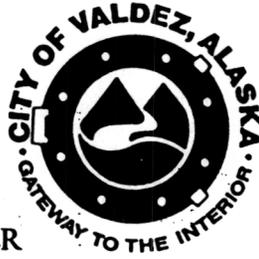


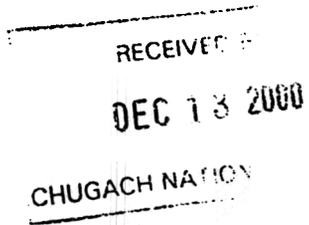
26677



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

December 11, 2000

Mr. Dave Gibbons  
Chugach National Forest Supervisor  
3301 C Street, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503



Dear Mr. Gibbons:

The Valdez City Council has reviewed the Preferred Alternative for the Chugach National Forest Land Use Plan. The City of Valdez supports the Preferred Alternative with the following changes:

1. Planning Units P200, P201, P204, and P585 should be changed from Backcountry motorized to Backcountry non-motorized.
2. Planning Units P244, P318, P325, and P335 above 1,800 feet elevation should be changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Backcountry motorized (winter only).
3. Planning Units P244, P318, P325, and P335 below 1,800 feet should be changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Wilderness.
4. The Glacier Island lodge site should not be permitted on federal lands.
5. Planning Units P388, P392, P406-409, and P412 should be changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Wilderness.
6. Motorized vehicles should be allowed on all lands below mean high, high water, or the wetted perimeter.

The City further supports the designations in the Thompson Pass, Marshall Pass, and the Tasnuna Valley areas that allow for Backcountry winter motorized. The City of Valdez and its residents have spent countless hours and the City has contributed over \$100,000 to the development of the backcountry ski industry in these areas.

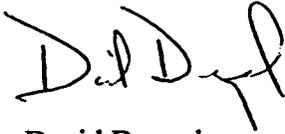
I am enclosing a copy of City of Valdez Resolution 00-67 in which the City Council took official action on the Chugach National Forest Land Use Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments on the plan. The City further appreciates the efforts of the Chugach National Forest to meet with the City to discuss issues common to both of us.

26677

Letter to Dave Gibbons  
December 11, 2000  
Page 2

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dengel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the beginning.

David Dengel  
City Manager

## CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

## RESOLUTION NO. 00-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,  
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE OF THE  
CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST PLAN WITH CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez supports diversified recreational and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound area is of importance to residents and visitors of Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez and its residents have spent the last 10 years developing a winter tourism business and heli-ski industry; and

WHEREAS, the City has donated over \$100,000 and the residents have donated literally several hundred thousand hours or labor to get this industry off the ground; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Preferred Alternative developed by the Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez State Parks Advisory Board has also reviewed the Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the Preferred Alternatives with some modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA,

Section 1: The City Council supports the Preferred Alternative of the Chugach National Forest Plan with the following modifications:

1. Planning Units P200, P201, P202, P204 and P585 be changed from Backcountry motorized to Backcountry non-motorized.
2. Planning Units P244, P318, P325, and P335 above 1,800 feet elevation be changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Backcountry motorized (winter only).
3. Planning Units P244, P318, P325, and P335 below 1,800 feet elevation is changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Wilderness.
4. The Glacier Island lodge site should not be permitted on Federal lands.

26677

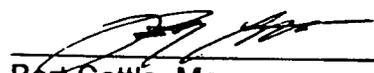
Resolution 00-67  
Page 2

- 5. Planning Units P388, P392, P406-409, and P412 be changed from Backcountry non-motorized to Wilderness.
- 6. Motorized vehicles will be permitted on all land below mean high, high water, or the wetted perimeter.

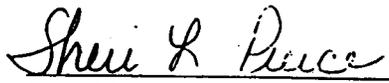
Section 2: The City of Valdez supports the designations in the Thompson Pass, Marshall Pass and Tasnuna Valley areas which allows for Backcountry winter motorized.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December , 2000.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

  
Bert Cottle, Mayor

ATTEST:

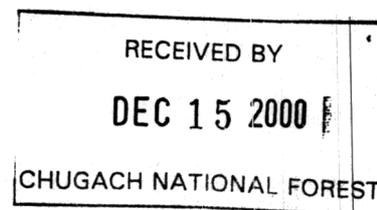
  
Sheri L. Pierce, CMC, City Clerk



# *Kenaitze Indian Tribe I.R.A.*

P.O. BOX 988  
KENAI, ALASKA 99611  
(907) 283-3633  
Fax (907) 283-3052

December 13, 2000



Dave Gibbons, Forest Supervisor  
Chugach national Forest  
3301 C Street, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Please find enclosed the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's comments/suggestions on the Chugach Forest Use Plan. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 907/283-3633.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rita Smagge  
Executive Director  
Kenaitze Indian Tribe, IRA

Encls.

*Allan E. Baldwin*  
*P.O. Box 813*  
*Kasilof, Alaska 99610*

*(907) 260-3563*

*jayneene@gci.net*

Re: Chugach Forest Use Plan  
 Report of meeting

To: KIT Council & Rita Smagge

I will bullet the information and Number the suggestions that came up during the meeting attended by James S. and Allan B. Bob F. was unable to attend.

James and I tried to get in contact with the Tribal office in Seward to insure they had input in the forest use plan, however our calls were not returned.

Mining town of "Sunrise"

Mention of an Indian village mentioned in a logbook of a local miner  
 Located "30 minute walk across creek" This is currently being researched.

- Russian documentation of Dena'ina village located out of Seward.  
 In the area of "Point Callisto Head"
  - No Known Dena'ina Villages located in the "Lost Lake Trail" area.  
 However it would not be unreasonable to find sites of cultural importance in the area due to the history of wide use of the Kenai Peninsula by Dena'ina people.
1. Consult with KIT before sites with in the Forest plan area are disturbed for use by public.
  2. Contact KIT before RFP's published to insure correct information on cultural importance is included in RFP.
  3. Consult with Local Tribe in Seward.
  4. Contract with KIT to do survey of areas being used by the public to insure protection of historic and cultural important areas
  5. Widen trail to allow for both user groups.
  6. User permits and classes for these areas to insure that users understand the importance of co-use.

James Showalter  
 Allan Baldwin  
 Bob Fulton  
 Forest Plan Committee

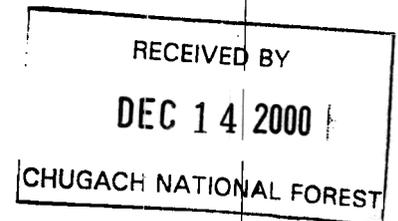


29044

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF EYAK****P.O. BOX 1388, CORDOVA, ALASKA 99574****TEL-907-424-7738 FAX-907-424-7739**

December 13, 2000

Forest Plan Revision  
 ATTN: Gary Lehnhausen  
 Chugach National Forest  
 3301 C St., Suite 300  
 Anchorage, AK 99503



Because of the death of Vincent Kvasnikoff, Chief of Nanwalek and Bob Anderson, Chugach Region leader, we are a little late in getting these comments in.

Please accept the following comments on the Proposed Revised Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chugach National Forest.

The Native Village of Eyak and other Chugach Tribes have utilized the Chugach National Forest lands and waters for the past 10,000 years. We have subsistence and commercially fished subsistence hunted and gathered subsistence foods. We consider Prince William Sound and the Copper River to be our Traditional Homeland. We don't want to see any changes in the Forest Revision Plan that would prevent any of our Traditional Activities. These activities are part of our Culture. In addition, if we need to use snowmachines, ATVs, or boats to compete, they we will do so. There should be no closures to these methods of transportation.

We don't want to see any Wilderness Area and any Wilderness Areas left over from previous plans should be deleted.

Much land in the Forest is owned by Chugach Corporations. The access and use of their lands should not be hindered in any way. The lessons of the Carbon Mountain Easement are fresh in our memory. There will be oil drilling at Katella on Chugach Corporation lands in the near future. This has been ongoing off and on for the past 100 years. It doesn't seem to have effected the environment.

If Native Corporations want to log their lands then they should be allowed to do so as ANCSA intended.

The efforts by the Environmentalists, EVOS Trustees Council and the Forest Service to harass Natives until they agree to sell their lands is very clear. **This is wrong and should stop immediately.**

In addition, unrestricted access to Native Corporation lands should be stated in whatever alternative is chosen so as to remain consistent with the spirit of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). All of these reasons would seem to be contrary to a Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest.

The Native Village of Eyak requests that the Forest Supervisor address these comments. With over 500 members, the Native Village of Eyak is the largest Tribe in the Chugach National Forest and the concerns of its members should be considered. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revised Plan.

Sincerely,


  
Robert Henrichs

President, Native Village of Eyak Traditional Council