

ifferent parts of the country, and they say it is best understood by comparing geographic regions — Appalachia and the Northeast, for example.

The new CDC report looked at urban and rural overdose death rates for the nation overall. The researchers found both have been rising, but the urban rate shot up more dramatically after 2015 to surpass the rural rate.

New York, Chicago and Baltimore all reported dramatic increases in overdose deaths in the last few years, and they are not alone.

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later than 4:00 p.m. on August 15, 2019. This is the deadline for submittals.

Contractors may obtain an electronic copy of the Pre-qualification Documents at no cost by contacting Welsh Whiteley Architects by email (info@welshwhiteley.com) or telephone (907) 225-2412. A charge of Ten Dollars (\$10) will be required of any prospective contractor who requests hard copies of the Pre-qualification Documents.

The Owner will use the completed "Statement of Qualifications" submittal package as the basis of determining a general contractor's eligibility to submit a bid proposal for the upcoming projects. A committee will review and analyze the information submitted and make a recommendation on the selection as to a general contractor's quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work. The Owner reserves the right to make all final determinations as to final selections of prospective contractors for the proposed project.

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Opportunity to Comment on the Central Tongass Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Tongass National Forest is seeking public comment on the Central Tongass Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a landscape-scale NEPA analysis that will result in a decision whether to authorize integrated resource management activities on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts over the next 15 years. The intent of this project is to contribute to jobs and labor income in local and regional communities in the timber and tourism sectors, while also contributing to improved terrestrial and aquatic conditions that support the viability of subsistence resources and providing safe access to Forest users. The environmental analysis includes a range of activities that could be implemented when a need for change (from the existing condition to the desired condition) is identified. Specific locations and methods for activities will be determined during implementation based on the conditions defined by the alternatives in conjunction with the framework provided by the Implementation Plan and Activity Guide (Appendix A).

Public meetings and subsistence hearings will be held in the communities of Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell during the 45-day comment period. The Forest Service will advertise meeting dates

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and locations on the project webpage at the link provided below, in local newspapers and through public service announcements on local radio stations.

The Responsible Official for this project is the Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest.

The DEIS and other project information is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085> The DEIS and supporting documentation are also available for review at the Petersburg Ranger District, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from:

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Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 45 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register, August 2, 2019. The publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in a DEIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or time-frame 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 Central Tongass 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. 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 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

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

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<https://cara.ecosystemmanagement.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=53098>

FAX # 907-772-5995

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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 Microsoft Word.

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