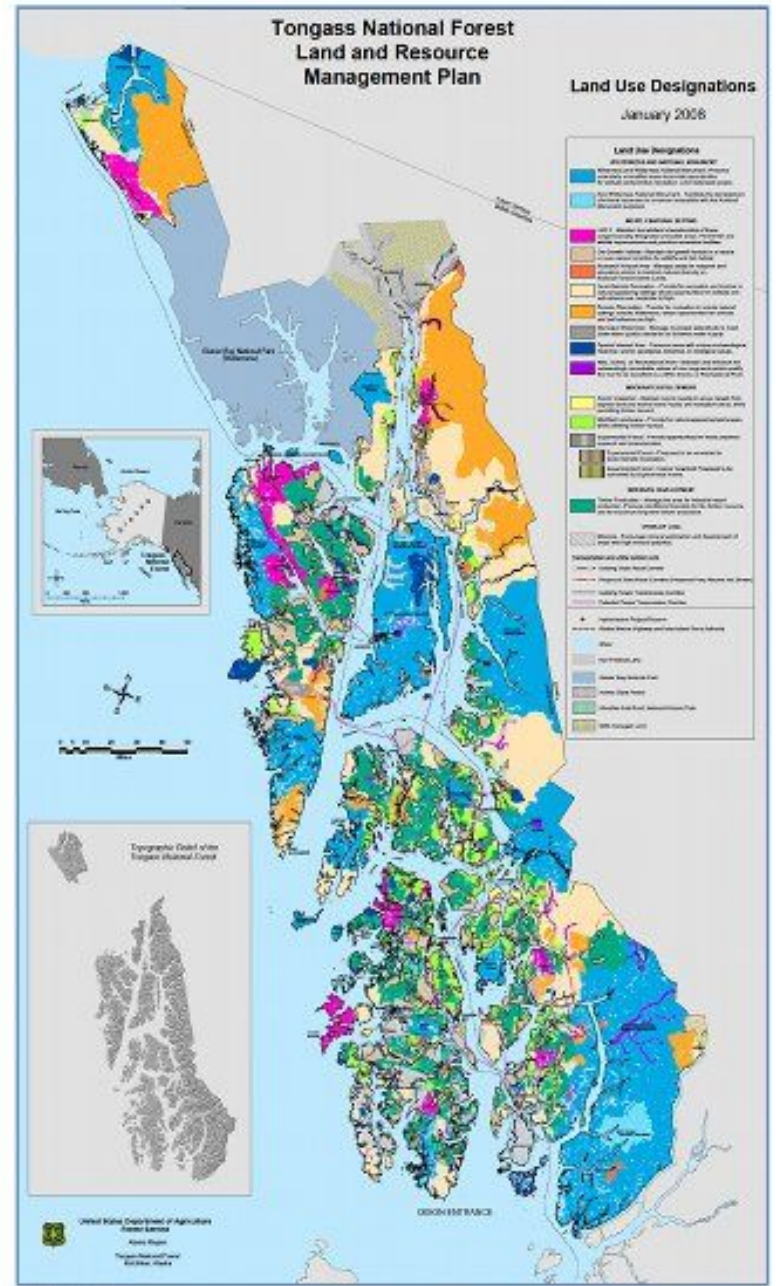


# Record of Decision

The ROD approves how we manage the Tongass – based on the Land Use Designation (LUD) map. Direction in the plan determines which types of activities are consistent, allowed, conditionally allowed, or prohibited by LUD.

