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Dear Planning Participant:

The Tongass National Forest has released this draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POW LLA) Project for public review prior to the final decision. This document, with appendices including Activity Cards, Implementation Plan, and travel management decision, is available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>.

Copies of the draft ROD and its appendices 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.

Based on comments received during the scoping period, public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and analysis displayed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), this draft ROD documents my intent to select Alternative 2, with modifications, and provides my decision rationale.

This decision would authorize a wide array of site-specific activities and management strategies including old- and young-growth timber harvest; pre-commercial thinning and wildlife habitat improvement; watershed improvement and restoration; recreation facilities maintenance, improvement, and development; other infrastructure and non-infrastructure activities; and invasive plant management (including manual, mechanical, and herbicide treatments).

There will be no commercial harvest of old-growth stands in the area "North of 20 Road" and within VCU 5280. The Selected Alternative also includes measures to minimize impacts to or improve wildlife habitat on National Forest System (NFS) lands adjacent to communities to benefit subsistence users.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review (objection) process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Detailed information on objection rights and procedures are included in the section "Administrative Review - Opportunity to Object" at the end of the draft ROD. More information on the pre-decisional objection process can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/objections/index.php>.

Under the 36 CFR 218 objection process, the public will be notified of the availability of the draft ROD through a legal notice published in the newspaper of record, the *Ketchikan Daily News*, starting the 45-day objection filing period. A copy of the legal notice will also be posted on the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>.



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.

The POW LLA Project Interdisciplinary Team thanks the Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team, members of the public, and the community interests across Prince of Wales for taking the time to review and comment on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Earl Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "E".

M. EARL STEWART
Forest Supervisor, Tongass NF