

Tribal and Corporation Consultation Record

October 1, 2018
OVSaxman Tribal Hall

Tribal Entity: OVSaxman
OVSaxman Tribal Council

USFS:
Brock Martin
Nicole Grewe
Melinda Hernandez Burke

- Nicole provided an overview of the existing rule, the state petition, and the resulting work by the agency in the rulemaking processes.
 - Options outline: Leave as-is→ Full exemption
 - How community and tribal input can help guide the processes
- Melinda provided an overview of Cooperating Agency roles in the process as well as future opportunities to comment/participate, including AK Federation of Natives listening session hosted by USDA
 - The tribal council identified participants for that event.
- Questions and comments from the tribe:
 - Timelines/timeframes: not enough time to receive and process info. The tribe is upset by how things are going
 - A high percentage of comments from 2001 from the public was “no change”. We want to protect the lands and waters for our people.
 - President Wallace inquired about public meetings in their area
 - Nicole relayed the substantial opposition at the Ketchikan area public meeting
 - The tribe asked about call-in information for the Citizens Advisory Group Meeting. Communicated concerns about the tribal representative and how a collective tribal voice will be difficult for one person. *Melinda followed up with call-in details and passcodes*
 - The tribe is very concerned about how lifting roadless rule would affect traditional cultural property and sacred sites in their traditional homelands.
 - USFS has been low on funds to maintain roads—if no funds to maintain, how will new ones be built and maintained?