

LEGAL NOTICE

The Tongass National Forest is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POW LLA) Project. The purpose of the POW LLA Project is to improve forest ecosystem health on Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts, help support community resiliency, and provide economic development through an integrated approach to meet multiple resource objectives. The Forest Service has incorporated public input into the design of the POW LLA Project proposal, received comments on the proposed action to help identify issues and support the development of alternatives, and is now seeking public input on the issue statements and alternatives that were developed for the project.

Information about the proposed project, along with the issue statements and alternatives that we are currently seeking public input on, is available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>.

This information is also available for review at the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger District offices. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from:

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Written comments on the issues and alternatives will be accepted for two weeks following the date of publication of this notice in the Ketchikan Daily News, the newspaper of record for Thorne Bay Ranger District. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day (11:59 pm).

The POW LLA Project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Comments must be within the scope of the developed alternatives and issue statements, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. The Responsible Official for this project is M. Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest.

Written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, electronically, fax, or in person to:

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<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=50337>

FAX # 907-828-3309

Business hours for hand delivered comments are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with the current version of MS Word. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Publish: Dec. 5, 2017

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