

# Use Area 01-04D

## Slocum Inlet – Juneau Ranger District

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### **Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups at One Time): 10**

#### **Description**

Includes Slocum Inlet and the surrounding area. Its proximity to Juneau and the shelter it provides from Taku winds makes it an easily accessible and a popular destination.

**LUD:** Old Growth, Scenic Viewshed, Timber Production.

**ROS:** Roaded Modified, Roaded Natural, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized.

**National Forest Shoreline Miles:** 5

**National Forest Shoreline Acres:** 1,460

#### **Communities**

None

#### **Alaska Coastal Management Act**

#### **Forest Service Facilities**

None.

#### **Non-National Forest Lands**

None.

#### **Recreation Use**

**Area Attractions** Hunting, fishing, crabbing.

**Commercial Use** Though the inlet is somewhat shallow, it does receive commercial fishing use. Crabpot storage is authorized inside the inlet in support of the commercial Dungeness crab harvest. Commercial outfitter guided freshwater fishing occurs at the head of the inlet.

**Non-commercial Use** This area is attractive for saltwater personal fishery and sport fishing, clamming, Dungeness and king crabbing. It is also a popular hunting area. In the past, it has been proposed as a possible area for transplanting Juneau's "garbage bears". Just north of the inlet is a possible sea lion haul out.

**Use Patterns** Though small, Slocum Inlet receives intense local use from commercial fishing and crabbing as well as from recreational users.

**Primary Use Areas** Head of Slocum Inlet  
**Areas of Concern**

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### **Management/Resource Considerations**

#### ***Subsistence***

There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

#### ***Wildlife***

NMFS has identified one Steller sealion haul-out in the use area. There are three mapped bald eagle nests in this use area.

#### ***Fisheries***

Three Class I streams have been mapped in this area. Slocum Inlet has one stream identified as a high value fishing stream located at the head of the bay, has a large inter-tidal grass flat, and supports abundant runs of pink and chum salmon. Because of its relatively close proximity to Juneau, few potential conflicts with non-guided fishers, and consistent runs of pink and chum salmon, this stream receives relatively high use from guided sport fishers. This stream receives little non-guided sport fishing pressure.

#### ***Botany***

No surveys have been conducted in this area.

#### ***Cultural/Heritage***

No sites were identified during one survey that covered 4.75 miles.