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Message from the Forest Supervisor's Team 2011

"Partnership" has become a buzzword in government. We "partner" with other agencies; we complete projects "in partnership with" external organizations; and sometimes we even "collaborate with partners." But what does all of that mean? What does it look like to actively partner with entities outside of the Tongass National Forest?

We've been exploring that question here on the Tongass for a number of years and are excited by recent developments. This year, we've seen an array of projects—completed with partners—that really demonstrate the range and depth of work this forest covers. Here is a sampling:



TREES FOR TOTEMS

As totems and clan houses deteriorate, tribes look to the forest for more cedars to keep these valuable pieces of culture alive. This year, the Forest Service worked with the Wrangell Island Tribe to locate replacement cedar trees from their original territory. The process led to a new, stronger relationship between the tribe and the Thorne Bay Ranger District, which oversees land management across a large segment of the Wrangell Tribe's territory.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

While the Forest Service has supported youth-based community activities for a long time, we have recently increased our engagement with other entities to broaden our reach. As part of the International Year of Forests celebrations in 2011, middle and high school youth worked with the Forest Service and the Alaska Teen Media Institute to create videos exploring their relationship with the Tongass. Forest Service employees also worked with local school districts to conduct the "Forest of Words" program for younger students, resulting in hundreds of works of art, from poetry to watercolor.



WATERSHED RESTORATION ACROSS BOUNDARIES

While the Tongass National Forest covers much of the Southeast Alaska panhandle, there are critical watersheds where ownership is shared by the national forest and other entities. For example, we have projects in both Sitka and Hoonah that include the State and the Huna Totem Corporation. These projects require coordination of virtually every component of the project, from development to implementation.

While these projects are exciting, we also realize that the opportunities will continue to grow, and our definitions and understanding of what it means to "partner" will continue to evolve. We are taking this journey alongside communities, tribes, organizations, and other government agencies. Given our recent successes, we look forward to what we'll discover and pursue together into the future.

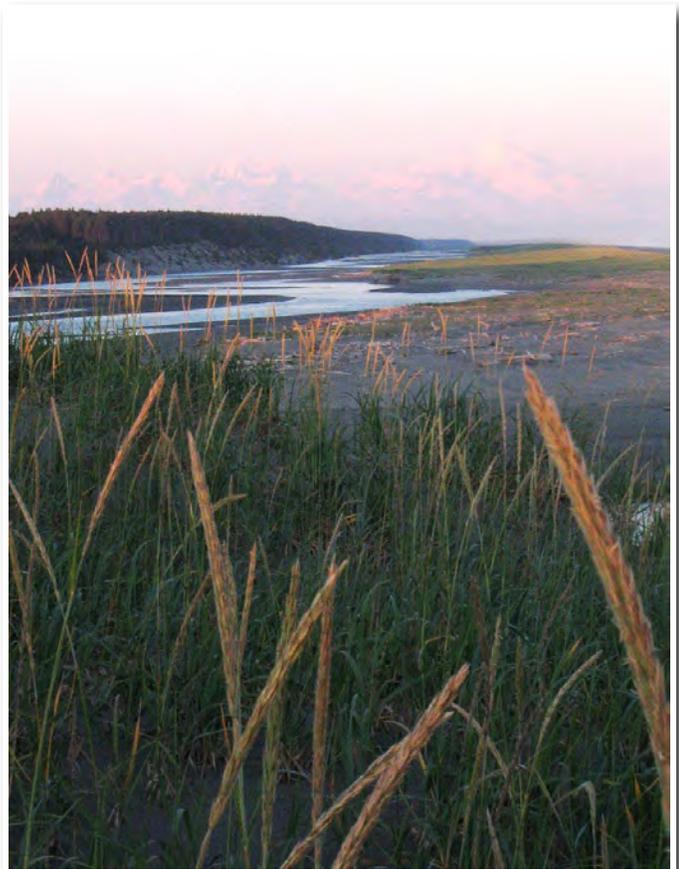
*Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor,
Tricia O'Connor, Deputy Forest Supervisor*



Carver at Ceremony Jeff Wickett



Alpine Sunrise Brian Barr



Fairweather Chad Hood

THE TONGASS IN PICTURES



The popular forest photography contest was reinstated in 2011 and attracted 134 entries submitted by employees from a variety of programs and every ranger district. All of the entries have been added to the Tongass photo library, and many of them have already appeared in Forest Service publications.

