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Hi Lucy and Annie –

Please find attached 2 maps in response to your inquiry about outfitter/guide use within Tongass National Forest inventoried roadless areas (IRA). One map presents outfitter/guide use data and the other shows the underlying LUDs. Based on the best available data, the outfitter/guide use map presents a 5-year total (2013-2017) of aggregated outfitter/guide use within IRAs. The use represents the number of client visits per day to distinct locations within an IRA. Due to the variation of how annual use is reported and recorded, the map represents a relative analysis and not an absolute analysis of outfitter/guide special use permit activity within IRAs. The following information provides additional context for the information presented in the map:

- Location: Outfitter/guide reported use varies from specific point location to general geographic areas. Additionally, use is reported within Recreation Use Areas which, in some cases, straddle IRA and non-IRA boundaries. The data presented represents analysis of reported use data and an assessment of the best means of presenting it in a mapped IRA format.
- Outfitter/Guide management decisions: Commercial outfitter/guide use is managed through publicly developed outfitter/guide management plans consistent with the Tongass Land Management Plan. The O/G Management Plans determine the amount of overall visitor capacity and percentage of visitor capacity allocated to commercial use. Outfitter/Guide management plans take into account factors such as the underlying LUDs, Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS), protection of natural and cultural resources, and public use. In addition to determining total commercial allocation for an area, these factors and others are also used to set group size limits. Group size and client limits within IRAs range from no more than 2 groups of 12 including guides (e.g., primitive ROS setting) to areas which provide for high levels of commercial use (e.g., Juneau Icefield, Mendenhall Glacier).
- Commercial allocation: The amount of client data reported on the map does not show the relative level of commercial use to overall commercial allocation. Due to the variation of allocated commercial use and managed group size across IRAs, areas which are mapped with lower client use may be operating at or near full commercial allocation. Likewise, areas showing high use may have unused allocation for commercial use.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or information requests on this topic. I have made a request for a list of operators that have accessed IRAs within the past 5 years and will provide that to you, with any additional notes, when I receive it.

Also if it would be of interest to you, then I could set up a phone call with our subject matter experts who would be able to provide additional clarification on the materials presented and answer additional questions. Let me know if you'd like for me to schedule a call.

