

Tongass National Forest Management Illustration

This illustration is a sample appearance of what the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska could look like in the year 2097. It illustrates how applying Land Use Designation (LUD) management prescriptions could appear after 100 years.

Some areas or LUD's are in natural settings, like the light beige-colored area on the illustration called **Semi-remote Recreation** and the light brown-colored area called **Old-growth Habitat**. These areas will remain mostly natural forest, essentially unmodified, with possible small localized areas of developments, such as trails and backcountry lodges.

Some LUD's, such as Timber Production (green) and Scenic Viewshed (yellow) allow more development. In these areas timber harvesting and associated roads could occur. The green areas show trees of different ages as timber harvesting could occur several times in a particular green area during the next 100 years. So, there could be some old-growth trees, second growth, new seedlings, and recent harvest in these areas. The yellow areas allow timber harvesting, as long as it maintains the overall natural scenic quality of the area as seen from nearby roads or waterways. In these areas single trees or small groups of trees could be harvested.

Streams, rivers, and the beach adjacent to saltwater will have protective buffers around them. These buffers are red, yellow, and black lines on the illustration. Scheduled commercial timber harvesting is prohibited or very limited in these buffers.

For more information on management of the Tongass National Forest and what can occur within each LUD, contact your local Forest Service office in Alaska, or write to USDA Forest Service, Tongass Planning Team, 8465 Old Dairy Road, Juneau, AK 99801.

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