

June 5, 2017

Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor  
U.S. Forest Service – Tongass National Forest  
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Dear Mr. Stewart,

The Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team (POW LAT) formed in May of 2016 and developed a mission statement to assist the U.S. Forest Service in the development of a Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Assessment document. The group's mission focused on developing and providing proposed projects to the U.S. Forest Service that contribute to the well-being of the National Forest and to lasting economic and social resilience within the landscape assessment area. After a series of organizational meetings, POW LAT hired a meeting facilitator to meet the POW LAT goal of developing a project list for U.S. Forest Service lands on the Prince of Wales Island ranger districts for the next 10-15 years.

The enclosed materials listed below and attached include the developed and approved project list and recommendations for the U.S. Forest Service Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Assessment on behalf of the voting membership of POW LAT. Please note that projects have not been prioritized, as timing did not allow. The tables listing proposed projects are sorted by primary project type and then they are alphabetized. You will find the following attachments:

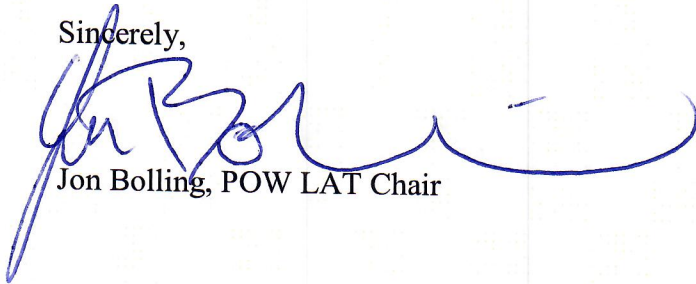
- Attachment 1: An old growth timber harvest recommendation for Prince of Wales Island for the next 10 years;
- Attachment 2: A table consisting of 29 projects that are georeferenced to locations on a map. The map and accompanying geodatabase detailing the locations of projects referenced in Attachment 2 may be downloaded from the following weblink: <https://tnc.app.box.com/s/ta51j9yrb8jexur9dvwvbu2b89t3fems>);
- Attachment 3: A list of potential in-stream restoration projects to accompany project #5 on the table referenced in Attachment 2;
- Attachment 4: A table consisting of a list of 30 project recommendations to be incorporated in the Landscape Level Assessment analysis;
- Attachment 5: A copy of the approved by-laws for POW LAT;
- Attachment 6: A copy of the attendance list of POW LAT membership that participated in the process of developing the above materials;
- Attachment 7: A summary of the public outreach engagement process.

POW LAT recognizes the attendance of the U.S. Forest Service at all of the meetings for the development of this submitted work, and we believe that the U.S. Forest Service understands the intent of the projects and recommendations provided. If further discussion is needed, POW LAT would appreciate the opportunity to re-engage and assure the correct intent of an individual project has been represented appropriately.

Please note that at its May 19, 2017 meeting, POW LAT members agreed to make one last review of the enclosed materials before considering final approval to the work product. The attachments may be considered finally approved after this last POW LAT review.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide local input into your Landscape Level Assessment process. POW LAT looks forward to a continuing dialog regarding the future of public lands on Prince of Wales Island Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Bolling', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Bolling, POW LAT Chair

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team**  
**POWLAT Old Growth Timber Project**  
**May 19, 2017**

The Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team (POW LAT) has developed the following old growth timber harvest project for the U.S. Forest Service consideration for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Assessment. The following old growth timber harvest levels were developed based on best available information at the time the harvest levels were decided, recognizing that additional information regarding the availability of old growth timber for harvest would be available prior to the implementation of the following harvest scenario:

- From 2019 – 2023 harvest an average of 25MMBF old growth timber annually from U.S. Forest Service suitable timber lands on Prince of Wales Districts suitable timber lands
- From 2024 – 2028 harvest an average of 15MMBF old growth timber annually from U.S. Forest Service suitable timber lands on Prince of Wales Districts suitable timber lands
- From 2029 and beyond there needs to be an evaluation of the availability of old growth timber on Prince of Wales District for harvest before harvest levels can be set

During the process of developing this project, POW LAT also identified other values important to the intent of the above recommended old growth timber harvest levels:

- POW LAT supported a continued supply of old growth timber to local mills
- POW LAT would like to see some of the old growth timber demand for local mills to be met by other landowners
- POW LAT identified the importance of having old growth timber available for harvest on Prince of Wales Districts beyond 15 years (2034)
- POW LAT recognizes the transition to young growth harvest will take place. The U.S. Forest Service should work with industry to determine young growth demand from suitable LUDs
- POW LAT recognizes that small sales are important to the local small-mill industry. The U.S. Forest Service should continue to offer small sales

Thank you for the opportunity to develop projects for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Assessment. If there are any questions, please contact the POW LAT Chair Jon Bolling.

