State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Southeast Area Office El Capitan Timber Sale (SSE-1380-K) Draft Forest Land Use Plan

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 that the Division 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 for the commercial timber sale: El Capitan Timber Sale (SSE-1380-K).

The timber sale area is found within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 66 South, Range 78 East, and Sections 6, 7, 8 and 18, Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 NW USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System.

The harvest units total approximately 336 acres and contain approximately 8,000 MBF of timber. This volume will be 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 will be negotiated contract(s).

The FLUP is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest on 340 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. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the April 3, 2023 Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP.

The public is invited to comment on the FLUP. 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 <u>July 17, 2023</u>, in order to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the adopted FLUP a person must have provided written comment by <u>July 17, 2023</u>.

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Copies of the FLUP are available for review at the division's Area Office, the division's web site along with the community libraries in Thorne Bay, Craig, Whale Pass and Ketchikan and at the State Online Public Notice System at http://notice.alaska.gov/211477.

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