

Petersburg Ranger District  
Projects and Activities for FY 2026 and FY 2027

**Table 1 . Developing proposals/activities on the Petersburg Ranger District in FY 2026-2027**

<b>Project / Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Forest Products</b>		
Mitkof Island Young Growth Timber Sale	Mitkof Island	Planning and field reconnaissance FY 2026 and 2027.
Tree harvest for log culverts	Tonka Road System, Kupreanof Island	Develop proposal and complete environmental review.
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
Camden Rock Ramp and Three-sided Shelter	Kuiu Island	FY 2027 develop proposal; complete environmental review. Complimentary project in the Kuiu Watershed Restoration Action Plan.
Thomas Bay Log Transfer Facility Expansion	Mainland, Thomas Bay	Develop proposal and complete environmental review.
<b>Recreation</b>		
Devil's Elbow Cabin	Kuiu Island	Complete environmental review to install a new outhouse.
Grave Island Maintenance and Improvements	Grave Island, outside of Kake	Maintenance and site assessment; design staircase, complete environmental review
Kadake Creek Fishing Hole Trail	Kuiu Island	Complete environmental review. Complimentary project in the Kuiu Watershed Restoration Action Plan.
Port Camden Kayak Portage Enhancement	Kuiu Island	FY 2027 or FY 2028. Complimentary project in the Kuiu Watershed Restoration Action Plan.
Soddeberg Camp Project	Near Kake, Kupreanof Island	Develop proposed action; complete environmental review.
<b>Special Use Authorizations</b>		
Outfitter/Guide youth kayak trip	Mitkof Island	Complete Section 106 review.
Outhouse replacement for East Island special uses cabin	East Island, Tebenkof Bay	Complete environmental review
<b>Travel Management</b>		
Tonka Road System Repairs	Tonka Road System, Kupreanof Island	Complete environmental review to repair two road washouts with the installation of log culverts.

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**Table 2. Activities potentially occurring on the Petersburg Ranger District in FY 2026-2027**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Aquatics</b>		
Chum salmon otolith collection for wild/hatchery stray assessment for ADFG	Mainland, Dry Bay Creek	Annual activity
Fish Pass Maintenance and Monitoring	Mitkof, Kupreanof and Kuiu Islands	Annual activity
Hand Crew Stream Restoration w/ KKCFP	Kuiu Island	Upper Dean Creek (FY 2026)
Mitkof Island Aquatic Organism Passage Improvements	Sumner Pass and Woodpecker Cove (Mitkof Island road system)	Survey and design
Port Camden Estuary/Pond Rehabilitation	Kuiu Island, Port Camden	FY 2027 or FY 2028
Sockeye Salmon Escapement Monitoring with ADF&G and tribal communities	Kah Sheets, Kupreanof Island	Not being planned for at this time
Snow surveys at Ravens Ridge and above Petersburg Reservoir	Mitkof Island	Surveys conducted once a month from November to April
Tongass National Forest Fish Passage Restoration	Tongass-wide	Replace culverts and bridges to improve fish passage as needs and funding arise
<b>Community Events</b>		
Kake Kid's Fishing Derby and Community Event	Kake	Annual event; tentatively planned Aug 1, 2026
<b>Facilities Management</b>		
Petersburg Scow Bay Office	Petersburg	Maintenance work for building upgrades.
Rowan Bay Admin Site Deferred Maintenance	Kuiu Island, Rowan Bay	FY 2027
<b>Forest Products</b>		
Central Kupreanof tree harvest	Kupreanof Island, Kake Road System	Package sales for firewood and biomass
Individual tree selection for cultural uses	Kupreanof Island, Kake Road System	
Green saw-timber free-use permits (issue and administer)	PRD wide, focused on Mitkof, in Thomas Bay, and the Kake road system	Ongoing
Kake Commercial Firewood or Individual Tree Sales	Kupreanof Island, Kake road system	Ongoing; up to 70 acres of harvest
Individual Tree Small Sales	Mitkof Island, Kake and Tonka Road Systems	Sales less than 50 MBF, by request from local purchasers.

