

The Tongass National Forest is looking at a 2014-2016 timeframe for amending the Tongass Land Management Plan under the 2012 Planning Rule. The table below is a tentative schedule for the planning phases, associated activities, and time period.

Phase	Description of Activity	Public Participation	Tongass Advisory Committee (TAC)	Time Period
5-Year Review	Review of 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan to determine need for change	Community meetings were held and the public provided written comments	Pre-TAC	January – August 2013
5-Year Review Determination	Tongass determined need to change plan to meet young growth goals		Pre-TAC	September 30, 2013
Notice of Intent with Proposed Action	Forest Service announces beginning of planning process	30 days to provide written comment	Federal advisory committee (TAC) members announced	Late May, 2014
Alternative Development & Analysis of Effects	Forest Service seeks out key issues that would identify alternative means to achieve goals	Public will have opportunity to provide written comments and attend public meetings and workshops	TAC will identify recommendations to be incorporated into one or more alternatives	July 2014 – May 2015
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	Notice of Availability of the DEIS that analyzes the effect on the environment of a range of alternatives	Public will have 90 days to provide written comment and attend open house meetings	TAC will review DEIS and have opportunity to adjust recommendations	August – October, 2015
Preparation Period	Preliminary EIS and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) prepared	Deliberation and incorporation of previously obtained information		November 2015 – March 2016
Preliminary EIS & Draft Record of Decision (ROD)	Preliminary EIS and Draft ROD released	60 days period for filing objections after which Forest Service has up to 90 days to respond		March – July 2016
Final EIS and Record of Decision	Final Decision is made by the Tongass National Forest Supervisor	Opportunity to appeal decision		August 2016

**All Tongass Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public with agendas and notes made available before and after meetings. The Forest Service will follow all NEPA and NFMA requirements to engage Tribal governments (including Tribal consultation), youth, non-traditional stakeholders, federal agencies, state partners and others during all stages of the planning process.*