Tongass National Forest Plan Revision

Assessment - Working Version of the Table of Contents and Literature Cited for all Assessment Sections

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The Assessment is the first step in the National Forest land management plan revision process. The Assessment is not a decision, but a summary of known current conditions and trends.

The purpose of this assessment is to rapidly evaluate existing information about relevant ecological, economic, and social conditions, trends and sustainability, and document their relationship to the Tongass land management plan within the context of the broader landscape.

The Assessment objectives are:

1. Identify a solid base of available information
2. Build an understanding of relevant information with the public and other interested parties before starting plan revision
3. Develop relationship with interested parties to facilities public and government participation among government entities, Alaska Native Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, private landowners, and other partners and interested parties.
4. Develop readiness of both the Agency and the public to focus on topics appropriate to a plan or plan revision.

We plan to release our complete draft Assessment in early 2025. We are in the process of developing the assessment sections, and they are a work in progress.

This document is a preliminary framework for our assessment sections. Included is a DRAFT Table of Contents, and the current literature and information that we have gathered, for each required Assessment topic.

This is subject to change, and we expect that some of these sections will look different at the time of the Draft Assessment release. We will continue to incorporate tribal, agency and public feedback into this document throughout the assessment phase.

The sections below are topics that are required to be Assessed, as directed by the 2012 Forest Service Planning Rule. The overall organization of the Assessment may look different than currently shown below, as we receive additional feedback during this assessment phase.

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Literature Cited

Please note that this outline and literature cited are a work in progress. Tribal, agency, organization, individual information and knowledge, as well as additional scientific literature, will be incorporated throughout this process as more is researched and learned.

We are actively requesting literature or other sources of information and knowledge that you may have available, to build our supporting information.

The Tongass as an Indigenous Place

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