These photos, all taken by Tongass staff, deepen our pride in our forest and the talented workforce we have. They also remind us that here on the Tongass, photos of the “offices” of a helicopter manager, a fisheries technician, and a writer/editor all can be indiscernible from the cover of a travel brochure.

You’ll find a sampling of these photos on this page and throughout the FY2011 State of the Tongass.



Moonrise over Sitka Shelly Berna



Huckleberries Pat Heuer



Cascade Sunrise Paul Olsen



Misty from the Air Jessica Davila



Hunter and Dog Chad Hood

THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

2011 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS

In 2011, the United Nations announced the "International Year of Forests" (IYF), a designation honoring the connection and interdependence society has with the earth's forests. Here in Alaska, residents live connected to the land in ways not seen in many other, more developed areas of the world. It made sense for the Tongass to team up with Alaska's other national forest, the Chugach, to launch a year-long IYF celebration.

Districts across the Tongass reached out to local communities, making IYF a success beyond the forest boundaries. From Fourth of July parade floats to an IYF-inspired "Wearable Art" entry, family fishing days to IYF-themed film festivals, the campaign took root early in Southeast and lasted through the year. A dynamic four-part IYF poster series anchored the celebrations and events across both forests.

"I have learned Southeast Alaska has a rich history worth keeping alive. I have lived here 20 years and come to see these exhibits periodically and every time I am humbled by the beauty of where I live. Thank you for the educational exhibits and thank you for everything you do for Southeast Alaska." Visitor to the Salmon in the Trees exhibit, Southeast Alaska Discovery Center

The campaign also featured a signature event on the Tongass, the *Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest* traveling photography exhibit. Between April and October 2011, *Salmon in the Trees* traveled to Sitka, Yakutat, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Craig, and Juneau as part of many community events, including the Yakutat Tern Festival, the Wrangell Bearfest, and the Prince of Wales Restoration Celebration.

International Year of Forests provided an ideal platform for creating new partnerships while continuing to nurture familiar ones. IYF has drawn to a close, but the Tongass fully anticipates collaborating on many more projects in the coming years.



TONGASS CHILDREN'S FOREST

The Tongass is a forest defined by its scale. It covers vast tracts of land and is comprised of large trees and towering mountains, enormous glaciers and countless fiords. What does a large forest look like to a child?

Connecting youth to the environment has been a focus for the Forest Service for decades. Today, with so many indoor-based attractions, it is critical to create positive outdoor experiences for kids. Recognizing this concern, the Tongass worked to establish itself as a "Children's Forest" in 2011, one of twelve in the Forest Service. The Children's Forest offered a gamut of experiences last year by forming partnerships with the following:

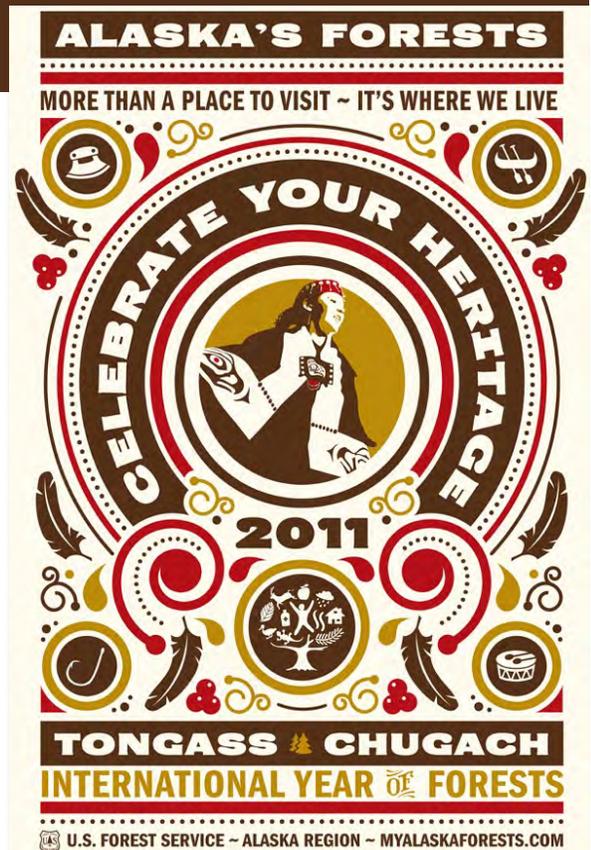
 The Girl Scouts and Southeast Alaska Independent Living: Kayaking and camping excursions for middle school girls and youth with disabilities to the Misty Fiords National Monument Wilderness

