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Subject: Alaska Roadless Rule Alternatives 5 and 6 name change

The purpose of this project memorandum is to document changes to the alternatives that occurred during the development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that resulted in a discrepancy between how the order/name of alternatives presented in some records and the geographic Information System (GIS) data and those in the published DEIS.

Notable changes to the alternatives that occurred during the development of the DEIS include:

- In December 2018, a sixth alternative was added. This was fully incorporated in the preliminary DEIS and record.
- Following detailed analysis and production of the first preliminary DEIS in March 2019, Alternatives 3 and 4 were revised. The Forest Service produced a new GIS dataset in April 2019 for the alternatives and Tetra Tech re-ran analyses and updated the DEIS record to reflect these changes. An updated preliminary DEIS and contractor record were provided in May 2019.
- In June 2019, the Forest Service elected to revise the order of the Alternatives. This change only affected Alternatives 5 and 6, and the change was in name/order only. What was Alternative 5 (full exemption) became Alternative 6, and what was Alternative 6 (Development LUDs) became Alternative 5. The Forest Service revised the preliminary DEIS and appendices accordingly, with support from Tetra Tech as needed. Tetra Tech revised affected maps and figures. The effects of this change are the subject of this memo.

Previously created analysis files, GIS data and other documents in the record were not updated after the June 2019 name change because there was no substantive change to the alternatives, analysis, or results presented in the DEIS other than the name change and resulting reorganization of the text, tables and figures. This primarily affects the analysis files (mostly excel spreadsheets), GIS data, and communications prior to the June 2019 name change that still use the original, now out-of-date, naming for Alternatives 5 and 6 in the DEIS record. Future analyses, GIS data, communications and other documents developed in support of the Final EIS will use the current alternatives as reflected in the DEIS (subject to change in response to comments on the DEIS).

Those reviewing the DEIS record are advised to be aware of this discrepancy when comparing documents in the DEIS record to the DEIS text.