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**Sitka Celebration of Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska in Conjunction with  
International Year of Forests  
*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 a public 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, and the people of Southeast Alaska.

When: Presentation on **April 6, 2011** in **Sitka National Historical Park's Visitor Center**; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and **presentation starts at 7:00 p.m.** Dessert will be served. Book signing will immediately follow the presentation. Families are welcome. Exhibition of Amy Gulick's photographs will run from April 6 - April 29, 2011 at the Sitka National Historical Park Visitor Center.

Where: Sitka National Historical Park, Visitor Center at the end of Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska.

More information: Please visit [www.salmoninthetrees.org](http://www.salmoninthetrees.org) and [www.myalaskaforests.com](http://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 local Sitkans Richard Nelson, John Straley, and Karl Jordan. Richard Nelson, who broadcasts the "Encounters" radio program on Alaska Public Radio, recorded the audio CD included with the book. John Straley, a well-known Southeast Alaska mystery novel writer, wrote the book's "Greetings from Sitka" essay that highlights the place he lives in and loves. Karl Jordan is a fourth-generation Alaska fisherman who makes his home in Sitka.

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 2010 IPPY award, an independent publisher book award.

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