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- ◆ The anticipated schedule of the Revision Process
- ◆ A list of items available for comment

We want to hear from you!



Your input will shape the future of management on the Tongass!

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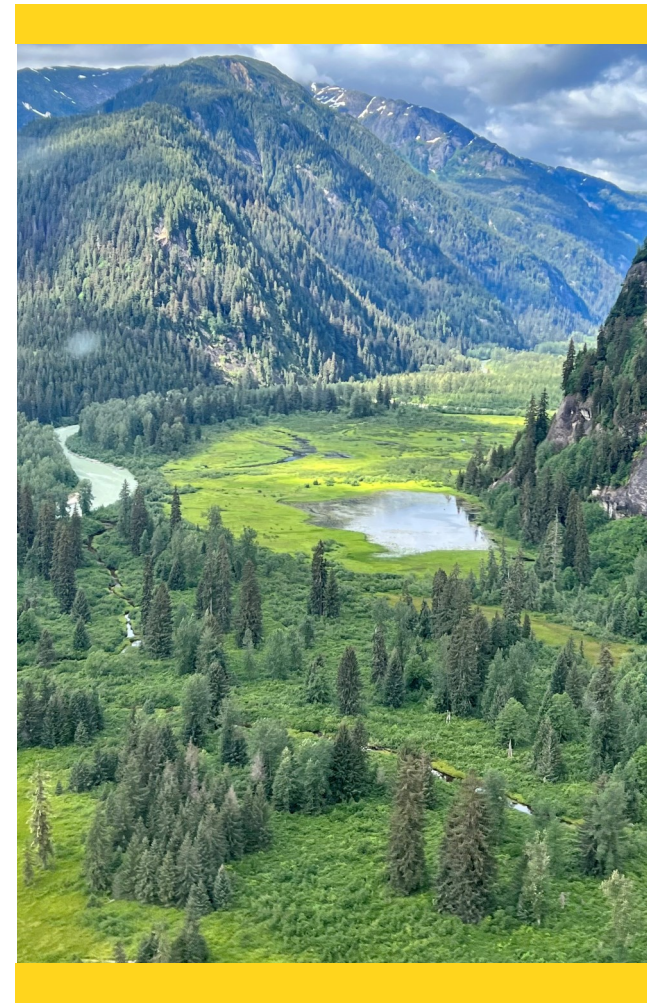
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Tongass National Forest Forest Plan Revision

What is a Forest Plan?

Forest plans set the overall management direction and guidance for each of our national forests. A forest plan is like a city zoning plan that helps guide future land use in the same way a city designates where and how future residential or commercial development is allowed.

Forest Plans do not make site-specific decisions, such as where to put a recreation trail. Rather, they guide *future* uses of the forest by creating standards for projects and activities.

The Plan covers:

- Environmental and ecosystem health
- Air, water, and soil quality
- Disturbance processes, natural succession, and climate change
- Social, cultural, and economic factors
- Recreational settings and transportation corridors
- Designated areas including wilderness and wild and scenic rivers

Carefully balancing multiple uses will be an important part of the Tongass Forest Plan revision. In order to create a Plan that protects resources, supports sustainable economies and communities, and maintains healthy ecosystems, we will need your input!

Why a Revision?

The Tongass National Forest is revising the Forest Plan to meet the updated requirements of Forest Service planning regulations and make the document more user friendly.

Public Participation

Meaningful dialogue with Tribes, partners, agencies and the public throughout the process will be essential to the success of revising the Tongass Forest Plan. We will strive to create a process where all voices and perspectives can be heard.



Tentative Schedule

2023

PRE-ASSESSMENT—Present information to Tribes, the public, partners and agencies, and hear preferred engagement methods.

2024

ASSESSMENT—Engage with Tribes, the public, partners and agencies on Assessment items, including: Species of Conservation Concern, Wild and Scenic River, Wilderness Areas, Need for Change

2025

DEVELOP PLAN—Engage with Tribes, the public, partners and agencies on the Plan Vision and Spatial Framework, Desired Conditions, Objectives, Suitability and Monitoring Plan.

2026

DEVELOP DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) /DRAFT PLAN

2027

FINALIZE PLAN / FINAL EIS

OBJECTION PERIOD/RECORD OF DECISION (ROD)