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Dear Planning Participant:

Notice is hereby given to the administrative change to the 2016 Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). (See enclosed Administrative Change 1). Administrative changes are defined at 36 CFR § 219.13(c) and are made to facilitate more rapid adjustment of plans. They do not require National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation (i.e., environmental impact statement, environmental assessment, or categorical exclusion), but do require public notification. Administrative changes are not subject to the objection process (36 CFR 219.50).

Unlike a plan amendment or plan revision, administrative changes are: 1) corrections of clerical errors to any plan content, including plan components; 2) any changes to plan content, including plan components, when necessary to conform the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, for which there is no discretion; or 3) any other changes to plan content except for changes to the substance of plan components (§219.7(e)), or to the application of plan components to specific areas within the planning area (FSH 1909.12, Ch. 20, Sec. 21.5).

I find that the enclosed corrections of clerical errors in the Forest Plan meet the definition of administrative changes and I am making these changes effective immediately (§ 219.16(c)(6)).

The enclosed notice will be published on the Tongass National Forest public website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/?cid=stelprd3801708>

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1) –Administrative Change 1

cc: Susan Jennings



# 2016 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Administrative Change 1

## Background

The 2016 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) includes the inconsistent spelling of the word “fjords” when referring to Misty Fjords National Monument, Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness, and Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District. The Forest Plan also incorrectly names Russell Fjord.

In Chapter 1 of the Forest Plan (page 1-6), the word “fjords” is spelled correctly when used in “Misty Fjords National Monument.” This spelling is consistent with Section 503(a) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487 (ANILCA). Additionally, ANILCA section 703(a)(5) designated “Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness”. The spelling of the word “fjords” is consistent in both sections in ANILCA. ANILCA was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on December 2, 1980. The inconsistent spelling is due to the fact that the 1978 Proclamation 4623 signed by President Jimmy Carter on December 1, 1978 used the alternate spelling, “fiords.” The statute takes precedence over the proclamation.

Throughout the Forest Plan, there are inconsistencies in the spelling of “fjords.” For example, the misspelling of this word in “Misty Fiords National Monument” occurs sixteen times in the Forest Plan (refer to Forest Plan, pages 3-4, 3-5, 3-13, 3-24, E-3, F-24). Inconsistency in the spelling of “fjords” in “Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District” occurs three times (refer to Forest Plan, pages 1-6, F-22, and F-23.) This Ranger District manages National Forest System (NFS) lands in Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness as well as other NFS lands near Ketchikan, and it is one Ranger District. The inconsistency for the ranger district name also occurs once as Ketchikan/Misty (refer to page 4-86).

ANILCA section 703(a)(7) designated Russell Fjord Wilderness. The spelling of Russell Fjord is inconsistent in the Forest Plan due to place name inconsistency around Yakutat, AK, for example the Alaska Department of Fish and Game spells it Russell Fjord in their Yakutat Wildlife Viewing [page](#) and Russell Fjord on Game Management Unit 5A [map](#). The misspelling of Russell Fjord occurs five times in the Forest Plan (refer to pages E-4 and F-13) and correctly one time (refer to page J-1).

## Changes

Forest Plan Page	Clerical Error	Correction
1-6	Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District	Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District
3-4	Misty Fiords National Monuments	Misty Fjords National Monuments
3-5	Misty Fiords National Monuments	Misty Fjords National Monuments
3-13	Misty Fiords National Monument Wilderness	Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness
3-24	Misty Fiords National Monuments	Misty Fjords National Monuments
	Misty Fiords	Misty Fjords
	Misty Fiord's	Misty Fjords
	Misty Fiords National Monuments	Misty Fjords National Monuments
4-86	Ketchikan/Misty Ranger District	Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District
E-3	Ketchikan – Misty Fiords NM	Ketchikan Misty Fjords NM
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E-4	Russell Fiord	Russell Fjord
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F-13	Russell Fiord	Russell Fjord
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	Russell Fiord	Russell Fjord
F-22	Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District	Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District
F-23	Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District	Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District
F-24	Misty Fiords National Monument Wilderness	Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness