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**To:** Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest

Minimum sawlog merchantability standards are extended for continued evaluation. This letter serves as interim direction for one year or until superseded by Manual and/or Handbook Direction (FSH 2409.22\_10; FSH2409.12\_20).

2409.12 - Exhibit 01  
Utilization Standards for Regenerated and  
Old Growth Stands for Tongass National Forest

Species/Product	All Sawlogs
Minimum d.b.h.	9 Inches
Minimum Top Diameter (dib)	7 Inches
Minimum Length	16 Feet
Percent Sound Volume	33 1/3 %

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