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team**  
**Project List for the Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Assessment**  
**May 19, 2017**

<b>Project ID on map</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Primary Project Type</b>	<b>Secondary Project Type(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	POW Communication Infrastructure Improvements.	Communications	Economic		Establish infrastructure to improve access to communications across the island (for safety). Permitting the top of every mountain that does not currently have a tower
2	Archaeology Kiosk/Interpretive Site	Education	Recreation, Visitor/Tourism	Coffman Cove excavation site; Seaside Park	Kiosk to display artifacts, site history near or in local communities where excavation or natural historical artifacts exist
3	Karst Education	Education	Karst	El Capitan Cave system and other karst areas, including Starlight sinkhole.	Partner with 4 POW school districts: educate in classroom and in field re the vast karst resource on POW. More trails through karst.
4	Watershed Restoration Interpretive signage	Education	Fish Habitat	Luck, Staney, Harris,	Choose a high-use watershed that has been restored and put up interpretive signage to educate users and visitors about restoration activities
5	In-Stream Restoration Projects	Fish Habitat		see table	In-stream restoration projects to address historical stream modifications or watershed changes.
6	Red Pipes	Fish Habitat		Identified in prior inventory - see map	Replace or eliminate "red pipe" fish blockages in project areas prioritized by Biology/Habitat measures

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7	Sockeye Enhancement	Fish Habitat		Klawock, Hetta, Eek, Kasook, Sarkar Outlet, Karta, Nichols Bay, Hunter Bay, Hessa, Welcome Cove, Devil's Lake, Manhattan, Coffee Chuck, Klekas, Little Klekas and potentially other sites.	Work toward improving wild sockeye runs in areas on POW that historically produced much larger runs.
8	Watershed Access Enhancement- Fish	Fish Habitat	Recreation, Subsistence, Economic, Visitor/Tourism	Inlet Creek and Hatchery Creek in Klawock, Rio Roberts, Klekas, Little Klekas.	Identify rivers, streams, creeks that have natural barriers to fish passage (specifically salmon) and implement actions that more fully utilize natural spawning and rearing habitat.
9	Personal Use Rock	Personal use		see map	Develop rock pit (or enlarge) for island/community use
10	Alpine Winter Recreation Cabin	Recreation		West Ridge area, Polk Inlet. West Lake Area.	Public/private partnership to construct and maintain high alpine cabin for winter and summer use
11	Campground RV parking near Hydaburg	Recreation	visitor/tourism	Hydaburg area	Parking and campground in the Hydaburg area
12	Control Lake Recreational Complex	Recreation		Control Lake, Cutthroat Road, Big Salt Road, Thorne Bay Highway, Eagle's Nest campground, Balls Lake picnic area, Balls Lake trail	Develop the Control Lake Recreational Complex: Ensure Balls Lake trail is complete on schedule, and include a spur from the trail to the Cutthroat road. Improve the bridge over the creek on the Cutthroat road for pedestrian access to the lake. Improve trail access to the Control Lake Cabin. Include a bike path on the Thorne River Road and Big Salt Road to accommodate pedestrian traffic between cabin, the campground, the picnic area and the trailhead

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13	Deweyville Trail Improvement	Recreation		North POW - Deweyville	Improve the existing trail to make it more useable. Put in a trail head marker (currently cannot find the trailhead) Perhaps add a picnic area out at Deweyville
14	Harris River Trail System, including: Connect Gandláay Háanaa and Harris River Interpretive Sites; Hut-to-hut trail system; Additional Improvements	Recreation	Fish, Timber, Education	Harris River Drainage, Craig-Klawock-Hollis Highway; Hollis Ferry terminal to Craig; 26 mile trailhead at Harris River campground.	The Gandláay Háanaa/Harris River trail and the Harris River Interpretive trail provide less than an hour of walking time and end within sight of each other across the Harris River. Create a stream crossing so that people can move from one area to the other. There are other short trails in the Harris River subdivision closer to Hollis. The Harris River Campground is underutilized. The trails could be connected with a bridge or two and some trail building to connect the Hollis Ferry terminal by developed trail to campground, creating a destination-level facility and attraction. Build a three-sided shelter along the Craig-Klawock-Hollis Highway to provide a non-motorized route from Hollis to Craig that includes the connected trail system. Model this on the Hut to Hut system in New Zealand. Construct shelter from young growth.

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15	Kayak Route Development (self-guided route around POW).	Recreation	Visitor/Tourism	Cabins on USFS land only.	Continue Kayak Route Development: Expand the 3-sided shelter program on USFS land to connect kayak destinations for longer range trips. Examples include a 3-sided shelter between Craig and Canoe Point (for a 1-2 day trip); a three-sided shelter at Palisades or Fern Point to connect Point Amargura Cabin to Klawock; a shelter near Point Gertrudis to connect Craig and Klawock to the Maurelle Islands. Sea Otter Sound is a world class kayaking destination that could be improved by a shelter at Eagle Island or other scenic spots, connecting Edna Bay to Winter Harbor and Naukati. The island near Hydaburg and the South POW Wilderness could be a destination for kayakers with the addition of shelters. Shelters could be constructed with young growth.
16	Little Ratz Harbor Boat Launch	Recreation	Fish Habitat	Little Ratz Harbor	Develop Little Ratz harbor site and primitive camp site with 3-sided shelter to serve salt water access for kayak and canoe route stop and fish pass access
17	Luck Creek Trail	Recreation		Timber stand near Luck Creek bridge outside Coffman Cove	Existing user trail in riparian area. Improve existing trail. Add parking for 2-3 cars. Add interpretive signage. (Use stewardship funds from the timber sale that is used to fund the Luck Creek Restoration work
18	Luck Lake Camping Area	Recreation		Luck Lake	Develop an area separate from the day use area w/designated camp sites (2-3)

