

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGR
FOREST SERVICE

RECORD OF DECISION

FOREST PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SOUTHEAST ALASKA
USDA-FOREST SERVICE
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

March



It is my decision that the proposed action described in the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan final environmental impact statement be adopted. It incorporates the decision of the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend certain areas in the Tongass National Forest for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System as described in the record of decision for the Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II) final environmental impact statement. The proposed action is based on the analysis and evaluation in the final environmental impact statement for the Tongass Land Management Plan dated March 12, 1979.

The proposed action provides for a diversity of resource management, a balance of recreation opportunities, and limits, to some extent, high costs at the margin. It is reasonably sensitive to a wide range of environmental needs providing the best means to minimize environmental harm, provides for a fairly stable economy, and meets local and National goals for wildland use opportunities. The decision was based on its ability to serve a large range of desires of local communities and National publics.

Implementation of this Plan will not take place until April 15, 1979, after the final environmental impact statement has been received by the Environmental Protection Agency and this Record of Decision has been made available to interested individuals, organizations, and agencies.

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