

File Code: 1950
Date: October 21, 2022

Dear Planning Participant:

The Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts are seeking comments on the proposed Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabins project, which proposes to construct nine new public use cabins on sites accessible by road in areas not already developed for recreation.

To review the need for the proposal, the proposed action including locations and descriptions of the proposed sites for new cabin construction, see the “Scoping” folder on the project’s webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61944>.

We have decided to combine the scoping and 30-day comment periods; therefore, another comment period is not expected to occur before the draft decision is released. Your input and ideas are important in designing, analyzing, and implementing the proposed Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabins project. Comments will help the project interdisciplinary team identify concerns, questions, and information needs related to the Proposed Action. When writing comments, please explain why you have a concern or a suggestion.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 days following the date of publication of the proposed Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabins project legal notice in the *Petersburg Pilot*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA). Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.



Specific written comments for the Responsible Officials may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, or faxed to:

Ray Born
Attn: "Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabins Project"
PO Box 1328
Petersburg, AK 99833
907-772-5995 (fax)

Comments may also be submitted through the project's comment database at:
<https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=61944>.

Hand-delivered comments can also be received at the district offices in Petersburg (12 North Nordic Dr.) and Wrangell (525 Bennett Street), Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

For more information about the project, please contact Victoria Houser at 907-874-2323 or victoria.houser@usda.gov.

If you would like to continue to receive information from the Forest Service regarding the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabins project, please join our electronic mailing system for public outreach:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFS/subscriber/new?topic_id=NEPA_53098_S.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to your participation. Your input and ideas help ensure a successful project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts New Cabin Project Scoping Letter

cc: Carey Case, Victoria Houser, Pat Heuer