



File Code: 1570
Date: March 1, 2019

Mr. Dick Artley



Dear Mr. Artley:

In response to your objection to the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) and draft Record of Decision (Draft ROD) on the Tongass National Forest, the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Earl Stewart, and I, the Objection Reviewing Officer, have read your objections and have reviewed the FEIS and draft ROD.

As provided for under the regulations, I extended the timeframes associated with my response in order to reschedule the resolution meeting to February 20, 2019. I realize you did not participate in this meeting.

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), I am required to provide a written response to your objection; however, this response need not be point-by-point. I have reviewed the project in light of your objection issues and suggested remedies, and I find the responsible official has considered and, where needed, documented his responses to your comments. Most responses can be found in Appendix D of the FEIS, Response to Comments. Because you do not raise any new concerns with the responses already provided to your comments, I find no need for the responsible official to alter, edit, or offer additional information in light of your objection issues.

In conclusion, I have reviewed your assertions that the project violates various environmental laws, regulations, polices, and the Forest Plan. My review finds the project is in compliance with all applicable laws and the Forest Plan. My review constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture; no further review from any other Forest Service or Department of Agriculture official of my written response to your objection is available (36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)). The responsible official may sign the Record of Decision for this project.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. SCHMID
Regional Forester
Reviewing Officer

cc: Kristina Rutledge, Earl Stewart, Delilah Brigham

