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Dear Planning Participant:

I am pleased to announce that the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project (POW LLA) on the Tongass National Forest has been signed. The ROD and Appendices including Activity Cards, Implementation Plan, Travel Management decision and Errata are available for review at Forest Service offices at the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts, and the Ketchikan Forest Supervisor's office, and online at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>.

This ROD documents my decision to select Alternative 2 with modifications, hereafter called the Selected Alternative, and describes my rationale for the decision. This decision authorizes a wide array of site-specific activities and management strategies, including old- and young-growth timber harvest; precommercial thinning and wildlife habitat improvement; watershed improvement and restoration; recreation facilities maintenance, improvement, and development; and other infrastructure and non-infrastructure activities on the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts on Prince of Wales and nearby islands.

The FEIS and draft ROD were available for public review prior to this final decision, pursuant to the pre-decisional administrative review process (objection process) under 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B, and fifteen objections with standing were received during the 45-day objection filing period. The Reviewing Officer reviewed the draft decision, in accordance with 36 CFR 218.3(a) and 219.56(g), and provided instructions. I have complied with the instructions from the Reviewing Officer prior to signing the ROD. Project implementation may commence immediately after the decision is signed.

Copies of this letter have been directly mailed or emailed to those who have expressed interest in the project through scoping, comments, consultation, or requests to be on the mailing list.

For additional information, please contact Delilah Brigham, Project Leader, at (907) 828-3232 or email at dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

As the Forest Supervisor, I am responsible for this decision. Your interest in the POW LLA Project and management of the Tongass National Forest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor, Tongass NF



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