

On March 6, 2019 outfitter guide business owners and representatives of sportsmens' organizations and conservation groups engaged with Alaska Roadless Rulemaking met with USDA Secretary Perdue. Groups present or on the phone were Coastal Alaska Adventures, Trout Unlimited, and Sitka Conservation Society. Separately, they also met with USDA Forest Service leaders and staff.

Meeting purpose was for USDA and the Forest Service to better understand suggestions from these groups about components to include in an Alaska Roadless Rule preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Rule. These suggestions were made in a letter to Secretary Perdue dated December 4, 2018.

Topics addressed in the meeting include:

- Timber
- Conservation
- Essential Infrastructure
- Energy
- Mining
- Transportation

The groups seek an alternative that, in their view, meets the purpose and need, responds to the unique values and needs of southeast Alaska, and appropriately balances the desire for economic development while also conserving critical fish and wildlife habitat. It would also maintain the progress of the Tongass transition and avoid unnecessary disruption to the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan.