

**USDA Forest Service
Chugach National Forest
Alaska Region**

**Notice of Public Scoping
Resurrection Creek Stream and Riparian Restoration Phase II Project**

The Chugach National Forest is seeking public comments on a stream and riparian restoration project along a 2-mile segment of Resurrection Creek about 3 miles upstream from Hope, Alaska. Early 20th-Century placer mining straightened the stream channel, altered floodplains, and degraded habitat for salmon and wildlife. The goal of the project is to restore Resurrection Creek's channel, floodplain, streamside vegetation, and habitat to pre-mining conditions. This proposed "Phase II" project would extend upon the "Phase I" restoration work completed during 2005 and 2006.

A "restoration corridor" would be established through the active mining claims in the area, where mining operations would be excluded in order to protect the restored ecosystem. Mining in claims adjacent to the restoration corridor would be approved through a supplemental mining plan of operations analyzed as a part of this project. Additional project information can be found on the Chugach National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/news_releases/res_creek_rest.html.

Initial public comments will be accepted until February 21, 2008. Written comments can be sent or emailed to:

Chugach National Forest
Attn.: Bill MacFarlane, Resurrection Creek Restoration Project
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The public is also invited to attend the following public meetings for this project:

February 12, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Hope Social Hall, Hope, AK
February 13, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Loussac Public Library, Anchorage, AK

Additional opportunities for public comment will be made available during the analysis. For more information, please contact Bill MacFarlane at (907) 743-9434. We look forward to receiving your comments and thank you for your participation in this project. Comments received will be considered part of the public record.

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