

Tongass National Forest

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Schedule Milestones – Tongass Proposed Forest Plan Amendment		
Milestone	Dates	Required Public Notices
Notice of Intent / Scoping	May 28 – June 26, 2014	Federal Register; Newspaper of Record
Public Open House Meetings	January 26, 28, and February 2, 2015	Federal Register; Newspaper of Record
• Public Review of Draft Plan Monitoring Program	January 24 – February 23, 2015	See above
Corrected Notice of Intent	June 23, 2015	Federal Register; Newspaper of Record
EPA Notice of Availability of Draft EIS	November 20, 2015 *	Federal Register: Draft EIS Notice of Availability (published by EPA), Online, Newspaper of Record
DEIS (90-day review period)	November 23, 2015 – February 22, 2016 *	See above
• Subsistence Hearings	Mid-January, 2016 *	See above
• Public Meetings on proposed Plan and DEIS	Mid-January, 2016 *	See above
EPA Notice of Availability of Final EIS ¹	June 24, 2016 *	Federal Register: Final EIS Notice of Availability (published by EPA), Online, Newspaper of Record
Notice of the opportunity to object ²	June 24, 2016*	Federal Register, Online, Newspaper of Record
Objection Filing Period (60 days beginning the day after publication of the public notice of the opportunity to object)	June 25 – August 23, 2016 *	See above
Post notice of all objections (within 10 days after close of the objection filing period)	August 23 – September 1, 2016 *	Online, Newspaper of Record
Resolution of objections (within 90 days of the close of the objection filing period (36 CFR 219.56(g)) ³	August 23, 2016 – November 21, 2016 *	Online
Approve a Plan Amendment (After the Reviewing Officer has responded to all objections)	Late-December 2016 *	Online, Federal Register, Newspaper of Record

Notes: Rows shaded [in grey] indicate public involvement processes (opportunities for public participation).
¹ – EPA notice of availability (for Final EIS) will be published, and the required 30-day public review period will run concurrently with the Objection filing period.
² – All documents (e.g., draft ROD) will be made available online at the time of public notice.
³ – Prior to the issuance of the reviewing officer's written response to the objector(s) concerning their objection(s), either the reviewing officer or the objector may request to meet with Forest Service reviewing officer to discuss issues raised in the objection, and potential actions for resolution. All meetings are open to observation by the public.
* – All dates are subject to change.
TBA – To Be Announced

Updated: May 6, 2016

Note to interested public:

Additional Tongass NF Plan Amendment information may be accessed online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/PlanAmend> ◇

- From this ◇ page, select the **Quick Links** menu item: "*Notices, Notifications, News and Public Meeting Materials,*" which contains official notices and draft products that provide information about the amendment process (e.g. reports, newsletters, materials shared at public meetings, and other key documents).