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19	Neck Lake Picnic Area	Recreation	Visitor/Tourism	Neck Boat Launch	Add two or three picnic tables and fire rings and an outhouse at Neck Lake boat launch.
20	Old Growth Trail	Recreation	Visitor/tourism	8.5 mile on Thorne Bay Road, Memorial Beach.	Develop and maintain trails through old growth forest. Recommend rename 8.5 mile trail as Rio Beaver hiking trail.
21	Rabbit Ears - ORV Trail - Coffman Cove	Recreation	Visitor/Tourism	Coffman Cove Area	ORV trail with obstacles. Most of the infrastructure is already in place.
22	Rio Roberts Fish Pass Access through different forest types.	Recreation			Improve Rio Roberts Fish Pass Boardwalk Access. This is a road accessible facility that lost its trailhead in the re-engineering of the Thorne Bay Road. Re-establishing the trailhead, parking, and performing some basic maintenance on the stairs seems like a low cost way to open a trail back into an interesting section of forest
23	Sarkar Old Growth Trail	Recreation	Visitor/tourism	Sarkar	Improve and maintain existing trail and portages.
24	Sumez Island Trail	Recreation		Sumez Island	Develop a trail route across Sumez Island including a boat landing and a trail that goes to Arena Cove

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25	El Capitan Cabin, Campground, Dock, Boat Ramp and Marine Transfer facility improvements	Recreation/ Access/ Visitor/ Tourism	Subsistence, Karst	El Capitan Cave Area	To showcase YG round log construction: build a cabin using a cabin construction workshop so people can learn how to do this (vs just hiring someone). Place the cabin in a visible place for visibility and easy access. Re-open public campground area across from the cave. This was an old Forest Service Camp that could be easily resurrected into a nice campground. High grasses need cutting. Maintain landscaping, improve driveway (muddy now). Set up designated parking. Add rock for camper parking. Leave main area of spit open and available for free-style camping, add pit or other toilet facility. Improve boat ramp at El Capitan spit. Replace or upgrade boat/floatplane dock facility (falling apart). Remove old commercial gear. Maintain dock in suitable condition for tour ships, but allow public use as well.
26	Add three sided shelters	Subsistence	Recreation	Mable Bay, Jackson Island, Hunter's Bay	Develop 3-sided shelters at Mable Bay, Jackson Island, Hunter's Bay
27	Microsales increase	Timber			Increase the number of microsales made available on POW.
28	YG Treatments for Hydrologic Restoration on Karst	Timber	Karst		Coordinate silvaculture projects with USFS staff efforts to improve karst function in YG areas.
29	Deer Habitat/Young Growth Implementation	Wildlife	Subsistence		Unit 2 - prioritize treatments in high value winter habitat (south facing low elevation stands)

## ATTACHMENT 3

### Potential Stream Restoration Projects Correlated to Project #5 on the POW LAT Project List

Stream/system name	AWC	Category	Potential Needs	USFS Sockeye		Primary landowner(s)	% Federal
				Prioritization Rank	Source		
Big Salt Lake	9 streams	2	Preventative action or protection measures	6 (Black Bear Cr.)	POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska, Sealaska, Klawock Heenya	57.7%
Dog (Chum) Creek	106-30-10120	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska	58.1%
Coffman Creek	106-30-10160	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska	78.9%
Crab Creek	103-60-10500	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	Klawock Heenya, Shaan Seet	0.0%
Deer Creek	102-70-10700	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska, City of Thorne Bay	66.2%
Eek Lake	103-25-10090	2	Preventative action or protection measures	12	POWWA	USFS, Haida Village Corp	98.3%
Harris River*	102-60-10820	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska	85.6%
Hatchery Creek	106-30-10670	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS	100.0%
Hatchery Creek	106-30-10670-2004-3031	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS	100.0%
Hetta Lake	103-25-10470	2	Preventative action or protection measures	8	POWWA	Sealaska, USFS	16.1%
Hydaburg River	103-40-10410	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	Sealaska, Haida Village Corp, USFS, Hydaburg	18.3%
Karta River	102-60-10870	2	Preventative action or protection measures	19	POWWA	USFS, Sealaska, Kivilco	99.8%
Klawock Lake	103-60-10470	1	Watershed in need of restoration/High priority sockeye system	1	POWWA, USFS	Klawock Heenya, USFS, Shaan Seet, Sealaska	28.1%
Linkum Creek	102-60-10990	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	Kivilco	0.0%
Logjam Creek	106-30-10670-2004-3030	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS	100.0%
Natzuhini River	103-40-10350	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	Sealaska	0.0%
Poorman Creek	102-60-10970	2	Preventative action or protection measures		POWWA	Sealaska, Kivilco, State of Alaska	0.0%
Port Saint Nicholas Creek	103-60-10590	2	Preventative action or protection measures		POWWA	USFS, Shaan Seet	60.1%
Red Bay Creek	106-41-10300	2	Preventative action or protection measures	16	POWWA	USFS	100.0%
Reynolds Creek	103-25-10420	2	Preventative action or protection measures		POWWA	USFS, Sealaska, Haida Village Corp	48.0%
Salt Chuck	102-60-10950	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska	99.6%
Saltery Creek	103-25-10050	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, Haida Village Corp, Sealaska	52.8%
Shaheen Creek	103-90-10420	2	Preventative action or protection measures		POWWA	USFS	100.0%
Slow Creek	103-90-10280		Removal of barrier to fish passage		USFS	USFS	100.0%
Staney Creek*	103-90-10310	2	Preventative action or protection measures		POWWA	USFS	99.9%
Thorne River	102-70-10580	1	Watershed in need of restoration	18 (N. Thorne 7)	POWWA	USFS, State of Alaska	98.0%
Twelvemile Arm*	16 streams	1	Watershed in need of restoration		POWWA	USFS, Sealaska, State of Alaska, Kivilco	82.2%
Ratz Creek	106-10-10100		High priority sockeye system	2	USFS	USFS	100.0%
Chuck Creek	103-80-10310		High priority sockeye system	3	USFS	USFS, State of Alaska	76.2%
108 Creek	106-30-10800		High priority sockeye system	4	USFS	USFS,	77.5%
Slide Creek	102-70-10760		High priority sockeye system	5	USFS	USFS	100.0%
Flicker Creek	106-41-10450				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Alder Creek	106-41-10440				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Buster Creek	106-41-10420				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Sarkar Creek	103-90-10140				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Rio Roberts	102-70-10580-2031				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Rio Beaver	102-70-10580-2023				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%
Control Creek/Balls Lake	102-70-10580-2035-3013				POWLAT	USFS, Alaska Mental Health Trust	89.0%
Turn Creek	105-42-10100				POWLAT	USFS, State of Alaska	78.5%
Snug Creek	102-70-10740				POWLAT	State of Alaska, USFS	~10%
Maybeso Creek	102-60-10840				POWLAT	USFS	100.0%

