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US Forest Service Tongass National Forest Conservation Strategy Summit

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 –
Best Western, Landing
Sunny Point Ballroom
3434 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Agenda

Objectives:

- Present information about the 2008 Old-Growth Habitat Conservation Strategy, new science since 2008, and monitoring results.
- Provide opportunity for discussion of the current strategy, need for revisions, and potential alternatives, to inform comments to be submitted during the Tongass National Forest 2008 Land and Resource Management Plan Five-Year review.
- Provide information about the 2013 Tongass Forest Plan Five-Year review process.

8:30 – 8:45 Welcoming Remarks & Intro - Purpose of Summit

Speaker: Ted Schenk - Wildlife Subsistence and Planning Staff Officer

8:45 – 9:00 Forest Service's 5 Year Review Process – Relationship to this Summit

Presenter: Ted Schenk - Wildlife Subsistence and Planning Staff Officer

9:00 – 9:40 Background Regarding Conservation Strategies

Habitat Management

Presenter: Brian Logan, Forest Wildlife Biologist, Tongass National Forest

Population Management

Presenter: Doug Larsen, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation

Threatened and Endangered Species

Presenter: Steve Brockmann, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife

9:40 – 9:55 Socioeconomics - Triple Bottom Line Approach to Screening Conservation Strategies for Resource Development

Presenter: Wade Zammit - President and CEO - Sealaska Timber Corporation

Tongass Forest Plan Five-Year Review Process

**Written comments are due
on June 30, 2013.**

Go to <http://tnf-5yearreview.com>
for an online comment form
(preferred), or mail written
comments to:

Tongass National Forest
TNF 5-Year Review
648 Mission Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901-6591

9:55 – 10:10 Break

10:10-11:10 2008 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Old-Growth Habitat Conservation Strategy: The Current Strategy, New Science, Monitoring

Presenter: Brian Logan

11:10 – 12:15 Alternative Strategies

Presenters:

Shelly Wright, Executive Director, Southeast Conference

Dave Albert, Conservation Science Director, The Nature Conservancy

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 3:45 Small Group discussion sessions – Jan Caulfield, Facilitator

I Current Conservation Strategy

Consider and discuss the following questions:

- What elements of the current Conservation Strategy do you think work now and should be carried forward?
- What should be changed? Why?
- What has changed since 2008 (e.g., new scientific information, policies, or changing conditions) that you want the Forest Service to consider in its evaluation of the Conservation Strategy?

2:20 – 2:35 Break

II New Approaches / Alternative Strategies

With consideration of the proposed alternative strategies presented today – and other ideas or options that you might have:

- What elements of the alternative strategies presented do you want considered further, and why?
- What elements of the proposals give you concern? Why?
- What other ideas or options that you want the Forest Service to consider, and why?

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 4:45 Small Group reports to full group

4:45 – 5:00 Wrap-up and Next Steps

5:00 Adjourn

Intent of Small Group Sessions

- Provide opportunity for constructive discussion among participants regarding the current Conservation Strategy and possible alternatives or revisions to that strategy. The goal is not to debate competing points of view. It is to explore issues through a constructive exchange of ideas and information that may lead to a new and deeper understanding of issues or even new approaches that should be considered.
- Stimulate and inform individuals and organizations as they prepare their comments on the Conservation Strategy for the Five-Year Review.
- Notes from the small group and large group discussion will be included in a Summary Report that will be considered by the Tongass National Forest during the Five-Year Review.