



Tongass National Forest

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Tongass National Forest Seeks Applications for Outfitting and Guiding Opportunity for the Pack Creek Zoological Area

Juneau, AK — The Tongass National Forest is pleased to announce the availability of a prospectus for special use permits for the Pack Creek Zoological Area on Admiralty Island National Monument.

This prospectus is being issued to solicit applications in a competitive process for nature-based viewing outfitting and guiding permits at the Pack Creek Bear Viewing Area, Windfall Harbor and Swan Cove. Permits will be awarded on established evaluation criteria and other required documents as described in the prospectus document.

The prospectus is now available for viewing on the Tongass National Forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/PackCreek-OG/PackCreek.shtml> Detailed information regarding the opportunity, as well as Forest Service regulations, policies, special use permits, and application and post-selection requirements are available. This website will also serve as the main source for all prospectus-related information and updates throughout the solicitation process.

Applications will be accepted for 90 days. The deadline for submitting a proposal is **June 24, 2011**. Applications must be received by the close of business (4:30 p.m. AST) and must be submitted to Chad VanOrmer, Admiralty Island National Monument Ranger (Attention Jennifer Berger), 8510 Mendenhall Loop Rd, Juneau, AK 99801.

Personnel from the Tongass National Forest will be available to meet with prospective applicants and provide information regarding the opportunity at an open house that will be held Thursday, April 21, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Admiralty Island National Monument offices at the above address. Please contact Jennifer Berger at 907.586.8800 or by email at jberger@fs.fed.us if you are interested in attending the open house, or for further information about the opportunity and the application process.

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