

## **TTC PRIORITIES DISCUSSION DRAFT (4/2/25)**

Background – This draft was prompted by a few TTC members including Bob Christensen, Clarence Clark, Mike Cooney, Andrew Thoms, and Robert Venables – building on ideas that emerged from the TTC call on February 19 about TTC’s highest value at this time: our priorities for the foreseeable future; and next steps. The following is Connie’s attempt to summarize their input – she bears responsibility for any shortcomings!

- TTC’s value is the ability to advance forest, habitat, and community health in SE AK by developing policies and plans that are developed collaboratively by a diverse coalition, and broadly supported.
- There are numerous efforts underway to respond to near term challenges (e.g., associated with agency budgets and staffing) which individual TTC members may be involved with, but TTC’s main priority at this time should be to:
  - Create a vision for forest/habitat/community health for the long-term (200 to 500 years) and a roadmap for how to get there
  - Feed into but don’t wait for the TLMP revision
  - Utilize/build upon the foundation/framework provided by the TAC
  - Develop a TLMP alternative that offers “management sanity; is based on “real world” community realities/need/wants and existing roads and infrastructure; that is about timber/recreation/restoration etc. (not just timber centric); that takes advantage of data now available, e.g., YG across ownerships; and, that relies on an open participatory process. See conceptual work Bob Christensen has started.
  - Seek a commonsense way to address the roadless issue (“put it to bed so it isn’t a distraction”)
  - Be attentive to the politics that will impact this work
- Immediate next steps
  - Establish a core working group (and possibly sub groups) to begin outlining the vision/roadmap/TLMP alternative components
  - Identify, reach out to, and involve other important people/organizations that are not currently engaged with TTC
  - Start planning for a TTC May meeting (hopefully in-person)