 The Organized Village of Kasaan: On-the-job training for Kasaan's young adults in vocational skills such as trail and bridge building, through the Kasaan Youth Academy

 Local schools in Yakutat, Petersburg, Wrangell, Naukati, Craig, Thorne Bay, and Ketchikan: A classroom-based activity, "Forest of Words,"

through which elementary students discussed their feelings about the forest and its resources and created artwork in response. Work from the more than 340 participating students culminated in a month-long art show at the Tongass Historical Museum in Ketchikan in early 2012

 The Chugach National Forest and Alaska Teen Media Institute: Media training for middle and high school students. Youth from the communities of Juneau, Petersburg, and Craig learned about video production and then filmed and edited their own videos about their experiences on the Tongass



Fireweed and Girls, Oh Boy! Francisco Sanchez



Through a Children's Forest, the national forest partners with local communities to create a network of outdoor spaces and programs, aiming to get kids and families outside and active. The goals of a Children's Forest are to:

- Connect kids, families, and adults to healthy, outdoor activities
- Support economically vital communities by creating new educational and career pathways
- Provide professional development opportunities for educators
- Foster climate change understanding and solutions

INVESTING IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA: DEVELOPING THE BUSINESS CLUSTER INITIATIVES



Rainbird Drilling Emil Tucker

Last year, the Forest Service partnered with other government agencies and several business leaders in a “cluster initiative.” A component of the Transition Framework (now the “Southeast Alaska Economic Investment Strategy”) announced in 2009, the cluster initiative brought together

leaders in similar businesses from across the region to strategize further economic development. Throughout the winter and spring, several meetings took place for the visitor services, forest products, ocean products, and energy sectors. Tongass National Forest employees were active participants in all of these discussions.

In June, the Juneau Economic Development Council, contracted by the Forest Service to lead this effort, released a final report outlining several promising, concrete steps for each sector. The Tongass has already engaged with the leads of each working group and started to take action where the Forest Service has a role.

Through the cluster initiatives, relationships between business leaders were born, or grew stronger. Energy grew among participants as groups worked together for the benefit of all. Perhaps most importantly for our work on the forest, communications between the business sector and government flourished.

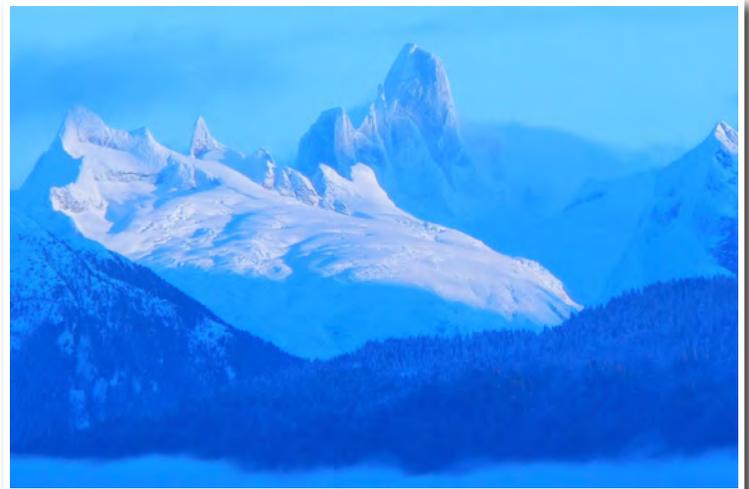
The work started under this initiative will continue next fiscal year. The elements of a successful cluster model are in place, and the Tongass will remain an active participant in its growth.



LAND STEWARDSHIP, COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP: CENTRAL KUPREANOF

Community support is essential in stewardship contracting for natural resource management on the Tongass. Stewardship projects are designed to improve conditions on the land through local contracting that, in turn, builds local economies and strengthens rural communities. The Central Kupreanof Timber Sale—CK for short—came to fruition in 2011 as a project designed to bolster economic recovery in the village of Kake, near Petersburg. By reinforcing the economic infrastructure of Kake around this long-term timber sale, CK promises to provide jobs today and gives hope for future industries in this small community.

