

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
Southern Southeast Area Office

Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and proposes to adopt a site-specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Kaikli Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1381-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Commissioner will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Commissioner bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after July 4, 2023.

The draft Forest Land Use Plan is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest on 49 acres and the management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DOF before the proposed activity can occur. The Forest Land Use Plan is expected to be available to the public with or after the issuance of the final decision on July 4, 2023.

The area of the sale is proximate to the community of Naukati on Prince of Wales. The timber sale area is found within Section 17 and 18, Township South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM). The sale area is found within the Craig D-4 NW USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System, specifically the Naukati (2060000) Road.

The two harvest units total approximately 49 acres and contain approximately 826 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115 or AS 38.05.118, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and it will be a negotiated contract.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **July 3, 2023**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part or to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the final decision or the adopted FLUP, a person must have provided written comment by **July 3, 2023**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and at the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell Public Libraries and the State Online Public Notice System at <http://notice.alaska.gov/211326>.

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