\*Some restoration completed

**ATTACHMENT 4**  
**Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team**  
**Project List of Recommendations for the Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Assessment**  
**May 19, 2017**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Primary Project Type</b>	<b>Secondary Project Type(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Community collaboration for road maintenance	Access	Timber, Wildlife, Fish, Economic, Recreation, Subsistence, Visitor/Tourism	Based on local input for specific roads	Outreach to communities for priority road systems
2	Pull outs along main road	Access	Safety, Recreation, Subsistence, Visitor/Tourism		In future road projects, provide wider shoulder areas frequently along mainline paved roads to allow vehicles to pull over or park for a variety of needs
3	Road Maintenance Access	Access			USFS will continue to pursue partnerships with the neighboring municipalities, tribes, other landowners, and community organizations before closing roads
4	Continue improved public input process for NEPA	Administrative	Timber, Wildlife, Fish, Economic, Recreation, Subsistence, Visitor/Tourism	Unit 2	Continue to improve public process and collaboration
5	Recreation website upgrade	Administrative	Recreation, Education/Outreach	Islandwide	Overhaul USFS recreation website which includes the development of an interactive mapping system of existing recreational trails and facilities on POW
6	Youth and Young Adult Employment	Education	Recreation, Wildlife, Fish, Visitor/Tourism, Forestry		Re-instate summer work programs for students and young adults. Encourage educational opportunities, work ethic, paid positions. Partner with schools, tribes, job services, YCC programs, etc.

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7	Luck Lake/Eagle Creek Stream Restorations	Fish Habitat		Luck Lake/Eagle Creek	Complete the stream restoration project already identified as necessary in the Luck Lake/Eagle Creek watershed
8	Staney Creek Watershed Stream restoration	Fish Habitat		Staney Creek Watershed	Complete the stream restoration projects already identified as necessary for Staney Creek
9	Invasive Species Public Outreach/Education	Invasive Species	Education	Islandwide	Implement a program (using either USFS staff or independent contractor) to educate the public about invasive species on POW (including plant, animal, aquatic invasives)
10	Access Points for existing and potential salt and freshwater kayak routes	Recreation			Maintain and develop access points for existing and potential kayak and canoe routes at saltwater and freshwater locations
11	Adopt-a-Trail Volunteer Network	Recreation		POW Trails	Coordinate volunteer groups that can assist with trail and trailhead maintenance, modeled after Adopt-a-Highway program
12	Decommissioning of recreation facilities	Recreation			USFS continue to work with local communities when considering decommissioning recreation facilities.
13	Expand the Training Rural Alaskan Youth Leaders & Students (TRAYLS)	Recreation	Economic, subsistence	Wherever landowners agree/public interest aims.	Organize (through partnerships with organizations and landowners, including USFS) a sustainable program that trains young people in careers and disciplines common to the landscape (forestry, fisheries, wildlife, recreation, etc.) Trail construction & maintenance w/ youth crews organized locally.
14	Hydaburg Bridge to Bridge Trail	Recreation	Visitor/Tourism	Hydaburg Bridge to Bridge	Encourage USFS to support development of a trail through old growth forest.

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15	Karta Cabin/Trail Maintenance	Recreation		Karta Wilderness	Improvements to Karta Cabins and continued maintenance of the trail in the Karta Wilderness
16	Maintain current recreation opportunities	Recreation		POW Cabins, trails and day use areas	Recommend the current USFS recreation sites are maintained and funding goes to improvements of sites as needed "Maintain what we have". Encourage collaboration and/or partnerships to assist in maintenance of recreation sites.
17	Sarkar Canoe Route Enhancement	Recreation		Sarkar Lake	Improve signage, trail, boardwalks and cabin maintenance. Add signage at parking area too
18	Sunahae Trail Restoration	Recreation		Sunahae Mountain in Craig	Complete the Sunnahae Trail restoration. This is a multi-stage project that is partially complete, with an excellent section of trail that stops short of the main attraction for the trail (the alpine area on top of Sunnahae Mountain overlooking Craig). The middle section of the trail should be completed to the same level of quality and safety as the lower section, and the upper boardwalk should be repaired/replaced as needed for safety and protection of muskeg
19	Trail Diversification to include running, mountain biking, and bicycling	Recreation			Identify and establish or modify trails for multiple uses including running, mountain biking, bicycling and other as determined.
20	Youth Project Proposals	Recreation			USFS should entertain proposals from private entities/groups to permit a day use area on the island for a paint ball field, archery/gun range or other activity where the youth can gather/recreate

