

SAR - FP - Interests - Forest Products

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0007391-001

While I urge you to keep these lands wild. If you do log them, it is vital that you [Illegible] sustained [Illegible] logging

0019547-001

We should look to more sustainable, renewable resources to eliminate the need for extensive deforestation. Industrial hemp is a promising solutions.

0021255-001

Long-term, commercial logging is the lowest value, least sensible use of the level. End it.

0021260-003

Allow small personal use logging; no commercial logging!

0021432-002

Until we find another way to build things or write on, we will need paper/wood. God gave us natural resources to USE. Not saying we should abuse.

0021692-006

0021840-004

Please use logging only where it's necessary to protect communities
Don't use the bark beetles as an excuse for logging in unroaded areas.

0021899-003

5. Limit Logging.

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0021902-006

I suggest the spruce bark beetle infestations not be used as a reason for logging in roadless areas. Dead trees have their own place in an ecosystem.

0021919-004

4. Logging should be exercised on a proactive basis for the safety of the community. The spruce bark beetle makes a poor cover for logging in unroaded areas.

0022214-003

Use logging only to protect the safety of communities. Do not use the spruce bark beetle as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

0022215-003

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0022225-003

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0022239-005

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0022483-002

II. Under the preferred alternative there is no allowable sale quantity (ASQ) of timber, and no attempt to establish guidelines for a sustainable timber harvest.

0022486-003

If any logging is to be done it should be relative cut, winter extraction only.

0022488-005

I recommend using logging only to protect the safety of communities. Do not use 'forest health' as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

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0022644-003 * ALLOW only small personal use logging on the forest for firewood/house logs. No commercial logging!

0022698-003 Don't permit clear cutting in our Forests.

0022729-007 No scheduled commercial timber program.

0022843-003 provide logging opportunities for only a fraction of the areas affected by spruce budworm

0022845-002 AS an entomologist, I, Helen Carr realize the importance of logging beetle-infested forests However, DO NOT ABUSE the SOUND PREVENTIVE LOGGING techniques that are used in forests that really do need to have some preventive balance restored for beetle control!!!

0023022-003 End all logging in the unroaded areas

0023192-002 The forests are healthy, and I would like to see the Forest Service stop using 'forest health' as an excuse for more logging in wild areas.

0023261-001

0025695-001 Preserve forests by using materials other than wood for house and apartment, construction. 75% wood saved.

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0028157-001

No commercial timber 'harvest' in the Chugach Nat'l Forest. It's our responsibility not only to salvage the precious remainder of our National Heritage, but also to keep our priorities very straight in our 'salvaging'. If we don't save¹ The health & natural integrity of the Chugach, we'll achieve degradation, not any true salvation.

0026470-004

I am against any logging.

0026471-004

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0026747-002

ASQ: Audubon Alaska strongly supports the Forest Service decision to designate a zero ASQ in the Preferred Alternative. This is very reasonable because the Chugach Forest was established primarily for its fish, wildlife, and recreational values, not its capability for producing timber products.

0026810-002

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0026811-002

2. I support sustainable timber harvest. Why have the tremendous resources of the Chugach been placed off limits to responsible harvesting? How much beetle infestation will it take to turn this around? The current direction of the Plan violates a spectrum of multiple use mandates applicable to the agency's planning activities. The Forest Service could be a hero to the increasingly depressed communities of the Kenai Peninsula by establishing a reliable source of timber to fuel the establishment of local cutters and mills. Why it chooses to ignore these people is simply beyond me.

0026812-008

The Forest Service is using outdated data to determine the alternative management prescriptions. The Kenai Peninsula Timber data -- 13 years old. The Forest-wide Timber Data -- 22 years old. Though the insufficiency of the data used in the planning process has been noted on several occasions (December 19, 1997; October 30, 1997; November 1, 1999), the Forest Service declared the data sufficient in January of 2000, and released the DEIS with its proposed alternatives on October 14, 2000.

0026825-003

I also support a ban on clear-cut logging in the Forest, and a ban on the building of new roads within the Forest.

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0026845-002 All logging should stop immediately, and especially the bogus 'forest health' logging (Orwell himself could not have come up with a more cynical phrase), which is simply a pretext for more assaults in wild unroaded areas.

0026878-005 Use logging only to protect the safety of communities

0026909-003 Any logging done should utilize proven sustainable techniques only, and the spruce bark beetle cannot be used as an excuse for logging in wild unroaded areas.

0026910-002 I would also like to see spruce bark beetle cutting kept to a minimum

0026938-004 The current infestation of the spruce bark beetle is hardly an excuse to clear-cut forests. Logging in unroaded areas should not take place period.

0026947-003 Please use logging only to protect communities.

0026966-003 Use logging only to protect the safety of communities. Do not use the spruce bark beetle as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

0026984-003 Commercial timber harvest is too restriction - does not allow for all development of our timber.