More broadly, CK supports the model of the Southeast Alaska Economic Investment Strategy, with fish passage improvement, wildlife habitat restoration, recreational enhancement, and road and trail maintenance proposed alongside timber harvesting. CK makes available more than 26 million board feet of timber on a 152,520-acre project area, while the ongoing monitoring and evaluation embedded in the project uphold the adaptive management strategy outlined in the Forest Plan. CK embodies exactly what is important to the Tongass: keeping our communities healthy and connected to this ecologically robust forest.



Devil's Thumb Carey Case

SAFETY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

In 2007, the Forest Service National Leadership Council (NLC) was presented with a report based on hundreds of interviews with agency employees to gauge the “safety culture” within the agency. In response to the findings and recommendations outlined in the report, the NLC set out to create a cultural transformation that would involve not just revised operating procedures or new ways of doing business, but a journey undertaken by every single employee in the agency.



Punchbowl Repeater Justin Vernon

An early leg in this Safety Journey took place in 2011, when each employee on the Tongass participated in Safety Engagement sessions held across the Alaska Region. The eight-hour sessions bore three purposes as identified by Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell: first, to air our best thinking, ideas, and concerns about safety; second, to introduce some basic tools for improving risk management skills; and third, to build a learning culture. These gatherings provided an excellent forum for discussing safety on the Tongass openly and constructively.

Safety is paramount on the Tongass. For a forest that is so large, geographically diverse, and dependent on air and water transportation for the performance of day-to-day work, the Tongass holds an outstanding safety record. We are determined to keep it that way as we continue the Safety Journey in the coming years.



THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES

HARRIS RIVER RESTORATION

Acres thinned: 480
Stream miles restored: 11
Partners: 9+
Years: 7
Vision: 1

The numbers of the Harris River Restoration tell a story of tangible success. A stream and its tributaries are returned to their original channels. Miles of new fish habitat, suitable for everything from Dolly Varden to Coho salmon, are created. Fish once again swim upstream. Stream banks are thinned of alder for better access for anglers and bears alike.

The Restoration Celebration, held in August by the Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy, was a fitting conclusion to a successful project. In all, 90 people took the field tour of the project, and well over 150 participated in the honor banquet that evening, including USDA Under Secretary of Agriculture Harris Sherman. The Under Secretary also presided over a renaming ceremony on the banks of the newly minted “Gandláay Háanaa” stream, powerfully symbolizing the dramatic changes in the watershed.

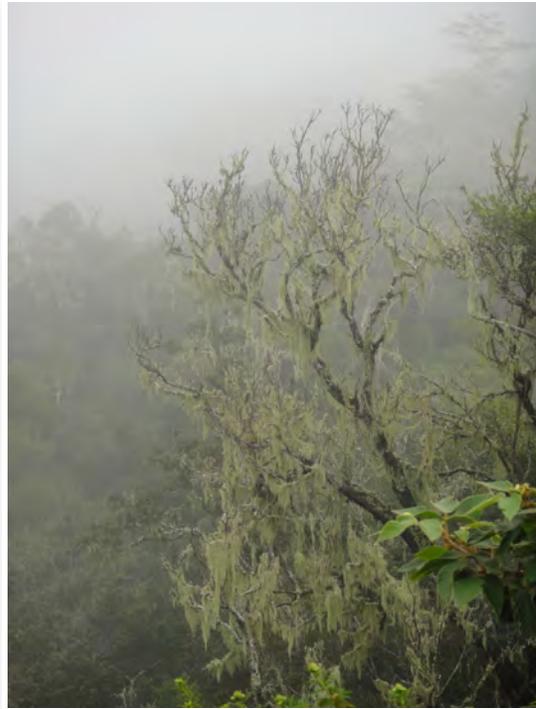
The Harris River project might be done, but its momentum carries forward optimism for future work on Prince of Wales Island and across the Tongass. Its lasting legacy on the land will be strengthened each new year for as long as salmon run upriver.



Humpies Joe Serio

Who made this success story possible?

- The people in the community who were willing to work together to create a gathering place.
- The biologists who designed and oversaw the improvements.
- The organizations that provided both funding and in-kind assistance to see the project through.
- The tribe who gifted a tributary with a new name: Gandláay Háanaa, meaning “Beautiful Stream” in the Haida language, and celebrated the achievement with Native dancing.