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Spruce Tip Collection	Along Mitkof Island and Tonka Road Systems	Permittee to collect up to 1,700 lbs within 20 feet of roadside
Thomas Bay Tree Harvest for Log Culvert	Mainland, Thomas Bay	Harvest up to 8 old-growth trees to build temporary log culvert; logs will be available for purchase after culvert disassembled
Thomas Bay Integrated Resource Stewardship Contract	Mainland, Thomas Bay	Activities to include young-growth harvest, wildlife and fish habitat improvements.
Thomas Bay Good Neighbor Authority	Mainland, Thomas Bay	Planning underway. May include young-growth harvest, soil remediation, dock repairs, and upland log storage development.
Upper Falls Young Growth Timber Harvest	Mitkof Island	Under contract until October 31, 2027, 14 acres, logging has not started.
<b>Recreation</b>		
Blind Slough Picnic Area	Mitkof Island Road System	Install new grill
Big John Bay Trail	Kupreanof Island, Kake Road System	Log and brush trail
Castle River Cabin	Kupreanof Island, Duncan Canal	Oil stove installation, cut hazard tree
Cathedral Falls Trail	Kupreanof Island, Kake road system	Cut hazard tree
Crane Lake Trail Reconstruction	Mitkof Island, Three Lakes trail system	Trailwork
Devil's Elbow Cabin	Kuiu Island	Install new outhouse and new door on cabin
Grave Island Maintenance and Improvements	Grave Island, outside of Kake	Brush trail
Harvey Lake Cabin Repairs	Woewodski Island	In partnership with PIA
Harvey Lake Trail Mtnc	Woewodski Island	In partnership with PIA
Hill Lake Bridge	Three Lakes Loop Trail System, Mitkof Island, Ideal Cove Trail	Install railing on bridge
LeConte Glacier Overlook	Mitkof Island Road System	Tree thinning to improve the viewshed
Man Made Hole	Mitkof Island Road System	Install two new grills
Ohmer Creek Campground	Mitkof Island	Tree thinning
Ohmer Creek Floating Bridge Replacement	Ohmer Creek, Mitkof Island	On hold
Petersburg Lake Trail Improvements	Kupreanof Island, Petersburg Creek/Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness Area	Continue trail work on upper section of trail in FY 2027.
Portage Bay Cabin	Kupreanof Island, Portage Bay	Install new flooring in cabin and outhouse

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Portage Mountain Loop Trail	Central Kupreanof Island	Logout/brush Salt Chuck to 12 Mile section of trail
Ravens Roost Cabin	Mitkof Island	Install oil stove in FY 2026 or 2027
Three Lakes Loop Trail System Mntc and Repair	Mitkof Island	FY 2026 and FY 2027
Towers Arm Cabin	Duncan Canal, Kupreanof Island	Replace outhouse in FY 2026 or 2027
Twin Creek Shelter	Mitkof Island	Install new wood stove
West Point Cabin Repairs	Kupreanof Island, Portage Bay	Ongoing, expected completion in June 2026
Huckleberry Public Use Cabin	Mitkof Island, Woodpecker Road	Cabin site development and cabin construction
<b>Special Use Authorizations</b>		
Blind River Rapids Trail and Parking Lot Use to transport salmon to hatchery	Mitkof Island	This permit was issued in 2024. The use authorized is planned every year going forward.
Cultural Healing Center at Portage Bay Administrative Facility Repairs	Portage Bay, Kupreanof Island	Repairs are the responsibility of OVK
Level Island Federal Aviation Administration Site (FAA)	Level Island	Bunkhouse construction and replacement of the VOR unit (VHF Omnidirectional Range unit)
Outfitter/Guide youth kayak trip	Mitkof Island shoreline	Special use permit
Thomas Bay Gravel Transfer Site Special Use Authorization	Thomas Bay, Mainland	Activity authorized by special use permit to different entities since 1991 to store equipment at the LTF and transport material to Mitkof Island approximately every other year. The transport occurs with 3 to 5 trips spread out over 3 to 5 days.
<b>Travel Management</b>		
Kuiu Road Maintenance and Road Closure Assessments	Kuiu Island road system	In partnership with Keex Kwáan Community Forest (KKCFP); FY 2027 or 2028
Mitkof Island Road Maintenance	Woodpecker Road	FY 2027 - Road conditioning and resurfacing; replace structurally deficient non-fish culverts.
Point Agassiz Road and Parking Area Maintenance	Mainland, Thomas Bay	FY 2027 Road and parking area conditioning and resurfacing
Portage Bay Road Maintenance (agreement with OVK)	Kupreanof Island, Portage Bay	FY 2026 through April 2027

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Road Risk Assessments, and Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) surveys	Kuiu Island, Thomas Bay (Mainland), Tonka road system (Kupreanof Island); Kake and Portage Bay road systems (Kupreanof Island)	Ongoing annually
<b>Vegetation Management</b>		
Forest Inventory and Analysis Data Collection	Scattered across Petersburg Ranger District	Data collection on research plots, each approximately 2,000 ft <sup>2</sup>
Invasive Plant Treatments	Various Locations on Petersburg Ranger District	Manual, mechanical and chemical treatments
Rare Plant Monitoring and Surveys	Petersburg Ranger District	Occurs annually
Native Seed Collection	Various locations on Petersburg Ranger District	Seed collection to support the development of a locally adapted seed mix
Riparian thinning along fish-bearing streams	Mitkof Island, Kupreanof Island on Kake Road System, and Kuiu Island	Complete riparian thinning in FY26 along Upper Dean Creek in association with hand crew project.
Young-growth stand improvement treatments	Kake road system (Kupreanof Island)	160 acres of treatment in FY 2026-2027
Young-growth stand improvement treatments	Portage Bay road system (Kupreanof Island)	600 acres of treatment in FY 2026
<b>Wildlife Management</b>		
Breeding bird surveys	Mitkof Island	Ongoing
NABat surveys in coordination with ADFG	Mitkof Island	Ongoing
Wildlife surveys and monitoring, including goshawk surveys	Mitkof Island, Kake road system, Tonka road system (Kupreanof Island), Thomas Bay	As needed for environmental project planning reviews