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- 0027045-001 WILL YOU HELP STOP THE WASTE THAT IS SO OBVIOUS AROUND YOU?
America is truly in the KLEENEX AGE--use it once and throw it away;
- There is only one method for true disposal. It's TOTAL UTILIZATION.
- 'ISN'T IT BETTER TO USE A DEAD TREE, THAN TO KILL A LIVING GREEN TREE
 FOR THE SAME PURPOSE?'
- Dead spruce trees are an excellent source of raw
 material with which to make ETHANOL. Ethanol is an alternate source of
 energy, NON-POLLUTING ENERGY--with which to run our vehicles.
 'WHY LOCK-UP OUR FORESTS AND WASTE OUR LIGNO-CELLULOSE RESOURCES
 WHEN A CHANGE OF POLICY WOULD UTILIZE THE DEAD FOREST TO SAVE THE
 LIVING GREEN ONE: AND PROTECT US FROM GREEDY OIL OWNERS?'
- 0027574-003 There should be NO commercial logging allowed anywhere in the Forest in any old growth or primary forests
that have not had logging activities previous to this time. This includes salvage logging and logging for
reasons of 'forest health.' There are few areas of untouched timber at lower elevations in the region, and these
few should be preserved in their natural state. Logging activities in second growth timber should
be severely restricted, and only used as a management tool to allow release of suppressed stands.
- 0027577-003 Logging:
- Please protect all roadless areas from new roads and logging. Large scale commercial logging should not
be allowed. Logging prescriptions or (only if need be), reforestation
should be done in a habitat restorative manner for all wildlife species
not just for moose. The Federal Forestry Practices regulations do not
adequately protect upper tributaries.
- Spruce Bark Beetle
 The forest is not dead. This is a natural occurring alteration
 This transition from late successional to early and back again should
not be referred to as 'damage' when considered as an ecological or
educational forest issue. The dead trees shelter not only the young
trees but also the diversity of the understory from growing into a sun
loving grassland. A grassland is where wildfire danger occurs. It is
interesting to note the pothole lake fire and see that the Beetle killed
trees actually acted as a fire break.
- 0027653-002 The national
forests should be used for timber production as well as recreation but
not to the exclusion of either. There are national parks set aside for
strictly recreational use and very limited motorized use.
- 0028389-009 Preferred Alternative
- Forest Products
- We agree with the intent to provide timber for personal use and small-scale commercial harvest.
Emphasizing road accessible timber for these uses will not only reduce competition with other
forest uses, but lower the cost of access for those who participate in this harvest.

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0028504-018

Roadless:

We anticipate and expect the Forest Service to alter its alternatives, including the preferred alternative, to meet the requirements of the roadless policy, in the event that it goes into effect and includes the Chugach National Forest.

Zero ASQ:

TWS is very encouraged and supports the Forest Service's 0 ASQ in the preferred alternative. We feel this is very appropriate, given that the primary management direction for the forest has been for fish and wildlife conservation and recreation since it was founded, not commercial timber harvesting.

Salvage Logging:

We recognize that a significant portion of the Chugach forest on the Kenai Peninsula has been affected by the spruce bark beetle, and that there are concerns regarding potential fires as a result of this ecological process. TWS supports the Forest Service managing beetle-killed spruce trees near communities to create necessary fire breaks and protect those communities from the potential effects of unmanageable fires. However, we do not support large-scale management efforts to alter forest composition in roadless areas. We certainly do not support building roads in roadless areas to implement any such management activities.

0028591-004

In addition, 'forest health' should not be used as an excuse for continued logging in wild unroaded areas.

0028779-001

Crossed out all lines of Form Letter C.

On the contrary, I urge you to develop reasonable regulations to allow logging while protecting against pollution. If the environmental groups want to lock up lands, they should buy them from the government at fair market value!

0028782-001

Save the Chugach from the big timber companies.

0029201-002

I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.

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0028328-027 ASQ/ Salvage Logging /"Forest Health"

We are pleased to see a zero ASQ in the preferred alternative. Historical attempts at large-scale commercial operations on the forest have failed and ASQ levels set in the last Forest Plan never anained. However, the Forest Service continues to perpetuate the "forest health" controversy through the Forest Restoration prescription. The presence of spruce bark beetle is a natural occurrence. Levels of infestation during the past decade are generally attributed to warmer and extended summers in which beetles have generated two life cycles instead of the normal one, and to human disturbance, which cause stress to forest ecosystems, as outlined above. Salvage logging is logging, plain and simple. To indicate its purpose is to "restore" forest health is rhetoric at best. The wisest course of action is to let nature take its course. By ensuring the forest has an abundance of nurse logs and composted materials, the next generation of trees will be rooting in more productive soils. The preferred alternative should clearly state that no logging or roadbuilding will take place in roadless areas, which are set aside in the current Roadless Policy.

0034169-015

No ASO Timber Harvest

N-7F applauds the Forest Service for its recognition that the primary focus of the Chugach National Forest currently is and should remain fish and wildlife habitat and recreation. Lands that can be profitably logged are generally also lands with the most value for recreation, scenic viewsheds, and wildlife habitat. An ASQ timber harvest is therefore inappropriate on the forest.

