Changes From Proposed to Final Rule

	Proposed Rule & DEIS Preferred Alternative	FEIS Preferred Alternative	Final Rule & Record of Decision
	May 9, 2000	November 13, 2000	
Road Construction Prohibitions	 Prohibits new road construction or reconstruction in the unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands, except: To protect health and safety threatened by a catastrophic event. To conduct environmental clean up. For valid existing rights. To prevent irreparable resource damage by an existing road. 	 Prohibits new road construction and reconstruction within inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands, except: To protect health and safety threatened by a catastrophic event. To conduct environmental clean up. To allow for reserved or outstanding rights provided for by statute or treaty. To prevent irreparable resource damage by an existing road. To rectify existing hazardous road conditions. When a road is part of a Federal Aid Highway project. 	Same as the Preferred Alternative, plus Road construction may be allowed in conjunction with the continuation, extension, or renewal of a mineral lease on lands that are under lease or for new leases issued immediately upon expiration of an existing lease.
Timber Harvest Prohibitions Timber Harvest Prohibitions (continued)		 Prohibits timber harvest, except for purposes to maintain or improve roadless characteristics and: To improve threatened, endangered, proposed or sensitive species habitat. To reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire effects. To restore ecological structure, function, processes, or composition. 	 Prohibits cutting, sale, and removal of timber in inventoried roadless areas, except: For the cutting, sale, or removal of generally small diameter trees which maintains or improves roadless characteristics and: To improve threatened, endangered, proposed or sensitive species habitat. To maintain or restore ecosystem composition and structure, such as reducing the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire effects. When incidental to the accomplishment of a management activity not otherwise prohibited by this rule. For personal or administrative use. Where roadless characteristics have been substantially altered
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			occurring after the area was designated an inventoried roadless area and prior to the rule. The cutting, sale, or removal of timber under these exceptions is expected to be infrequent.
Procedures	Establishes procedures to evaluate, as a part of the local planning process, the quality and importance of roadless characteristics and determine whether and how to protect roadless characteristics in the context of multiple-use objectives.	Procedures addressed through new Planning Regulation.	Procedures addressed through new Planning Regulation.
Tongass National Forest	A decision on whether to prohibit new road construction in inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest would be postponed until the 5-year forest plan review scheduled for April 2004. If it were determined that inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass merit protection by applying the road building prohibition, a forest plan amendment or revision would be initiated with full public involvement.	Implementation of the prohibitions on road construction and timber harvest for the Tongass National Forest would go into effect in April 2004.	Applies immediately to the Tongass National Forest. Includes a transition provision that allows projects that have published a Notice of Availability for a draft environmental impact statement by the date of publication of the Final Rule to continue.