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21	Addressing limitations for microsals	Timber			Look into changing the parameters of how microsals are limited/defined, such as: distance from road, road closures, etc. Prioritize salvage sales from development LUDs (possible template from Wrangell RD)
22	Native Plant Materials Nursery Facility (Reforestation, Rehabilitation, and Habitat Improvement)	Timber	Wildlife Habitat, Fish Habitat, Economic, Endangered Yellow Cedar	Possible sites: Thorne Bay (USFS Compound); Coffman Cove (SISD greenhouse); Klawock (VOCTEC); Control Lake (Mental Health Trust lands; Andersonville	The USFS should strongly consider establishing, collaborating and encouraging new greenhouse operations that can produce seedlings and other native plant materials for reforestation, reclamation and habitat improvement projects. There is a severe shortage of local native plants and seed to accomplish this work. For example, often, non-native seed mixes are used for soil stabilization and seed for native plant cover is in short supply
23	One Tree - Art	Timber	Art; Timber		Allow a group to take a tree and use it completely: People identify a part of tree to use and make something from it. Culminate in an art show/workshop to showcase what had been made. Ideas include baskets (bark and roots), furniture (trunk and limbs), bowls (trunk), carvings (any part), paper (sawdust), musical instruments (branches etc). Make a poster showing all the things that can be made from just one tree.

Project #	Title	Primary Project Type	Secondary Project Type(s)	Location	Description
24	Open public USFS Roads	Timber	Subsistence		Keep temporary roads open for five years following a timber sale cutting to allow residents access to collect firewood and other subsistence activities.
25	Upgrades to Hollis dock	Visitor/Tourism		Hollis	Encourage USFS to work with Hollis community on access to Hollis Harbor facilities
26	Collaborative Engagement on Wildlife Mgmt	Wildlife	Subsistence	Unit 2- Islandwide	Establish collaborative process to clarify objectives for wildlife management with local POW people. Influence decision-making to meet local goals, including: access, harvest seasons, bag limits
27	Deer Habitat Strategy and Restoration Schedule for POW	Wildlife	Subsistence	POW	1) Complete Tongass YG strategy, wildlife habitat sections with best available info. 2) Develop implementation schedule to maintain deer habitat quality/capability at an optimal level island wide.
28	Deer winter range for each community	Wildlife			Work with local communities. Consider collective impacts on deer winter range from non-USFS lands surrounding communities, with the goal of maintaining and promoting adequate deer winter range for each community.
29	Wildlife Academy: Engagement with local youth	Wildlife	Education	Islandwide	Develop partnerships to include local youth in wildlife studies for education and workforce development, including education on invasives and monitoring/treatment for invasives.

Project #	Title	Primary Project Type	Secondary Project Type(s)	Location	Description
30	Wolf Management	Wildlife	Subsistence	Unit 2 - Islandwide	1) Develop collaborative management group: ADFG, USFS, USFWS, local resource users. 2) Establish Unit 2 management objectives, developed by ADFG/USFS managers and user groups. 3) address predation management issues - bear

# Bylaws: Prince of Wales Island Landscape Assessment Team

## **I. Team Mission and Vision**

**Mission:** *To assist the USFS in the development of a landscape level assessment for Prince of Wales Island area by developing and providing recommendations to the Forest Service, that contribute to the well-being of the National Forest and to lasting economic and social resilience within the Landscape Assessment area.*

## **II. Team Membership**

Membership in the Team includes the following:

- A. POWCAC members (16 members – POW communities, tribes, Chamber)
- B. Timber industry representatives
- C. Conservation group representatives
- D. State of Alaska representatives
- E. Energy industry representatives
- F. Visitor/recreation industry representatives
- G. ANCSA representatives (KHC, SSI, HC, Kasaan, Sealaska)
- H. Education representatives
- I. At-large representatives

Team members shall be residents of Prince of Wales Island.

## **III. Team Values**

Participants in the Team agree that their collaborative efforts should:

- a. Provide honest, solution-oriented input into the processes to develop named and future projects. Furthermore, organizations/participants are committed to provide their relevant skills and expertise in support of the development of these projects.
- b. Review, discuss and re-adopt the Bylaws on an as-needed basis to ensure all members are in agreement and current membership is fully vested
- c. In all decision making processes, review, understand and consider the forest management goals of the Tongass National Forest.
- d. Recognize the legitimacy of the interests and concerns of others, and expect that their interests will be represented as well.
- e. Work on tangible, implementable projects.
- f. Focus on projects:
  - i. with the highest potential for economic benefit;
  - ii. with the highest restoration need;
  - iii. that can demonstrate long-term benefits.
- g. Identify opportunities to provide economic benefit to local communities including reliable/stable supply of timber;
- h. Identify opportunities to protect and restore clean water, stable soils, native vegetation and quality habitat for native fish and wildlife.

- i. Incorporate landscape-scale, economic and information and analysis while making collaborative recommendations.
- j. Participation in Team activities implies acceptance of the terms of this document.

#### **IV. Representation, Participation, Committees**

The Team will function as an open meeting organization. It will seek to include a diversity of stakeholder interests and geographic representation as defined in Section II. Team meetings will occur at least monthly. The public will be invited to participate in meetings of the Team.

Because the Team will communicate via email and phone between regularly scheduled meetings, it is recognized that any direction taken, or decision made during meetings will supersede alternative direction or decisions that develop outside of facilitated meetings.

Committees may be formed, as needed, to deliberate on areas of disagreement, conduct research, draft procedural documents, or work on any other matter that the full Team has decided is relevant. Recommendations from committees shall be brought to the entire Team for deliberation and approval.

