



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

Tongass National Forest

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R10 - Alaska Region, Regionwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Region)

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/18/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Robin Dale 907-586-9344 rdale@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed state-specific roadless rule would discontinue the existing regulation's prohibitions and instead rely upon existing statutory and management plan direction for managing roadless area characteristics on the Tongass National Forest.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54511					
Location: UNIT - R10 - Alaska Region All Units. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau, Ketchikan Gateway, Prince of Wales-Outer, Sitka, Wrangell-Petersburg, Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tongass National Forest.					

Tongass National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R10 - Alaska Region

Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment - Moderate Vulnerability Karst CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/25/2019	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Susan Jennings 907-789-6238 sjennings@fs.fed.us
Description: The Tongass National Forest proposes to amend the 2016 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The amendment will focus on Standard S-YG-KC-02 related to commercial timber harvest on lands identified as moderate vulnerability karst.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55198					
Location: UNIT - Tongass National Forest All Units. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan Gateway, Prince of Wales-Outer, Sitka, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon, Wrangell-Petersburg, Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tongass National Forest, Forest-wide.					

Tongass National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R10 - Alaska Region

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Tongass National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R10 - Alaska Region
Central Tongass Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/02/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2020	Expected:06/2020	09/2020	Carey Case 907-772-3871 ccase@fs.fed.us
	Description: The CT Project will consider potential young- and old-growth timber harvest, opportunities for sustainable recreation, watershed restoration, fish/wildlife habitat improvements and other forest management activities of local community interest Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53098				
	Location: UNIT - Wrangell Ranger District, Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All National Forest System lands and lands of other ownership within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts.				
Northern Tongass Integrated Weed Management EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/17/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Michelle Putz 907-747-2708 mputz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Establish an integrated weed management plan that includes manual and mechanical treatments, and herbicides to eradicate, contain, or control existing and new weed infestations. Project area includes the 5 northern management units on the TNF. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49999				
	Location: UNIT - Hoonah Ranger District, Juneau Ranger District, Admiralty National Monument, Yakutat Ranger District, Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau, Sitka, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon, Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes Admiralty National Monument and Sitka, Hoonah, Juneau and Yakutat Ranger Districts.				

Tongass National Forest Admiralty National Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Tongass National Forest Admiralty National Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Angoon-Mitchell Bay Ecotourism Environmental Assessment (formerly Outfitter and Guide EA) EA	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kevin Hood 907-789-6220 kehood@fs.fed.us
	Description: We aim to strike a balance between subsistence use resources, wilderness resources, tourism, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Section 506 (a)(3)(E). We propose allocating 2388 service days to outfitters and guides.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46208				
Location: UNIT - Admiralty National Monument. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project includes all National Forest System lands within the village of Angoon and Mitchell, Kanalku and Favorite Bays.					
Greens Creek North Extension Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2020	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Matthew Reece 907-789-6274 matthewareece@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company proposes to extend the existing dry-stack tailings disposal facility and incorporate waste rock co-disposal techniques in a northward direction for additional tailings and waste rock storage capacity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57306				
Location: UNIT - Admiralty National Monument. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Greens Creek Mine, Admiralty Island, Alaska.					

Tongass National Forest Hoonah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Seal Creek Rock Pit EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2020	Expected:06/2020	09/2020	Terry Fiske 907-945-1217 tfiske@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expand existing rock pit up to ten acres and 250,000 tons of aggregate material.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46178				
Location: UNIT - Hoonah Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Seal Creek bulkhead off Freshwater bay.					

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Tongass National Forest Hoonah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Whitestone Harbor Rock Pits EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:05/2020	07/2020	Terry Fiske 907-945-1217 tfiske@fs.fed.us
	Description: Expand two existing rock pits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49106				
Location: UNIT - Hoonah Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Whitestone harbor.					