- **Forest-wide multiple-use Goals & Objectives**
- **19 LUDs (zones) across the Tongass**
- **Management Prescription (MP) for each LUD**
- **23 Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines that apply in all LUDs.**

# 2008 ROD Selected Alternative Map



# LUD Legend

## 2 Wilderness & National Monument Designations



**Wilderness & Wilderness  
National Monument**



**Non-Wilderness  
National Monument**



# 8 Mostly Natural Setting Designations



**LUD II**



**Old Growth Habitat**



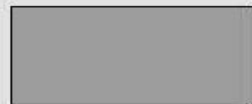
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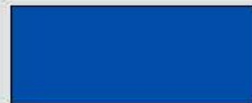
**Semi-Remote Recreation**



**Remote Recreation**



**Municipal Watershed**



**Special Interest Area**



**Wild, Scenic or Recreational River**



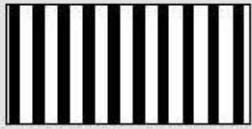
## 3 Moderate Development Designations



**Scenic Viewshed**



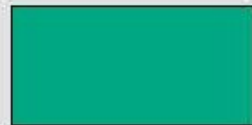
**Modified Landscape**



**Experimental Forest**



## 1 Intensive Development Designation



**Timber Production**

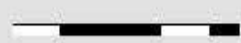


# Overlay Land Use Designations



Minerals - Encourage mineral exploration and development of areas with high mineral potential.

## Transportation and Utility System LUD



Existing State Road Corridor



Proposed State Road Corridor (Proposed Ferry Routes Not Shown)



Existing Power Transmission Corridor



Potential Power Transmission Corridor



# Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Adaptive Management:** By using adaptive management and regularly monitoring how the Forest Plan's implementation is effecting resources, we can improve future management
- **Monitoring:** Through monitoring, we evaluate if we are achieving the Standards & Guidelines and Goals & Objectives, and are achieving the intent of the Forest Plan
- **Annual Reports:** Help us evaluate activities & actions, progress, and results.



# How to Stay Informed about Process and Results

**1) Monitor the project at our website:**

[www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/)

**2) Join Contact List**

- Sign in tonight
- Link at [www.tnf-5yearreview.com](http://www.tnf-5yearreview.com)

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**Forest Plan 5 Year Review: Comment Form**

Address to mail written comments:  
Tongass National Forest  
TNF 5-Year Review  
645 Mission Street  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901-6591

**Note:** It is possible to add an attached file with your comments at the bottom of this form.

**Last Name:** \*

**First Name:** \*

**Position/Function:**

**Organization/Company:**

**Address:** \*

**City:** \*

**State:** \*

**Zip:** \*

**Country:**

**Phone:**

**Fax:**

**Email Address:** \*

**Comment:**

**Attach a file:**

Only pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, ppt, pptx, odf, and odt file formats are permitted. Files must also be less than 5MB in size.

**CAPTCHA**  
This question is for testing whether you are a human visitor and to prevent automated spam submissions.

**Math question:** \*  
7 + 11 =

Solve this simple math problem and enter the result. E.g. for 1+3, enter 4.

You can click on the link to **join the contact list**

Red starred items are required

**Comment here**

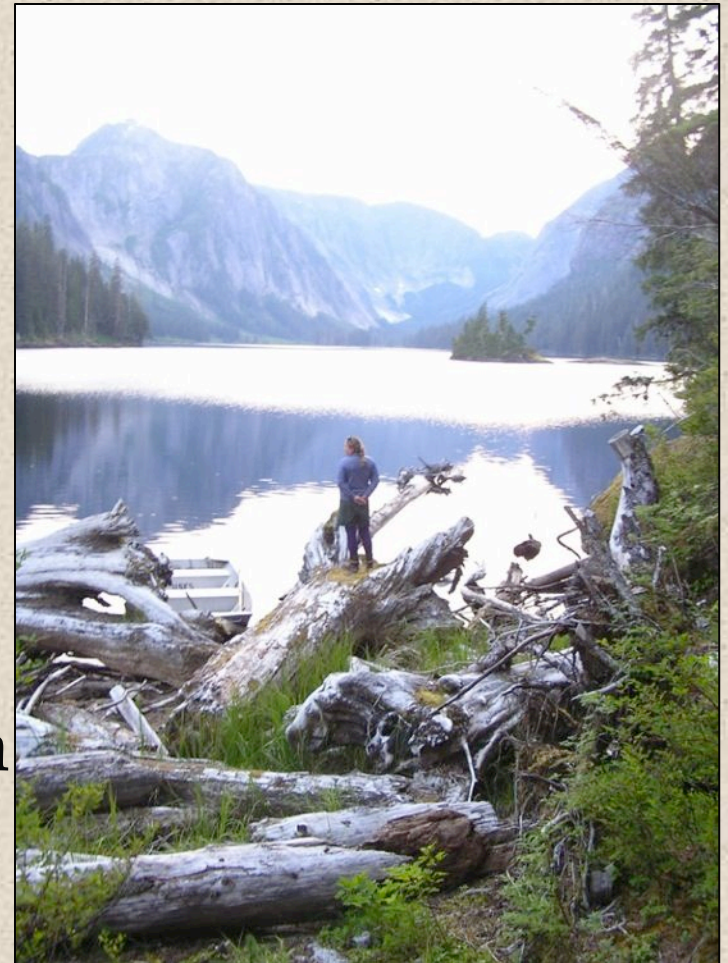
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Quick quiz to verify person

