

SAR - Forest Plan - Chapter 3 - 313

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0022285-002 2. Glacier Island Lodge Site.

Reasons:

The board does not support a lodge site on Glacier Island. The Valdez State Parks Advisory Board has consistently testified in favor of lodges on private lands and not on Chugach National Forest lands. We do not believe that it is not good public policy for private landowners to have to compete against the Chugach National Forest (federal government) in obtaining contracts for the development of commercial facilities on their land. If private landowners must compete with the federal government this would depress the value of their land and reduce the earnings to their companies.

The board unanimously passed this recommendation (8-0).

0026754-004 I currently support removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island

0027586-003

In particular, I recommend removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island.

0029074-001

Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands should also be ensured as Wilderness for their preservation to prevent unnecessary human developments such as destination lodges and other tourism facility developments. In particular, I recommend removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island.

0034225-004

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0034394-004

I currently support Wilderness and wild River designations and Reduced Noise prescriptions in the Chugach; and including removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island;

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0034435-005

Group size in all wilderness, backcountry and Wildlife Conservation (Green Island, Montague island) areas should be limited to 15 or less. This includes landings by cruise ship, tourboats and nonprofit groups. Larger groups would have an adverse impact on intertidal zone life (through rolling over rocks, crushing, disturbance of area where craft beach, etc.), beach and upland vegetation (trampling and crushing), and nesting shore birds (disturbance). Garbage, sanitation, boardwalks, signage would also be a concern as these would negatively impact the experience of visitors not associated with large commercial groups.

0034436-002

I recommend removing the 313 prescription for 'facility development' on Glacier Island. Knight Island.

0034908-003

I would support this same designation for lands adjoining the State's parcel near Grandview. My second choice for management prescription for the Grandview area would be Backcountry Group with some accommodation for the existing winter only heli-ski use.

0035547-004

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0036011-005

The Forest Service should protect our public lands in order to provide balance. In particular, I recommend removing the 313 prescription for 'facility development' on Glacier Island.