

Chugach National Forest Green Team

CHARTER



I. Mission Statement

The Green Team's mission is to take the lead in researching, implementing, promoting, and sustaining initiatives such as energy conservation, waste reduction, and other environmental practices in our day to day work operations on the Chugach National Forest.

II. Purpose

- To create and foster a common understanding of "green" practices among staff.
- To coordinate and align "green" efforts across the Chugach National Forest and with local communities.
- To establish a baseline understanding of our energy consumption and waste generation.
- To serve as a forum to address staff ideas and concerns regarding our mission.
- To assist in the implementation of the Environmental Management System and Executive Orders 13423 and 13514.

III. Structure and Membership

The Chugach National Forest Green Team (Green Team) will be a self-directed team that strives to involve at least one representative from each organizational unit, to ensure that all employees are represented. These team members will be volunteers and approved by their supervisors. The Forest's fleet and facilities program managers are essential advisors/consultants to the team. Local districts may also convene into green team working groups to support the efforts of the Forest-wide Team. **One member of the Forest Leadership Team (FLT) will be a Green Team liaison.** Team members will be updated annually in the yearly operating plan.

The 2010 Green Team includes:

Name	Unit
Elizabeth Brann	SO
Heather Gott	SO
Alison Rein	GRD
Bobbie Jo Skibo	SRD
Tanya Zastrow	CRD
Dana Smyke	CRD
Daniel Svoboda	SO
Robert Stovall	SRD
Kent Kohlhase	FLT liaison

A. Chairperson

A chairperson will be elected annually (October) by the Team. **This person will serve as the coordinator of the group and assist the liaison to keep the FLT informed.**

B. Membership Responsibilities

Specific membership responsibilities will be identified annually (October) by the Team. However, all members of the team will act as liaisons between the forest-wide team and local green team working groups and will encourage local involvement in all annual forest-wide initiatives.

IV. Function

A. Meetings

The Team will meet at least 4 times a year and the meetings will be coordinated and facilitated by the chairperson or their delegate.

B. Decision Making

Decisions within the Green Team will be made using a conditional-consensus model. If the group cannot come to consensus on a decision, the decision will be made through a quorum (simple majority) vote among team members. The vote may be handled by an electronic method such as a doodle. All decisions on forest-wide initiatives will go before the FLT for their review and approval.

C. Annual Operating Plan/Work Chunk

An annual operating plan will be developed by the Green Team. A work chunk and work plan will be created by the Green Team Chair in cooperation with the FLT liaison as part of the budgeting process.

D. Accomplishments Report

At the end of each fiscal year (September), the Team will submit an annual accomplishments report to the FLT to highlight the progress of the implemented initiatives.

E. Consumption Tracking

Tracking methods will be developed by the Team and adopted by each organizational unit to quantify the Forest's consumption of energy, paper products, petroleum products, and other environmental resources. Each organizational unit will be asked to submit this information annually to the Green Team and/or the Environmental Coordinator for forest-wide tracking and progress reporting.

V. Support and Approval

All Chugach Green Team initiatives, including recommended policies and budgets, will be presented to the Chugach FLT for endorsement prior to implementation. The Chugach FLT will work with the membership to identify opportunities across the Forest to augment the Team's mission.

This charter is in effect until December 30, 2012 and may be terminated or extended at any time by action of the Forest Leadership Team or Forest Supervisor.

NANCY PEAK

Acting Forest Supervisor