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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the 1998 Monitoring & Evaluation Report for the Tongass National Forest. This report was written in response to the Monitoring Plan as specified in Chapter 6 of the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP). Monitoring and evaluation is a quality control process for implementation of TLMP. Information detailing implementation, effectiveness, and validation monitoring as directed through TLMP is provided through the monitoring and evaluation report. Monitoring and evaluation comprise essential feedback mechanisms to ensure the Plan is responsive to changes. The evaluation process provides feedback that identifies the necessity for corrective action.

This report summarizes specific monitoring that was completed during fiscal year 1998. Some of this monitoring was completed on land and associated activities that were conducted prior to the revised Forest Plan.

Included in this report are some proposed amendments to the Forest Plan that have resulted from the 1998 monitoring and evaluation. We are also currently evaluating the 1999 TLMP Record of Decision signed by the Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, James Lyons, to determine if any additional changes to the TLMP Monitoring Plan will be required. The NEPA process for amending the Forest Plan will be initiated in the near future. Additional copies of the Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Report are available from the Tongass through request from the Ketchikan Supervisor's Office. Please contact me at 907-228-6304 with questions or requests for additional copies.

Sincerely,

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