

# Use Area 04-14

## Slocum Arm (Southwest Chichagof)– Sitka Ranger District

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### **Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups At One Time): 8**

#### **Description**

Use area 04-14 is located in the southwestern region of Chichagof Island including offshore islands. This area encompasses most of the southern portion of the of the West Chichagof – Yakobi Wilderness, between the entrance to Klag Bay and Krugloi Island in Salisbury Sound. Access to exposed coastline with access to the uplands is rarely possible due to ocean swell. Many miles of easily accessible shoreline can be found in the following areas: Leo's Anchorage, Slocum Arm, Hidden Cove, Flat Cove, Waterfall Cove, Falcon Arm, Ford Arm, Klag Bay, Lake Anna, Sister Lake, and leeward offshore islands.

**LUD:** Wilderness.

**ROS:** Primitive, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized, Rural.

**National Forest Shoreline Miles:** 245

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#### **Communities**

None.

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

This use area is within the boundary of the Sitka District Coastal Management Program.

#### **Forest Service Facilities**

**Public Recreation Cabins** There are two private recreation cabins under special use permit. The first cabin is at the entrance to Klag Bay and the second is where Lake Anna and Sister Lake meet.

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

Private land is located on Bauer Island and at several locations adjacent to Klag Bay. Small Native Corporation parcels are located at the entrance to Klag Bay and at the Potato Patch.

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***Area Attractions***

Subsistence fishery, remote wilderness and scenic values, historical mining buildings and equipment.

***Commercial Use***

Brown bear hunting, freshwater fishing, hiking, sightseeing.

***Non-commercial Use***

Most of the non-commercial use in this area is primarily by residents of Sitka and others seeking an isolated wilderness experience.

***Use Patterns***

Commercial trollers, boat based commercial outfitter/guides, recreational boaters.

***Primary Use Areas***

Slocum Arm, Ford Arm, Klag Bay.

***Areas of Concern***

Deteriorating condition of historical sites.

### **Management/Resource Considerations**

***Subsistence***

There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

***Wildlife***

29 mapped bald eagle nests

***Fisheries***

Thirty-three class one streams have been mapped and 4 high value fishing streams identified. Most of these streams contain runs of coho, pink, chum, Dolly Varden, and small runs of steelhead. There are 5 sockeye systems in the area, 3 of which are heavily used subsistence areas due to their relatively close proximity to Sitka. Lake Leo and Sisters Lake systems contain smaller sockeye runs. Sockeye salmon harvests have increased substantially at Klag Bay. If harvest trends continue to increase the stock may be at risk to decline. In response to increasing harvest trends, ADF&G management staff have restricted subsistence and sport fisheries in 1999 and 2000 as a precautionary measure.

***Botany***

Twelve botanical surveys have been done covering about 1.5 miles of the shoreline. *Botrychium virginianum* was found at one beach meadow at one site on Khaz Peninsula.

***Cultural/Heritage***

26 cultural resource surveys have been conducted in this GUA. 10 sites have been identified on National Forest lands, 4 are considered historic and 6 prehistoric.