

Forest Order
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
Thorne Bay Ranger District, Thorne Bay, Alaska
Order No. 10-05-36-26-02

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.53(e) the following acts are prohibited in the Tongass National Forest within the Thorne Bay Ranger District:

1. Being on, going into, or using any part of the boardwalk trail leading to the Beaver Falls karst viewing areas, Forest Service Trails 54776, 54776A, and 54776B.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(4).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this closure order is to prevent the public from using an unsafe suspended boardwalk trail. Several Forest Service personnel have removed fallen trees and identified structural deficiencies in the elevated walkway due to wind and storm damage.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order is effective from October 15, 2025 until September 30, 2026.
2. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.
3. A violation of the above prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska this 15th day of October, 2025.

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