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Dear Planning Participant:

As the responsible official for actions related to the 2020 Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan (2020 LMP), I am providing notice of an administrative change in order to account for the addition of 252 acres of a land acquisition to National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Chugach National Forest.

The location of the acquired lands is immediately southeast of the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel near Whittier, Alaska (see attached maps). The site is accessed via the Portage Glacier Highway and West Camp Road. The managing unit for the acquired land is the Glacier Ranger District.

This Administrative Change assigns the acquired lands management designations consistent with existing Forest Plan direction (see attachment Administrative Change 4). Acquired NFS lands increase the total acreage of the Chugach National Forest from 5,415,183 acres to 5,415,435 acres.

In accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §219.13 (c)(2) and (FSH 1909.12, Chapter 20, para 21.5), Administrative Change 4 will be effective immediately after publication on the Chugach National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach/landmanagement/planning. The anticipated date for posting the administrative change is June 14, 2023.

Information related to administrative changes is available in the Forest Service's 2012 Planning Rule at 36 CFR §219.13(c). Please note that administrative changes are not subject to the objection process (36 CFR §219.50).

If you have questions related to this change please contact Carey Case, Chugach National Forest Environmental Coordinator, at carey.case@usda.gov.

Thank you for participating in the planning process for the Chugach National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Background and Maps of Area

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2020 Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan Administrative Change 4

Background

Due to a recent land acquisition between the USDA Forest Service and the City of Whittier, there is a need to add the 252 acres to National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Chugach National Forest.

The location of the acquired lands is immediately southeast of the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel near Whittier Alaska. The site is accessed via the Portage Glacier Highway and West Camp Road. The managing unit for the acquired land is the Glacier Ranger District.

Administrative Change 4 aligns the management of the acquired lands with existing Forest Plan direction as outlined in the following changes.

Changes

- 1. Acquired NFS lands are assigned to Management Area 8 (MA8) Front Country.
- 2. Acquired NFS lands are assigned to the Prince William Sound Geographic Area.
- 3. Acquired NFS lands are assigned a recreational opportunity setting (ROS) of Roaded Natural.
- 4. Acquired NFS lands are assigned a scenic integrity objective of moderate.
- 5. Acquired NFS lands are assigned the following land type associations: mountain sideslopes and mountain summits.
- 6. Acquired NFS lands increase the total acreage of the Chugach National Forest from 5,415,183 acres to 5,415,435 acres.
- 7. Acquired NFS lands will also add 252 acres to MA8, Prince William Sound Geographic Area, roaded natural ROS settings, scenic integrity objectives, and land type associations.

Maps

- 1. Map 13 Management Areas
- 2. Map 15 Inventoried Roadless Area
- 3. Map 16 Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
- 4. Map 20 Scenic Integrity Objective
- 5. Map 21 Land Type Association