**Submit comment**  
when finished

# Types of Comments That are Most Helpful...your 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?



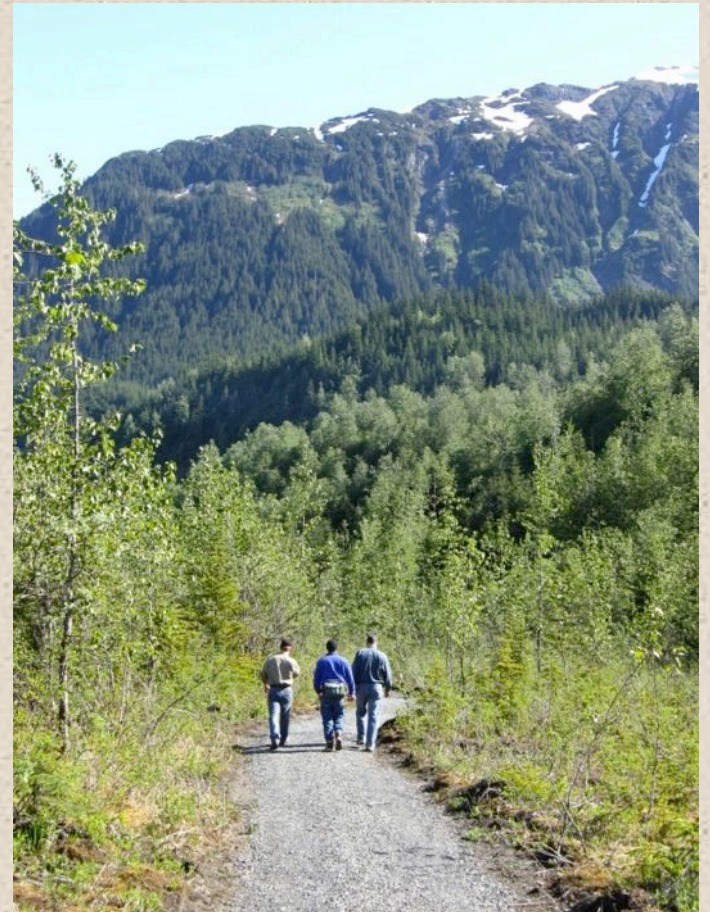
# How to Submit a Comment Between Now & June 30

## 1. Use the web at [www.tnf-5yearreview.com](http://www.tnf-5yearreview.com)

- Best way to submit comments
- Use Comment Form.

## 2. Submit comment in writing to:

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



# Discussion and Comment

Our goal is to hear your comments about the Forest Plan.

- We will go in the order of the sign-up sheet.
- If time, after everyone who wants to has commented, we will open the floor to discussion.

Please be respectful when others are talking, as you would expect from them when you speak.

Please keep in mind that we don't expect to have answers today - we will know more after all the parts of the 5-year review are completed.

# Thank you

- **Join Contact List**

If you signed in today, your name will be added to the contact list.

- **Stay Informed**

[www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/landmanagement/)

- **Comment**

If you think of something that you didn't mention today, please comment at:

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