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ALASKA ROADLESS RULE



It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for your participation in the Alaska Roadless Rule draft environmental impact statement 60-day comment period that was completed late last year. Your voices were shared through traditional news media and via social media during our fall public information meetings and subsistence hearings.

We also heard from you through the written comments you mailed, faxed, emailed and uploaded to our project website.

As a reminder, your comments are used to inform the responsible official, as we move through the process before a final decision is made.

A final environmental impact statement and the final decision on an Alaska Roadless Rule, which will be made by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, are both expected in summer 2020.

Until then, please visit the [project website](#) for updated information as it becomes available.

David E. Schmid, Regional Forester

WHAT'S NEW Subsistence Hearings

“Section 810(a) of the Alaska Native Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) requires that an evaluation of subsistence uses and needs be completed for any federal determination to “withdraw, reserve, lease, or otherwise permit the use, occupancy or disposition of public lands.” Links to Alaska Roadless Rule Subsistence hearing transcripts are to the right. ➡

Transcripts

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| Angoon* | Pelican |
| Craig | Petersberg |
| Gustavus | Point Baker |
| Haines | Skagway |
| Hoonah* | Sitka* |
| Hydaburg** | Tenakee Springs |
| Kake* | Thorne Bay |
| Kasaan | Wrangell |
| Ketchikan | Yakutat |

* Transcripts contains some Tlingit translations
** Transcript contains some Haida translations

Did You Know?

In November and December 2019, nearly **1,000** people participated in the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking information meetings held in **20** Alaska communities. The Agency also hosted an informational meeting in Washington D.C.

Frequently Asked Questions



Is the Forest Service still working with Cooperating Agencies and Alaska Native Tribes?

We continue to work closely with our Cooperating Agencies, which includes the state of Alaska and five tribes. Since the closing of the 60-day comment period in mid-December, the Forest Service sponsored a two-day workshop in Juneau, is holding regular conference calls for continued discussions on the environmental analysis, and remains committed to continued government-to-government in-region consultations with Alaska Native tribes and corporations.



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@ Information Resources

○ Websites - Online Links:

- [Alaska Region Roadless](#)
- [Project Website](#)
- [Roadless Area Conservation](#)
- [Other FAQs](#)

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This bulletin will be available to the public as part of the project record.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The Forest Service is now analyzing all of the written comments it has received. These comments are among the plethora of information considered during the analysis phase. This critical input will help in the development of a final rule and final environmental impact statement (EIS).

Changes from the draft EIS to the final version may include updates to the alternatives, additional information not originally included, clarification of terms, updated analyses where available, and mapping or table inclusions.

A good source of information is the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

project website. Here you will find tabs, folders and links that take you to information on pre-scoping and scoping activities, analyses, supporting documentation and assessments.

The assessment tab offers some of the latest information including Cooperating Agency updates, and Subsistence Hearing information and transcripts. Written comments are also available on the project website in the Public Comment folders. Be sure to bookmark the Website Address: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54511> for easy navigation.



Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Milestones

