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Celebration of Tongass National Forest in Juneau in Conjunction with National Public Lands Day

Presentation, Exhibit of Nature Photography Book, *Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest*

Who: United States Forest Service, Alaska Wilderness League, Braided River, and the National Forest Foundation are pleased to announce an event and exhibition featuring the stunning photographs of acclaimed photographer Amy Gulick.

What: Multimedia presentation and photo exhibition of *Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest* to celebrate the Tongass National Forest, U.N. International Year of Forests, National Public Lands Day, and the people of Southeast Alaska.

When: Opening reception and presentation on September 27, 2011 at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center. The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation to follow at 7:00 p.m. Complimentary beer from Alaskan Brewing Co. and heavy appetizers served. Families are welcome. Exhibition of Amy Gulick's photographs will run from September 27 through October 29, 2011 at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center.

Where: Juneau Arts & Culture Center, 350 Whittier Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

More information: Please visit www.salmoninthetrees.org and www.myalaskaforests.com. Photographs from the book, DVD, and b-roll of the Tongass National Forest are available upon request.

Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest tells the story of the Tongass rain forest, where life interconnects in unexpected ways. In this biologically rich coastal ecosystem, humpback whales, orcas, and sea lions cruise the forested shorelines. Millions of wild salmon swim upstream into the forest, feeding bears, bald eagles, and local communities.

The book features the stories and contributions of Alaskans who live in and are dependent upon the forest, including Juneau residents Richard Carstensen, Becky Janes, and Sissi Babich, and Gordon Chew of Tenakee Springs. The book also includes essays by Ray Troll and John Straley.

At 17 million acres, about the size of West Virginia, the Tongass is America's largest national forest, and contains nearly one-third of the world's remaining old-growth temperate rain forest. With some of the highest densities of bears and bald eagles on Earth, it is teeming with life and adventure. The

region is also home to the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian, whose cultures are deeply connected on a local level to this forest of global significance.

For two years, writer and photographer Gulick paddled and trekked among the bears, islands, and salmon streams to document the Tongass National Forest. Join her on an unforgettable journey to one of the rarest ecosystems on Earth – one where Alaskans recreate, make a living, and meet the subsistence needs of their families in and around Alaska’s national forests. This book is your story and celebrates your heritage. The *Salmon in the Trees* exhibition pairs with International Year of Forests to provide Alaskans a golden opportunity to take a fresh look at the Tongass and celebrate this heritage.

Salmon in the Trees was chosen to receive a 2011 Nautilus Book Award, which recognizes books that promote spiritual growth, conscious living, and positive social change as well as a 2010 IPPY Award, an independent publisher book award.

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