Mulanje Cedar Rick Turner

FOREST OF ISLANDS, ISLAND IN THE SKY

Last April, ecologist Rick Turner traveled from the Tongass “forest of islands” to the “island in the sky”—Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve in Malawi. As part of a team assembled by the Forest Service International Programs and supported in part by the United States Agency for International Development, Turner collaborated with Reserve staff to develop fire restoration strategies.

In a place beleaguered by wildfire—indeed, the name Malawi means “tongues of fire”—a major concern is the endangered Mulanje Cedar, the national tree of Malawi. The team sought ways to mitigate threats to the tree and its environs by curbing

wildfire, managing invasive plants, and restoring native vegetation on the Mulanje Reserve. In turn, Turner’s African experience broadened his own knowledge base, fortifying his work on the Tongass.

A GREENER HEATING SOLUTION

Nearly 10 million acres on the Tongass are forested, so, as biomass boilers become increasingly efficient, it only makes sense to explore the option in Southeast Alaska. This year marked the first conversion of a Forest Service facility in the region to wood heat when a new wood-based boiler was installed at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center in September.



Cascade Creek Trail Carey Case

For now, the Center in Ketchikan is supplied with pellets produced in the Lower 48. However, with several other buildings across the region coming online with wood boilers, including more Forest Service facilities, entrepreneurs across Southeast have begun plans to produce the feedstock locally. The project demonstrates sustainable leadership at its best by nurturing opportunities that create jobs and diversify the local economy.



Climate Change Accomplishments:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

Although known for its ancient old-growth forests, the Tongass, like other forests, is a dynamic place. Trees are blown down, making way for new growth. Animals migrate through the forest, eating and uprooting forbs and shrubs. Salmon press upstream in droves every year. It is a land of perpetual motion and change.

Tongass employees are starting to work on another change force: climate change. In 2011, the Forest Service launched an initiative to track the efforts of each national forest to address the issue, called the "Climate Change Scorecard." The Tongass will complete the assessment annually for the next five years.

In addition, our sustainable operations program is one of the strongest in the nation. This program works to ensure the ethic of sustainability—a foundational piece to the Forest Service mission—as part of all forest operations. The Tongass Green Team, an active group of sustainability-oriented employees, has implemented composting, battery recycling, action planning, and energy reduction programs. The Tongass engineering staff completed a utility bill clean-up, energy and water audits, greenhouse gas emissions inventories, and renewable and alternative energy projects across the Tongass.

Our work to integrate climate change considerations into our daily programs is only just beginning. We look forward to the path ahead.



- Personnel committed to the issue of climate change;
- Partnerships with research institutions and other government agencies to help broaden our perspective beyond forest boundaries;
- Incorporating climate change into interpretation and education programs; and
- Several monitoring programs to track changes in stream flow and vegetation.



Maidenhair Fern Johanna Kovarik



TEN-YEAR WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

With 19 Wilderness areas, the Tongass National Forest manages 5.75 million acres of designated Wilderness stretching from Misty Fiords at the southern end to Russell Fiord on the Yakutat Ranger District 500 miles to the north. Because one-third of the Tongass is Wilderness, the Ten-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge (WSC), issued by former Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth in 2005, carried special significance for Southeast Alaska. The WSC established a system of monitoring the management of Wilderness areas, prompting Wilderness stewards on the Tongass to work scrupulously to ensure these extraordinary areas continue to enjoy protections.

Toward this end, partners Sitka Conservation Society (SCS) and Southeast Alaska Conservation Consortium (SEACC) received National Forest Foundation grants in 2011 to fund projects that enhance our care for these lands, encourage community involvement, and directly raise WSC performance. Indeed, the importance of the SCS stewardship program developed for the West Chichagof-Yakobi and South Baranof Wilderness Areas drew a Regional Forester's Award for Wilderness Partner of the Year in 2011.

As the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking Wilderness Act nears, the Tongass and its partners will continue to work cooperatively toward meeting the Challenge issued by the Chief nearly a decade ago.



Herbert Glacier Joe Manning



Falls Lake, an Eye Candy Office Ben VanAlen

A LAND OF ABUNDANCE

THE TERN

The Aleutian tern is a rare bird, with an estimated worldwide population of fewer than 20,000. After migrating 12,000 miles from its wintering grounds off Antarctica, about 9,500 of these birds breed along the outer coast of Alaska. The flats near Yakutat host the largest and southernmost known Aleutian breeding colony. In late spring, the Aleutian tern can be found in mixed colonies alongside the more populous Arctic tern, which numbers in the millions.



