

Tribal and Corporation Consultation Record

September 24, 2018

Tribal Entity: Wrangell Cooperative Association (WCA)

Esther Ashton

Talia Eams

Ruby McMurren

USFS:

Nicole Grewe

Mary

Bob Dalrymple

Troy Heithecker

Earl Stewart

Melinda Hernandez Burke

TNF Supervisor Earl Stewart opened the dialogue by thanking WCA for having us and the fantastic and productive local connections to the WRD: shared projects on recreation, access, etc.

Nicole Grewe provided a general overview and history of Roadless and where we are today.

Esther expressed that the WCA will not be seeking Cooperating Agency (CA) status at this time, but they requested being kept in the loop and requested a regular and steady information flow.

- Staff emphasized even though WCA does not plan on seeking CA status, that there are many opportunities to engage, comment, and does not affect the government-to-government consultation opportunities and agency responsibilities.
- Very complimentary of communication with the Ranger Dalrymple and his presentations and engagement with the WCA Tribal Council meetings.

Esther inquired as to whether this would open up mining opportunities, since it was mentioned mining specifically in the Federal Register.

Staff responded, referring to 1872 mining laws, and expressed that roadless does not prohibit mining laws and claims currently, recognizing existing rights. Also, the state feels the roadless rule stifles economic activities.

Esther asked about the USFS stance on the petition. Earl outlined what the state has requested and what the USFS has been charged with. He also emphasized the Secretary's desire for a stat-specific local public involvement. Mary also emphasized that point, highlighting the desire for individual assessments and recommendations vs. a broad paintbrush application national rule.

Esther asked about potential direct impacts on Wrangell and surrounding areas. Earl spoke about the percentage of existing roadless and wilderness areas, noting there is not a lot of room for development and that on the ground site specific future work would still require individual analysis.

- *Follow-up:

- *Maps showing existing LUDS and overlays with Roadless areas
- *Additional summaries or FAQ's in addition to what has already been provided.