#### **V. Ground Rules**

##### **A) Basic Rules for Collaboration**

1. Respect each other in and outside of meetings.
2. No backroom deals.
3. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.
4. The personal integrity and values of participants will be respected.
5. Stereotyping will be avoided.
6. Commitments will not be made lightly and will be kept; agreements will be honored.
7. Disagreements will be regarded as “challenges to be solved,” rather than as “battles to be won.”
8. Participants are representative of a broad range of interests, each having concerns about the outcome of the issues at hand. All parties recognize the legitimacy of the interests and concerns of others, and expect that their interests will be represented as well.
9. Participants commit to keeping their colleagues/constituents informed about the progress of these discussions.
10. Participants commit to stating interests, problems, and opportunities. Not positions. “My-way-or-the-highway” does not support collaboration.
11. Participants will air problems, disagreements and critical information during meetings to avoid surprises.
12. Participants commit to search for opportunities and alternatives. The creativity of the Team can often find the best solution.
13. Participants agree to verify rumors at full Team meetings before accepting them as fact.

B) Meeting Behavior - all participants will:

1. Come to meetings prepared
2. Respect the basic rules of collaboration (as stated above)
3. Voice their concerns during meetings and take the time to resolve those issues
4. Refrain from side conversations during the meeting
5. Participants will make sure only one person speaks at a time – let individuals finish their thoughts and then take a deep breath before responding
6. Respect the facilitator and meeting agenda

C) Meeting planning and coordination

1. As a general rule, full Team collaborative meetings will be scheduled at least monthly. Efforts will be made for consistency in scheduling.
2. Efforts will be made to schedule meetings well in advance especially where key discussions are planned.
3. Meetings will be announced via email (or by phone and/or mail for members who do not have email)
4. Meeting agendas will be sent out approximately 7 days prior to the meeting to allow for Team input and suggestions.

D) Record keeping

1. Minutes will be taken at each meeting by the Secretary/Treasurer or designee and shared with members who are on the email list or have requested them by mail.
2. Minutes from the prior meeting will be reviewed at the beginning of the next meeting and any issues (clarifications, other) will be discussed; meeting minutes will be approved.
3. Member organizations and representatives will be listed in minutes, with information indicating their presence or absence.

E) Internal communications protocol

1. A website will be maintained for storing and sharing all information. Partners are encouraged to help develop content for the website.

F) External communications protocol

1. Information about the Team will be made available to external stakeholders via the website and other venues as appropriate; all efforts will be taken to ensure that the Team's work remains transparent to external audiences. Non-members will have access to all information and the ability to share thoughts and comments with the Team.
2. No individual member or participant of the Team should speak on behalf of the full Team without first gaining consent of the full Team.

## **VI. Decision-Making System**

### **A) Participation**

While anyone may participate in meetings and deliberations, only persons identified in Section II, above, shall participate in Team decision-making. Team members must have attended at least 2 of the last 4 meetings to formally participate in Team business related decisions (while allowing the use of “alternates” from the same organization if needed). Team members must participate in 5 of the 7 scheduled meetings for Phase I of the facilitated recommendation process to formally participate in the Team decision on proposals forwarded to the U.S. Forest Service.

Committee members are encouraged to prioritize attending meetings in person. If this is not possible, members are encouraged to ensure a proxy is in attendance or to submit written input to the facilitator ahead of time. Committee and full Team agendas should note if the Team will be asked to make a decision during that meeting. Materials and information that will help inform committee or full Team member decision-making should be distributed at least a week before the Team is asked to discuss it.

Rather than establishing formal quorum rules, substantive decisions should not be made at meetings where key stakeholder interests are not present. The Team may make tentative decisions at such meetings, or may delay decisions until the following meeting.

Forest Service staff are extremely important to this effort, but will participate only in an advisory capacity for the decision process.

### **B) Consensus-Seeking**

The Team agrees to make decisions on a majority rule basis.

1. As decisions are being made by either the full Team or a committee, eligible members will be asked to indicate their support either by a show of hands or verbal confirmation.
2. If a quarter or more of the Team does not support a given action, the full Team shall note the margin not in support and provide an opportunity for the minority to log its concerns in writing in any final Team document.
3. Efforts will be made to reach decisions with at least a three quarters majority in favor.
4. All decisions that were made at a meeting will be documented at meetings end and the level of agreement with decisions will be recorded.
5. Efforts will be made by the facilitator to reach milestone decisions throughout project discussions on clearly defined decision points.
6. The facilitator, in conjunction with participants, shall identify benchmarks for the upcoming meeting. Proposed benchmarks shall be established either at the meetings or in the interim, and included on the agenda for each item for an upcoming meeting.
7. In the interest of time and completing the agenda items for the day, the facilitator, shall, at his / her discretion, bring a discussion to a close, but shall offer opportunities for continuance via a committee or other means.

### C) Reversibility of Decisions

Decisions made during meetings will not be revisited by the Team unless significant new ecological, economic, or social information that may affect the decision becomes available.

### D) Objections

The Team recognizes that individuals both within the Team and outside of the Team may choose to object to the final work product. The Team also recognizes that the USFS is the ultimate decision maker with regards to all collaborative- based projects.

## **VII. Officers and Duties**

- a. The Team will utilize an Executive Committee (the three officers listed below and the Facilitator as an ex officio member) to assist in developing draft meeting documents such as agendas and notes for full Team consideration, fiscal administration oversight and assistance to the host organization discussion and feedback for staffing and other contracts, annual facilitator performance reviews, and agenda-setting for full Team meetings

The Executive Committee is charged with lending their individual skills to ensure the smooth and appropriate functioning of the team and that grant objectives and financial obligations are being met.

