

# How do we revise the Forest Plan?

## Phase I: Assessment

### Forest Service Research

Forest Service scientists and staff summarize research about the current environmental conditions and uses of the Chugach National Forest.

### Community Outreach

Forest Service conducts workshops and meetings with local, state and tribal governments, outfitter guides, youth, and users to understand how to use the Chugach National Forest and how the Forest has changed.

### The Assessment

Forest Service writes The Assessment on the current state of the Chugach National Forest based on results of environmental studies and using community outreach.

Forest Service compares The Assessment to the current 2002 Chugach Forest Plan.



### Need to Change

Forest Service identifies items from the current plan that need to change and drafts a brief summary document.

### Draft Forest Plan

Forest Service develops plan components to reflect the items that need to change in the current plan.

### Final Forest Plan

Based on NEPA process, including public comment and collaboration, Forest Service produces the Final Chugach National Forest Plan.

## Phase II: Plan Revision

### NEPA Process

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

The process for revising forest plans must follow the federally-mandated NEPA process. This process includes:

- Community outreach.
- Analysis of the impact of the forest plan on the environment, including impacts to communities in and around the Chugach National Forest.
- Formal public comment periods. More information can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach).