

Alaska Natives/Tribal Governments

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- 0212-002 Impact as little as possible Native.
- 0254-001 A. Have Native leaders and delegates from the conservation community on the panel that determines the final plan. Don't invite, inform, then ignore.
- 0254-002 Working closely with native interests (I notice no Native Alaskan reps. here today.) This forest plan involves them also.
- 0254-004 Q. What are your specific concerns and interests about these issues? Why are these issues important to you? 2.
A. (1) Too often, the Native perspective is not taken into account in land use planning in Alaska. There is little voluntary participation by them because there has been (ILLEGIBLE) breaches of faith.
- 0292-004 Also it seems and I have been told by people who have been keeping better watch over the forest plan than I have that big trade offs were made in the beginning concerning Indian logging and development with the big islands. Any info you have on this will help. I am neither an environmentalist nor a pro developer just someone caught in the middle. I am asking you for info on a small scale because its hard for some one like me to wade through all the paper work. Please keep this in mind and maybe try and second guess me and send what you think might help.
- 0777-016 The Chugach National Forest Has Failed to Satisfy Mandatory Regulatory Participation requirements with Respect to Local Communities, Village Corporations, and Chugach Alaska Corporation The management policies instituted by the Chugach National Forest have a profound and often negative impact on communities, inholders and adjacent landowners in the proximity of the Chugach National Forest. For this reason, there must be adequate opportunities for affected local communities to develop those portions of the Forest Plan that directly affect them. All communities and villages in the region need to be deeply involved in developing the policies and objectives of the Forest Plan. There is a need for a community-by-community and alternative-by-alternative socioeconomic analysis of the Forest Plan. The National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations address this need by providing, in addition to the general public participation process, heightened participation opportunities for those landowners that will be most affected by the revisions. Pursuant to 36 CFR section 219.6(k), forest planning activities are to be coordinated with "owners of lands that are intermingled with, or dependent for access upon, National Forest System lands." Pursuant to 36 CFR section 219.7, the Forest Service must specifically notify those Alaska Native leaders whose lands are expected to be impacted, review their planning and land use policies, note their objectives, impacts and where they conflict with Forest Service planning, respond to those impacts, and devise alternatives for resolving any conflicts. As Native corporations with substantial land holdings intermingled with and dependent for access upon Chugach National Forest lands, Chugach Alaska Corporation, Chenega Corporation, Eyak Corporation, and Tatitlek Corporation are entitled to the coordination provided for in the Forest Plan Revision process under each of these provisions. Accordingly, we do not view our participation in the public process as sufficient to satisfy the Forest Service's obligation to coordinate its planning activities with ours. The revised Chugach National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan cannot be responsibly implemented if it has not recognized, reviewed and accommodated our land and resource management plans. To date, the Forest Planning Team has not recognized our special status under either of these regulatory provisions. The Forest Planning Team must ensure, pursuant to these coordination requirements, that it has the concerns, plans and recommendations of CAC and the village corporations before it and that they are given careful consideration in the Forest Plan revision process. At a minimum, we expect that such coordination will consist of contacting and meeting with CAC to (1) discuss the potential impacts that the Forest Plan revisions will have on CAC's land; (2) review CAC's plans for the use and enjoyment of its lands; (3) discuss the objectives of both the Forest Plan and CAC's land plans; (4) analyze how the plans impact one another; (5) identify where the plans conflict with one another; and (6) create alternatives in the Forest Plan to resolve any conflicts with CAC land plans, including the development of land exchange
- 0809-009 In addition, will there be conflict with local native corporations over their subsurface rights to certain areas of the Chugach National Forest? We understand that the Chugach National Forest is gaining vast surface lands due to the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council even though the regional native corporations still have ownership of the subsurface properties. Such a dual-ownership situation makes well coordinated surface and/or subsurface management
- 0811-011 In addition will there be a conflict with local native corporations and their subsurface rights to certain areas of the Chugach National Forest? *Friday, February 13, 1998 Page 1 of 1*