In 2011 the Yakutat Ranger District established the Tern Festival, which drew more than 200 guests from across the United States and Alaska. These visitors, including 50 children, helped local biologists with bird banding, enjoyed the Mt. St. Elias Dancers at a king salmon dinner, admired local crafts, and learned about a tremendous variety of avian species. Two dozen partners and twenty sponsors joined in four days of education, fun, and community-building, all in the name of the tern.

This extraordinary bird is perfectly suited to serve as the centerpiece of a Southeast Alaska birding festival. Firmly connected to the sea yet anchored to its land-based nesting grounds, the tern is emblematic of the Tongass itself, a land encompassing the seemingly divergent, dual realms of land and water.



Tern Festival Carol Griswold



Bakewell Lake Jeff DeFreest

SAGA OF THE NUGGET FALLS TRAIL

On a forest of nearly 17 million acres, recreation opportunities abound. Residents and visitors alike venture out on foot, on bicycle, by boat, by automobile, and by plane. Some places, like the Nugget Falls Trail in the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, are used much more than others and are therefore more heavily impacted.

To fund critical improvements to the Nugget Falls Trail, the Juneau Ranger District combined two Alaska Trails Initiative grants, administered through Alaska State Parks, with outfitter/guide fee monies and base trail dollars. In so doing, they revitalized the trail and built a major bridge for the benefit of all users.

In celebration of National Public Lands Day on September 24, the Forest Service officially re-opened the improved trail, complete with the new yellow cedar and steel bridge, with a ceremony just outside the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. The event also served to recognize the 25th anniversary of the partnership between the Forest Service and Southeast Alaska Guidance Association, or SAGA.

Attendees braved Juneau's typical early autumn rainfall to hear dedications by Regional Forester Beth Pendleton, Steve Neel of Alaska Parks and Recreation, and Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, before shifting to the trailhead for a ribbon-cutting and some trail maintenance in honor of SAGA's tradition of service work on the Tongass.

On the whole, the project required extensive collaboration at many levels and highlights the successes we reach when working cooperatively.



Nugget Falls Trail Work Teresa Haugh



TRIASSIC TONGASS

The Tongass is a forest typically known for salmon, hiking trails, timber, brown bears, and big vistas. But in 2011, something new emerged: a six-foot-long prehistoric marine reptile that turned out to be a type of thalattosaur that lived near the close of the Triassic Period. The 220-million-year-old skeleton emerged quite serendipitously from a rock outcrop near Kake during an extremely low tide last May as Tongass geologist Jim Baichtal, GIS technician Gene Primaky, archaeologist Jane Smith, recreation staff Linda Slaght, and USGS geologist Sue Karl started another routine day at the "office."

Baichtal sent photos of the long-entombed "ocean lizard" to the earth sciences curator at the University of Alaska's Museum of the North in Fairbanks, which led to a coordinated two-day excavation involving Tongass and UA staff. Extremely well preserved, the rare and major find might prove the most complete specimen uncovered in North America. Importantly, the joint excavation strengthened our relationship with the Museum of the North, where the thalattosaur now resides, and opened the door to further collaboration.

This extraordinary find illustrates the unique brand of work carried out on the forest as well as the far-reaching importance of the Tongass. It is yet another reminder of our duty as stewards of this special place.



