



## ALASKA ROADLESS RULE EIS WEEKLY STATUS MEETING

**Date/Time:** November 13, 2018 11:00 a.m. Alaska

**Location:** Teleconference

<b>Attendees</b>		
Ken Tu, Forest Service	Sitka Pence, Forest Service	Robert Nichols, Forest Service
Jon Gellings, Forest Service (COR)	Randy Fairbanks, Tetra Tech	Dave Cox, Tetra Tech

Ken provided a status update on the development of alternatives, status of cooperating agencies, and the project schedule.

### **Alternatives**

USFS anticipates five alternatives, as discussed last week. USFS is working on making the alternatives spatially explicit. These will be shared with the cooperating agencies this week and are subject to change. Updated alternatives to be shared with the Region the week after Thanksgiving, then with the WO on December 3 & 4. Final version to be provided on December 7.

The group discussed GIS and tabular data that may exist or could be generated to assist in mapping areas that would be suitable if not for the 2001 Roadless Rule. Tetra Tech to consider and report back whether the data is existing or easily generated, or if it would require more effort under the T&M tasks.

The group discussed application of the Phase I, II, and III lands under the current Forest Plan that restricts Old growth harvest to Phase I lands and how that would be analyzed in the EIS.

### **Key Issues**

Sitka led a discussion on preliminary Key Issues. Key issues will be similar to the issues considered in the 2008 and 2016 EISs. Market/Timber issue to be expanded to include other industries important to Southeast Alaska. Anticipating three key issues.

### **Other Topics**

- Anticipating boundary modification procedures to be applied to the Chugach as well. These would be administrative changes that would require future analysis unless it is an error correction. No additional analysis would be required (no effects analysis for the Chugach).
- Chapter One to be provided to Tetra Tech this week with placeholders where needed.
- Climate meeting to occur this Friday in D.C.
- Jon Gellings informed Tetra Tech that the T&M contract is coming soon, possibly this week.