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Tongass National Forest Juneau Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Kensington Gold Mine Plan of Operations Amendment 1 EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/19/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Matthew Reece 907-789-6274 SM.FS.Kensington@usda.gov
	Description: Coeur Alaska has proposed an expansion of their tailings and waste rock storage facilities at the Kensington Gold Mine located near Berners Bay on the Juneau Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55533				
Location: UNIT - Juneau Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kensington Gold Mine, located north of Berners Bay on the Juneau Ranger District.					
Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Cathy Tighe 907-228-6274 cathy.tighe@usda.gov
	Description: Constructing facility improvements within the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area to accommodate anticipated visitor growth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53780				
Location: UNIT - Juneau Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area is located 12 miles from downtown Juneau, in Mendenhall Valley.					

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Tongass National Forest Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region

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Tongass National Forest Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Agnico Eagle (USA) Limited - Helm Bay Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Aaron Steuerwald 907-228-4123 aaron.steuerwald@usda.gov
	Description: This is a surface mineral exploration program. Exploration activities include diamond core drilling, detailed geologic mapping, ground surveying, geochemical sampling (rocks, soils, and stream silts), and ground-based geophysics.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56959				
Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - T71S, R87E, sections 35 and 36; T72S, R87E, section 1; T72S, R88E, sections 18 and 29. Cleveland Peninsula, west side of Helm Bay.					
Roanan Corp. Hyder Ventures Riverside Mine Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Aaron Steuerwald 907-228-4123 aaron.steuerwald@usda.gov
	Description: Two drill sites, Minor trail building - 2400 feet by 13 feet, and one water intake source				
	Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - T68S, R99E, sections 2 and 11. 10 km north of Hyder and 3 km west of Alaska-Canadian international boundary. 8 patented claims on 50 hectares and 4 unpatented claims on 25 hectares.				
South Revilla Integrated Resource Project EIS	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/01/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Kristin Whisennand 907-228-4114 kwhisennand@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing a multi-year project involving a variety of timber harvest, road construction, watershed restoration and recreation activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53477				
Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carroll Inlet, Alaska.					

Tongass National Forest Petersburg Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Tongass National Forest Petersburg Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Cathedral Falls Trail Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/09/2019	Expected:02/2020	06/2020	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to reconstruct the 0.3 mile Cathedral Falls Trail with aggregate surfacing, concrete steps, retaining logs and drainage improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56771				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cathedral Falls Trail is on Kupreanof Island approximately 8 miles from the City of Kake in southeast Alaska. The trailhead is at the end of National Forest System road 6321.					
Crystal Mountain Communications Site Powerline and Fiber Optic Cable CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2019	Expected:09/2020	07/2021	Russell Beers 907-772-5940 rbeers@fs.fed.us
	Description: On Mitkof Island, AP&T Wireless Inc. proposes to install a powerline and fiber optic cable along the ground from Crystal Lake dam to their communications facility at Crystal Mtn Comm Site. The powerline and cable would cross about 7,700' of NFS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56281				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Sections 12 and 13, T. 61 S., R. 80 E., Copper River Meridian. Crystal Mountain, Mitkof Island.					
Ideal Cove Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:02/2020	06/2020	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to reconstruct 0.8 miles of the Ideal Cove Trail with a variety of trail types - native ground, step-and-run boardwalk, elevated boardwalk/bridges and gravel.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56334				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Central east side of Mitkof Island; access to Ideal Cove Trail is from Three Lakes Loop Trail or from a trailhead at saltwater.					

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Tongass National Forest Petersburg Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Ohmer Creek Floating Bridge CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to reconstruct the Ohmer Creek floating bridge. The bridge connects two sections of the Ohmer Creek Trail that is separated by an active beaver pond. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56335				
	Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mitkof Island - bridge proposed for reconstruction is on the Ohmer Creek Trail.				
Patterson River Tent Platform CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/18/2019	11/2019	Russell Beers 907-772-5940 rbeers@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit request to place a tent platform near the Patterson River near Thomas Bay for use during hunting season. If authorized, the platform would not exceed 320 square feet and could remain on site year round. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56615				
	Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - 56.96075 degrees 132.76299 degrees (NAD 83); Section 2, T. 57 S., R. 80 E., Copper River Meridian. The proposed tent platform location is on the north side of the Patterson River near an old logging spur road.				

Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Deer Lake Coho Rearing Facility Permit Re-Issuance (NSRAA) CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annemarie LaPalme 907-747-4209 alapalme@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue special use permit for coho rearing facility- run by NSRAA Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33581				
	Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - T62S, R69E Section 5 and T61S, R69E section 5. Deer Lake, Baranof Island, Alaska.				

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Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Hidden Falls Fish Hatchery Alaska Department of Fish and Game EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annemarie LaPalme 907-747-4209 alapalme@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-Issue of special use permit for a salmon hatchery run by Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32910				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Township 54 South Range 66 East Section 2. Hidden Falls, Baranof Island 25 miles NW of Sitka.					
Outfitter/Guide Allocation on Sitka Area National Forest System Trails and Roads EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/23/2019	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Michael Mullin 907-747-4274 mmullin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine an appropriate level of commercial use of Sitka area recreation and transportation facilities while considering several factors, including social, ecological, and facility capacities as well as continued economic viability of the community.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52033				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes National Forest System trails, roads and campgrounds in the Sitka area.					
Sitka Ranger District Lakes Outfitter/Guide Access Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Mary Emerick 907-747-4219 memerick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine if outfitting and guiding services could be authorized on National Forest System lands on the Sitka Ranger District accessed by interior lakes on Baranof and Chichagof Islands using fixed-wing aircraft.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52790				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest lands accessed by interior lakes (more than a half mile from the shoreline) on Baranof and Chichagof Islands within the Sitka Ranger District.					

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Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Sitkoh Lake Trail Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2017	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	Michael Mullin 907-747-4274 mmullin@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would fully reconstruct the entire length of trail from saltwater to the East Sitkoh Lake recreation cabin along the existing trail prism.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52292				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The 4.5 mile hiking trail is located on southeast Chichagof Island. The east end of the trail starts at Sitkoh Bay and the west end terminates at the East Sitkoh Lake recreation cabin.					

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Tongass National Forest Thorne Bay Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Sal Creek Cabin and Trail EA EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Denise Wolvin 907-228-4134 Denise.Wolvin@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a cabin with young growth and access trail in the Sal Creek area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36637				
Location: UNIT - Thorne Bay Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Prince of Wales-Outer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sal Creek. approximately 5 mile north of Thorne Bay on the Beach Road.					

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Tongass National Forest Wrangell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Continuation of Burnett Inlet Hatchery Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/18/2019	12/2019	David Rak 907-874-7566 drak@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continued authorization for facilities on the National Forest at the Burnett Inlet Hatchery for the next 20 years.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55473				
Location: UNIT - Wrangell Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Sections 29 & 30, Township 66 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian. Burnett Inlet, Etolin Island.					

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Tongass National Forest Wrangell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Oyster Farms Permit Renewal 2020-2024 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	David Rak 907-874-7566 drak@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize the continuation of multi-year special use permits for upland facilities related to two mariculture operations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56246				
Location: UNIT - Wrangell Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. One operation located on Blashke Island: VCU 460. One operation located on Mosmon Island: VCU 467.					

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Tongass National Forest Yakutat Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Yakutat Moose Habitat Enhancement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:05/2020	11/2021	Susan Oehlers 907-784-3359 susan.oehlers@usda.gov
	Description: This project would improve browsing habitat for moose on the Yakutat Forelands. Moose habitat is declining as natural succession occurs. Vegetation would be cleared by hand crews and/or heavy machinery to allow for young nutritional growth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57393				
Location: UNIT - Yakutat Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple sites on the Yakutat Ranger District adjacent to trails and roads (Middle Dangerous Trail, Forest Highway 10, Lower Landing Road, and Cannon Beach Road).					

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