Thalattosaur Fossil Jim Baichtal



Stranded Moon Jelly Jack Lorrigan



Crab Pots Jeff Wickett



St John's Bay Frank Sheppard



Ranger Boats Debbie Riggs

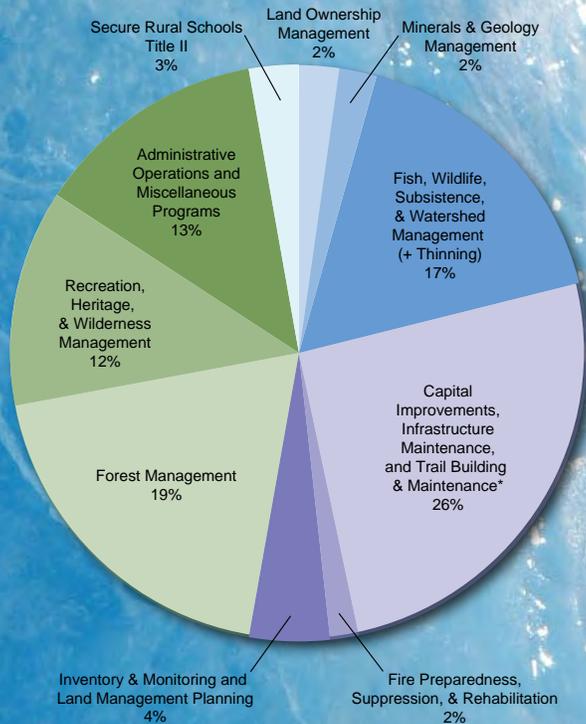
FOREST FINANCES



Sea Urchin Matt Thompson

Despite the budget groupings below, an “integrated resource project” on the Tongass often draws from several different budget areas. For example, a project might include a timber component to supply timber to local mills (forest management dollars); a pre-commercial thinning component to improve forest habitat (wildlife dollars); in-stream restoration to enhance fish habitat (fisheries dollars); and culvert replacement and road drainage improvement to restore stream flows and water clarity (infrastructure maintenance dollars). Ultimately this kind of multi-faceted approach allows managers to pool and share resources, increasing efficiency and encouraging a holistic perspective to management.

Find the complete accessible FY2011 financial report online at: <http://go.usa.gov/yXU>.



Tongass Budget: \$58,493,125*

Tongass Revenue: \$11,931,163

Program	Dollars
Secure Rural Schools Title II	\$1,611,092
Land Ownership Management	\$1,301,945
Minerals & Geology Management	\$1,215,639
Fish, Wildlife, Subsistence, & Watershed Management (+ Thinning)	\$9,843,231
Capital Improvements, Infrastructure Maintenance, and Trail Building & Maintenance*	\$15,386,434
Fire Preparedness, Suppression, & Rehabilitation	\$922,825
Inventory & Monitoring and Land Management Planning	\$2,614,177
Forest Management	\$11,029,152
Recreation, Heritage, & Wilderness Management	\$7,029,135
Administrative Operations and Miscellaneous Programs	\$7,539,495
TONGASS BUDGET TOTAL	\$58,493,125*

Program	Dollars
Cooperative Work - Other (Roads & Other Co-op Deposits)	\$4,543,479
Recreation Fees, Forest Service - Outfitter/Guides & Collection Support	\$1,836,575
Timber (Salvage Sale)	\$1,335,307
Recreation Fees, Forest Service - Rec Sites & Collection Support	\$1,144,167
Timber (Knutson-Vandenburg Earnings)	\$1,038,251
Timber (All Service Receipts - NFS Lands)	\$1,011,795
Employee Quarters	\$459,406
Land Use (All Service Receipts - NFS Lands)	\$378,890
Recreation (All Service Receipts - NFS Lands)	\$104,397
Commercial Film - Local Admin Unit & Collection Support	\$33,012
Power (All Service Receipts - NFS Lands)	\$16,804
Gifts, Donations & Bequests	\$13,822
Cost Recovery Lands, Major & Minor Projects	\$8,434
Recreation Fees, Forest Service - National Pass Sales & Collection Support	\$3,562
Minerals (All Service Receipts - NFS Lands)	\$3,262
TONGASS REVENUE TOTAL	11,931,163

*Does not include Forest Highway 43, North Prince of Wales Island project monies (\$30,647,941)

TONGASS INDEX

Density

Brown bears on Admiralty Island: 1 per square mile
Humans in Alaska: 1.2 per square mile
Humans in Washington, DC: 9640 per square mile

Weight

average

Aleutian tern: 3.9 ounces
Humpback whale: 33 tons
Handheld radio: 1 pound 13 ounces

Land Area

Designated Wilderness on the Tongass: 5.75 million acres
Corn-production tracts in Argentina: 5.75 million acres
New Hampshire: 5.75 million acres

Length

State of California: 770 miles
Trails on the Tongass: 737.5 miles

Year

established

Tongass National Forest: 1907
Grand Canyon National Park: 1919
State of Alaska: 1959

Number

Special-use permits administered by the Tongass in FY2011: 883
Kayakers to successfully navigate the Grand Canyon of the Stikine: <50

Mendenhall

Glacier Visitor Center

Rank, in age, in the Forest Service: 1st, Year built: 1962
Number of visitors in 2011: just under 500,000
Number of residents in Juneau: just over 31,000



Silvis Trail Sunset Andrew Kirby



Paradise Valley
Karen Dillman



Bear
Joe Serio



Getting There
Ben Case

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