

## **Notice of 45-day Public Comment Period Whistle Stop Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

The Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts, is requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Whistle Stop Project on the Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts of the Chugach National Forest. The DEIS describes the Whistle Stop Project Purpose and Need, Alternatives, Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences. The Proposed Action, No-Action Alternative and four Action Alternatives are described with a preferred alternative identified, addressing the major issues identified from public comments and by Forest Service resource specialists.

Public information meetings will be held during the comment period to allow the public to ask Forest Service representatives questions on the DEIS. Meeting dates are as follows:

February 15, 2006: Moose Pass School, Moose Pass, AK 6:30-8:30pm  
February 16, 2006: University of Alaska Anchorage, UAA Commons Room 106,  
Anchorage, AK 6:30-8:30pm

The purpose of this 45-day comment period is to provide an opportunity for public comments on the DEIS prior to the completion of the Final EIS and Record of Decision. The Responsible Official for this decision is Joe Meade, Chugach National Forest Supervisor.

To receive more information on the DEIS, contact:

Glacier Ranger District  
Attn: Adam McClory  
P.O. Box 129, Girdwood, AK 99587-0129  
Phone: 907-754-2352. Email: [amcclory@fs.fed.us](mailto:amcclory@fs.fed.us)

To receive a copy (either hard copy or CD) of the DEIS, contact:

Chugach NF Supervisors Office  
3301 C Street, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99503-3998  
Phone: 907-743-9500

To view and download the document, go to: [www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach)

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6 (a)(3) including providing the following information:

- (i) Name and Address;
- (ii) Title of the proposed action;
- (iii) Specific substantive comments (Sec. 215.2) on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Officials should consider in reaching a decision;
- (iv) Each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must sign the comments or verify upon request.

Comments on the DEIS must be received within 45 days following the publication in the Federal Register, which occurred on January 27, 2006. Comments must be submitted to:

Glacier Ranger District, Attn: Adam McClory  
P.O. Box 129, Girdwood, AK 99587-0129.  
Phone: (907) 754-2352. Fax: (907) 783-2094.  
Email: [comments-chugach-whistle\\_stop@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-chugach-whistle_stop@fs.fed.us).

Oral or hand-delivered comments can also be made at the above address or by calling the Glacier Ranger District Office at 907-783-3242 or 907-754-2352 during normal business hours.

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