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Hi Stephani,

Shannon mentioned I should send you any talking points I've used with the media that were not in the Communications plan. They are listed below:

Is the public well aware of the proposal to exempt the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule?
The USDA Forest Service has attempted to reach as many Americans as possible regarding the Alaska Specific Roadless Rulemaking process in order to ensure substantial public involvement. Outreach has included press releases, tribal consultation letters, website updates, public meetings, social media announcements and media interviews.

How do employees of the Forest Service tend to view the proposal?
Employees of the USDA Forest Service are diverse in both background and opinion, and are free to engage in the public comment process during their time off.

In general, what makes Tongass National Park valuable for the state?
The Tongass is a National Forest managed for multiple-use by the USDA Forest Service. The Tongass National Forest is an economic resource that provides considerable employment and revenue through industries such as tourism, commercial fishing, mining, and timber. In 2017, the Tongass National Forest, directly and indirectly, contributed more than 12,700 jobs regionally and accounted for more than $539 million in annual labor income.

Why not record testimony at public meetings?
The meeting summaries are compiled for internal use.

What happens to the meeting summaries that were mentioned at the meetings?
People who take the time to provide input during public processes deserve to have their submissions presented in the context intended. Therefore, the best way to achieve this is to submit written comments that come directly from the individual.

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Hi Paul, Just making sure that the materials (like the talking point about taking testimony at meetings) is making it into the project record for the AK Roadless Rule. If you need help, Stephani Rust is the lead for Project Record Stuff.
Thanks!
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