- b. Chairman and Vice Chairman - The Team shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Team, each to hold office for a one-year term and until a successor is elected. In the event the Chairman or Vice Chairman so elected ceases to be a member of the Team, the resulting vacancy in the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman shall be filled at the next meeting of the Team held after the vacancy occurs. In the absence or the inability of the Chairman to act, the Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman. The Chairman, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman, shall preside at and conduct all meetings of the Team.
- c. Secretary /Treasurer- The Council shall elect a Secretary/Treasurer, to hold the office for a one-year term and until a successor is elected. In the event the Secretary/Treasurer so elected ceases to be a member of the Team, the resulting vacancy in the office of Secretary/Treasurer shall be filled at the next meeting of the Team held after the vacancy occurs. In the absence or inability of the Secretary/Treasurer to act, the Chairman shall appoint an acting Secretary/Treasurer to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the meeting at which the elected Secretary/Treasurer is unable to act or serve. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining the minutes of the meetings of the Team, and other records, contracts and documents pertaining to the Team. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining the financial records of the Team. Duties may be delegated to the Facilitator.

**VIII. USFS Staff Roles**

The Team will rely on technical resource data provided by USFS staff for each resource area in which the Team deliberates. The Team may consider data from other sources.

**IX. Signature Page**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 6  
Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team Attendance**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>May 18/19</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>February 22</b>
Alaska Mental Health Trust	Slenkamp	Paul	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Alaska Specialty Woods	Cole	Brent	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	
Alaska Tonewood	Isabella	Jim	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	5	
At-Large	Steinkruger	Erin	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	1
Chamber of Commerce	Zellhuber	Sharilyn	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	
Chamber of Commerce	Reeves	Cindy	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
City of Craig	Bolling	Jon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
City of Hydaburg	Christianson	Anthony	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	5	
City of Hydaburg	Tolson	Marita	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
City of Kasaan	Baker	Robert	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
City of Klawock	Armour	Lawrence	-	1	1	1	1	1	1*	5	
City of Thorne Bay	Benner	Wayne	1	1		1	1	1	1	6	1
City of Thorne Bay	Gould	Jim	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	
City of Thorne Bay	Slayton	Ray	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
Craig Tribal Association	Schoonover	Millie	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	6	1
Hollis Community Council	Curtis	Ron	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1
Hydaburg Cooperative Association	Christianson	Anthony	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	5	
Hydaburg Cooperative Association	Sanderson	Tony	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Kavilco Corporation	Olson	Fred	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
Klawock Cooperative Association	Aboudara	Quinn	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
Klawock Cooperative Association	Armour	Lawrence		1	1	1	1	1	-	5	
Klawock School	Steward	Val	1	1*	1	1	1	1	1	6	
Organized Village of Kasaan	Sykes	Carrie	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1
Organized Village of Kasaan	Yockey	Sarah	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
POW VocTec Center	Cleary	Karen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1
Prince of Wales Watershed Association	Fecko	Cheryl	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	
Pulic	Claus	Bob	1	1	1		1	1	1	6	
Recreation/Tourism Industry	Fitzpatrick	Misty	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	6	1
SAF Professionals	Tierney	Pat	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	6	
Sealaska Timber	Girt	Bob	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	6	1
Shaan Seet Corporation	Schoonover	Millie	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	6	
Tatoosh School	Chaille	Peter	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	4	1
The Nature Conservancy	Cohen	Norman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
The Nature Conservancy	Kampnich	Michael	1	1	1	1	1*	1	1	6	1
UAF-Cooperative Extension	Peterson	Karen	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	
Viking Lumber	Burkhart	Bert	-		1	-	1	1	-	3	
Viking Lumber	Dahlstrom	Bryce	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	
Whale Pass Community Association	Huestis	Tyra	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	6	1
Whale Pass Community Association	Huestis	Josiah	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	

\* = assigned proxy

## ATTACHMENT 7

### **Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team Summary of Public Outreach Engagement Process May 2017**

#### Background

The Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team (POW LAT) formed in May of 2016 and adopted a mission statement to assist the U.S. Forest Service in the development of a Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Assessment document. The group's mission focused on developing and providing proposed projects to the U.S. Forest Service that contribute to the well-being of the National Forest and to lasting economic and social resilience within the landscape assessment area. After a series of organizational meetings, POW LAT hired a meeting facilitator to meet the POW LAT goal of developing a project list for U.S. Forest Service lands on the Prince of Wales Island ranger districts for the next 10-15 years.

The facilitated POW LAT effort was preceded by several initial public meetings. POW LAT met on several occasions to organize itself, and after the hiring of a facilitator commenced its work in earnest.

The following public meetings took place leading to the formation and work of POW LAT.

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| March 22, 2016  | Craig District Ranger Matt Anderson briefs the POW Community Advisory Council (POWCAC) on the USFS's intent to develop a landscape level assessment (LLA) document for POW Island.                                                                                    |
| April 19, 2016  | A special POWCAC meeting was held to talk in depth about the proposed landscape level assessment, including the range of work involved, funding, and interest by POWCAC members in participating.                                                                     |
| May 16, 2016    | A group of interested island residents met and settled on a group name with the goal of submitting proposed projects to the US Forest Service for inclusion in the LLA.                                                                                               |
| May 24, 2016    | POWCAC members heard an update from the April meeting, where the group was informed that the next meeting on the LLA topic is set for June 9.                                                                                                                         |
| June 9, 2016    | POW LAT adopted bylaws and agreed to accept funding for meeting facilitation expenses.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| June 30, 2016   | POW LAT met and revised its draft bylaws, heard reports on availability of grants to fund facilitation services, and approved a request for proposals to procure facilitation services. The City of Thorne Bay agreed to administer grant funds on behalf of POW LAT. |
| July 26, 2016   | POWCAC heard an update on the POW LAT process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| August 18, 2016 | POW LAT worked on membership, facilitator procurement, and set a schedule for regular future meeting dates.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sept. 27, 2016  | POWCAC members heard on update on the POW LAT formation process to date. All were encouraged to visit the POWCAC website for information on the POW LAT process ( <a href="https://www.powcac.org/other-projects/">https://www.powcac.org/other-projects/</a> ).      |
| Sept. 29, 2016  | POW LAT met and reviewed proposals to provide facilitation services. After rejecting two proposals, POW LAT agreed to work with The Nature Conservancy to provide facilitation services.                                                                              |

- Oct. 27, 2016 POW LAT met and approved engaging TNC to provide facilitation services to meet POW LAT's goals.
- Nov. 4, 2016 POW LAT met with its facilitator. The group worked on a statement of its purpose and goals, and discussed topics, resources, and issues that may require background and baseline information in order for the group to decide on projects. The group agreed on an information workshop for its December meeting, where POW LAT members and the public can meet with US Forest Service and others regarding national forest resources on POW Island.
- Nov. 29, 2016 POWCAC heard an update on POW LAT activities.
- Dec. 15, 2016 POW LAT members attended an information fair in Craig, intended to disseminate data on various land use and resources on federal land on POW Island.
- January 24, 2017 POWCAC heard a report on POW LAT's activities.
- January 26, 2017 POW LAT members engaged in working group process to identify projects in three areas, and invited additional project submittals until the February meeting.
- Feb. 23, 2017 Further working group proposals were developed, and those proposals were discussed by the entirety of POW LAT. A commitment was made to begin mapping the proposals.
- March 28, 2017 POWCAC heard a report on POW LAT activities.
- March 30, 2017 The group further discussed resource projects, and agreed to separate projects based in their need for NEPA, proximity to federal land, ability of the US Forest Service to implement projects, and projects in need of more information. The group worked further on mapping projects.
- April 27, 2017 POW LAT reviewed a report graphing the results of individual timber proposals identified at the March 30 meeting. Potential spatial conflicts among the projects were also discussed. TNC produced a map book of POW LAT identified projects. Further work was undertaken to develop a list of projects, and a list of recommendations. The group agreed to focus on timber production and attempt to wrap up work at 1.5 days of meeting in May.
- May 18-19, 2017 On May 18, 2017, POW LAT members met to finalize work on their project list and recommendations for the Prince of Wales Districts Landscape Level Assessment. The first portion of the meeting, members continued where they left off in April in complete the project list that was location based. After completing edits and approval of projects on the project list, POW LAT members embarked on a healthy discussion regarding old growth timber harvest for Prince of Wales for the next 10-15 years.

On May 19, 2017, POW LAT members agreed upon an old growth timber harvest recommendation. Members then reviewed and approved the project list that included projects that were recommendations. This table included projects that did not need NEPA clearance, had already been NEPA cleared, did not have spatial references (were broad in nature), or were not on U.S. Forest Service Lands but could use U.S. Forest Service support. The POW LAT members reviewed a draft cover letter and tasked the Chair Jon Bolling and facilitator Cathy Needham with producing a final package by May 31,

2017. At that time, the packaged materials will be sent back out to POW LAT members for a final vote and then submission.

### Meetings Notices

The meetings above were noticed by e-mail to POWCAC members, and by e-mail to a subsequent list of those interested in the POW LAT process, including POWCAC members. Meeting materials were posted to POW LAT page on the POWCAC website for public review. In addition, beginning with the December 2016 meeting, flyers were sent out prior to the meetings to the e-mail notification lists, and recipients were encouraged to post the flyers in their community. Finally, meeting flyers were posted on the POW LAT website.

### Other Notices

- A. POW LAT's activities were regularly reported in the Prince of Wales Island Post. POW Island Post dates and headlines regarding POW LAT activities are listed below.
  1. May 4, 2016 "USFS collaborative group seeks members"
  2. June 1, 2016 "Landscape assessment team meets June 9"
  3. July 6, 2016 "Collaborative group gets funding, creates goal statement, by-laws"
  4. August 3, 2016 "Assessment team seeks proposals"
  5. November 16, 2016 "Facilitator hired for collaborative group"
  6. December 7, 2016 "US Forest Service seeks public input"
  7. January 18, 2017 "Landscape Assessment Team Meets January 26"
  8. March 15, 2017 "POWLAT Continues work on Projects"
  
- B. The November 30, 2016 edition of the Federal Register included a notice of intent from the US Forest Service to begin a LLA project for the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts.

### POW LAT Webpage

Since the formation of the group, POW LAT has maintained a webpage hosted on the POWCAC website. The webpage helped serve as a location where POW LAT members and the public could go to download materials related to POW LAT proceedings. The webpage was regularly updated with meeting notices, meeting agenda, and meeting materials. All documents produced by resource groups for POW LAT have also been provided as links on the POW LAT webpage. This includes links to all of the information fair presentations, the list of projects that POW LAT members proposed, and requested maps.