0029346-003

Logging should be greatly restricted. Do not use so called 'forest health' as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

0029356-003

Please do not use 'forest health' as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

0029367-001

Tourism is more important to Alaska than logging, isn't it? I was a visitor to Alaska in 1987 and stayed six months. Six people came up to travel with me. We were awed by the beauty of your forests, rivers and wetlands.

Please don't let them be destroyed by logging and strip mining, especially the CHUGACH.

0029436-003

I applaud your efforts to stop below-cost commercial logging in the Chugach National Forest. This policy should be included in the Final Alternative.

0029464-003

We also applaud the language and tone in the plan that does act support commercial timber sales.

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0029468-005	<p>* Zero ASQ</p> <p>We strongly support the Zero ASQ (allowable sale quantity) in the preferred alternative.</p> <p>* Stewardship Logging /Salvage Logging</p> <p>The preferred alternative is ambiguous as to where and when 'salvage' or 'stewardship' logging or 'commercial timber harvest, non-chargeable' is permitted. The preferred alternative should explicitly state that it does not permit 'stewardship' or 'salvage' or 'commercial non-chargeable' logging in roadless areas. Additionally, the final plan must include a 'no salvage logging / no stewardship logging' alternative.</p>
0030418-001	<p>Tree stumps have no monetary value on a sustainable basis. Live trees are carbon sumps promoting clean air; Live trees are water sheds and habitat for fish, animals etc.</p>
0034422-002	<p>5. Please ensure that logging is not carried out in roadless areas under the guise of 'forest health.' The forest has survived eons without the 'help' of this type of unnecessary and destructive activity.</p>
0034433-004	<p>The forest products sector represents a very small part of Alaska's total economy, particularly in the greater Anchorage area. The Chugach National Forest has no business attempting to be even a minor log supplier to this region, given the many other environmental values at stake.</p>
0034461-002	<p>I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.</p>
0034572-002	<p>I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.</p>
0034873-002	<p>4.) The Activity Tables list 'Commercial Special Forest Products'. I didn't find a definition of this, but assume it can include a great variety of activities - some with minimal effects and some with potentially major ecological effects. Commercial Special Forest Products activity should be reviewed on a case by case basis.</p>
0034920-003	<p>It is time to end all commercial logging of our National Forests. The Chugach would be a great place to begin this process in Alaska. The fragile and wild nature of much of the Chugach as well as the insignificant amount of available timber clearly demonstrates that the pubic interest would best be served by a no logging policy.</p>

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0034928-001 The Chugach is the second largest forest in the national forest system. A larger portion of the land area should be allocated to multiple uses such as mineral exploration and timber harvest.

0035161-002 [Illegible] & Downed timber should be available to all US citizen free of charge. A clear cut beetle killed forest can [Illegible] & sprout new trees faster than standing beetle killed forests, the old trees take 100's of years to fall down & then not back into soil,

0035162-006 This - don't [Illegible] it! I want better forest [Illegible] for timber harvest and I want the opportunity [Illegible] and [Illegible] user then shall manage for multiple uses.

0035353-001 Timber (Giant) improvements in local management. Also put our people work at it.

0035356-002 Open too roads mining timber.

0035619-002 I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.

0035896-001 I speak for my self and for the eighty or so individuals with whom I have shared the Wilderness Wonder Land of the Chugach. Please leave this as it is - an inspiring sanctuary where natural populations thrive. Cease road building and logging forever.

0035900-001 The preferred alternative does not allow for a sustainable timber harvest and none of the Forest's 5.5 million acres are designated for Resource Development.

0036169-002 I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.

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0036210-002

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0036322-009

There are no provisions for mitigating, harvesting, and reforestation hundreds of thousands of acres of Spruce Bark Beetle infestation. Not only is this a fire hazard for residents in the area, but it is an economical disaster. Once again, a total preservation tone.

0036349-001

I truly agree about protecting Alaska's Chugach National Forest. The forest should not be cleared because of the population of the animals that live in the forest. For example, the grizzly and the black bears. If the forest is cleared they will have to ship them to different parts of the world or there's a possibility that the bears could be killed or hurt very badly from the heavy machinery used. Now think about the fish in the rivers that run through the forest. The water and air could become polluted to the fish and then they all will eventually die off. Most likely most of the rivers will probably be built over for some type of building that could be built elsewhere.

0036572-003

3) There is no mention of logging/timber harvesting in the entire Plan regardless of the alternative. Alternatives without timber harvesting activity included would seem to be more appropriate to a National Park than a National Forest. The NVE proposes that Timber harvest be allowed in all areas except that with Wilderness designation.

0036599-001

Thus, I too prefer alternative OASQ no commercial timber 'harvest' in the Chugach Nat' Forest. It's our responsibility not only to salvage the precious remainder of our National Heritage, but also to keep our priorities very straight in our 'salvaging'. If we don't save roots of 'salvage?' The health & natural integrity of the Chugach, we'll achieve degradation not any true salvation.