

Use Area 01-05A

Taku Harbor – Juneau Ranger District

Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups at One Time): 6

Description

This use area extends from Circle Point to the mouth of Port Snettisham along the eastern shoreline of Stephens Passage. Taku Harbor is the only protected anchorage between Juneau and Port Snettisham.

LUD: Old Growth, Research Natural Area, Scenic Viewshed.

ROS: Primitive, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized.

National Forest Shoreline Miles: 19

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Communities

None

Alaska Coastal Management Act

Forest Service Facilities

None.

Non-National Forest Lands

Uplands in Taku Harbor were state-selected for community recreation. A state marine park and two private parcels are located along the shoreline. Private land is also located in this area.

Recreation Use

Area Attractions	Community anchorage, kayaking, wildlife viewing.
Commercial Use	Guided freshwater fishing at the head of the inlet and commercial gill netting. Crab pot storage.
Non-commercial Use	Saltwater sport fishing, nature watching, hiking, personal clam harvest, and crabbing. Suicide Cove is used as a destination and haul out for kayakers. Kayakers also use Slocum Inlet as a rest stop on their way north across Taku Inlet.
Use Patterns	Proximity to Juneau makes Limestone Inlet and Taku Harbor both easily accessible and popular destinations. The area receives heavy boat traffic, including cruise ships and barges.
Primary Use Areas	Limestone Inlet
Areas of Concern	

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Management/Resource Considerations

Subsistence

There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

Wildlife

There are 20 mapped bald eagle nests in the use area.

Fisheries

Two class one streams have been mapped in this area. There is a very small stream that enters Taku Harbor, which likely does not support significant runs of anadromous fish. Limestone Inlet has a high value fishing stream with an inter-tidal grass flat that supports large runs of pink and chum salmon and likely receives little non-guided sport fishing pressure.

Botany

No surveys have been completed.

Cultural/Heritage

Two surveys covering 0.5 miles were conducted with one prehistoric site identified.