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Dear Planning Participant,

The Tongass National Forest has released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POW LLA) Project. This document, with appendices including Activity Cards, Implementation Plan, and the Forest Service's response to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), is available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>. Copies of the FEIS are available for review at the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts, and at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Ketchikan. If you require a copy or need additional information, please contact Delilah Brigham, Project Leader, at 907-828-3232, or send your request to: dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

The Tongass National Forest is proposing a variety of activities on the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts to meet the following multiple resource objectives: improve forest ecosystem health, support community resiliency, and support economic development on the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts. The FEIS describes the following four alternatives in detail: No Action (Alternative 1), Proposed Action (Alternative 2), and two additional action alternatives (Alternative 3 and Alternative 5). Another action alternative, Alternative 4, was initially introduced during scoping, but it was not considered in detail in the DEIS or the FEIS. The alternatives are designed to achieve, to a degree, the Purpose and Need for action, while simultaneously addressing the issues raised by the public. Estimated effects of each alternative were analyzed and compared in terms of meeting management objectives and estimated impacts to resources.

I am the Responsible Official for this project, and I will ensure that activities are implemented within the scope of my decision. My preferred alternative is Alternative 2.

Copies of this letter have been mailed or emailed to those who have expressed interest in the project through scoping, comments, consultation, or a request to be on the mailing list.

Along with the POW LLA Project Interdisciplinary Team, I would like to thank those who took the time to review and comment on this project.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor, Tongass NF