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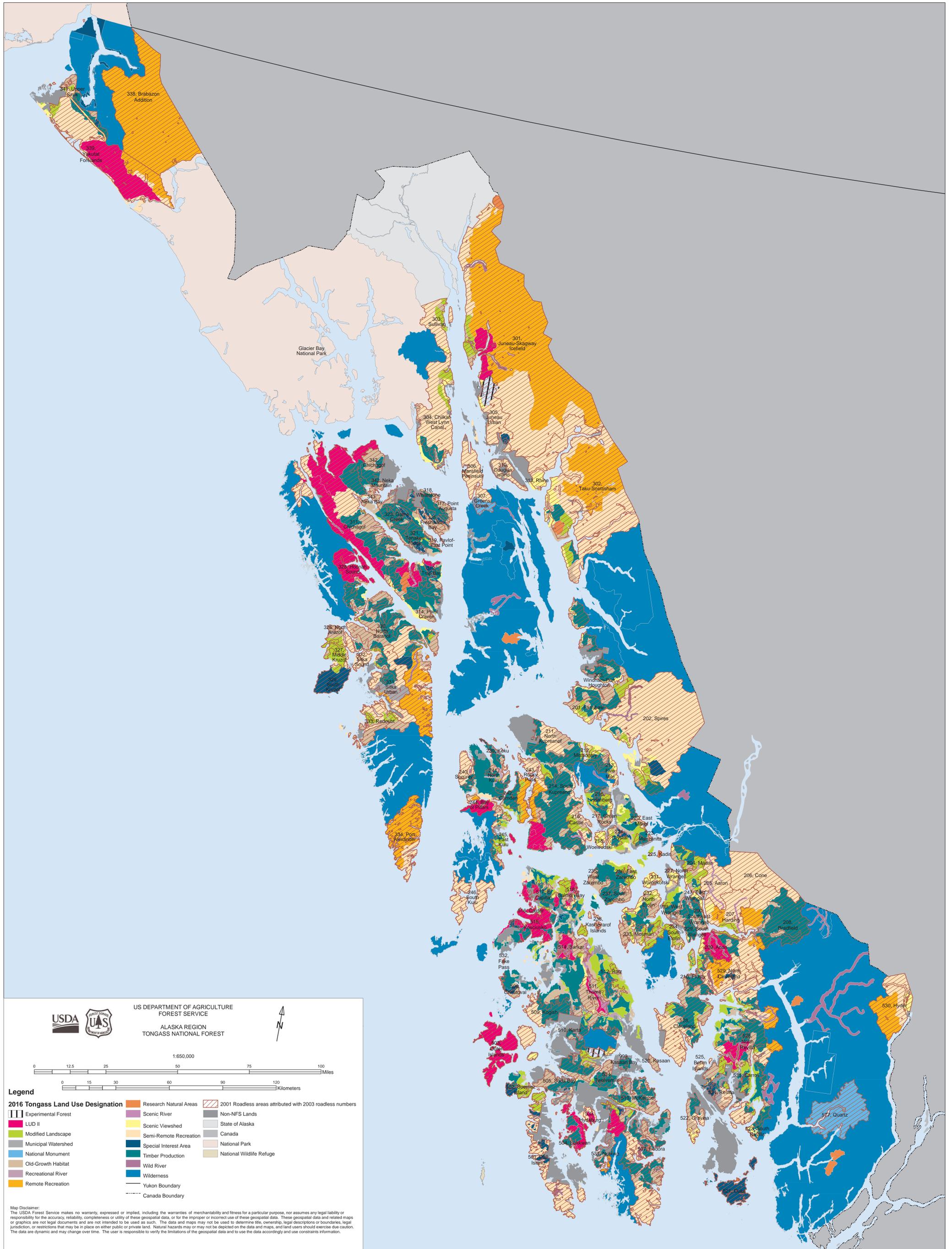
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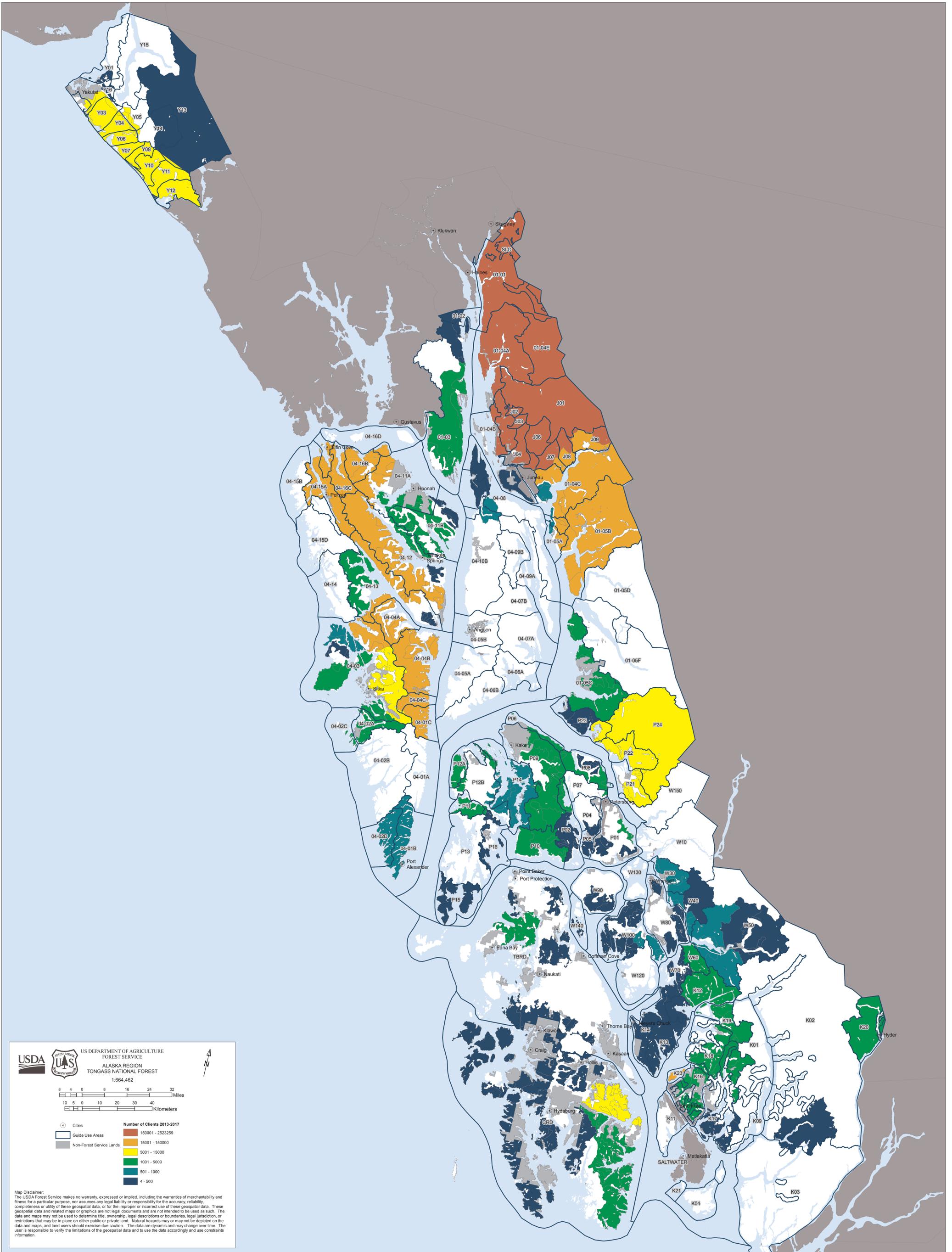
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**Legend**

Experimental Forest	Research Natural Areas	2001 Roadless areas attributed with 2003 roadless numbers
LUD II	Scenic River	Non-NFS Lands
Modified Landscape	Scenic Viewshed	State of Alaska
Municipal Watershed	Semi-Remote Recreation	Canada
National Monument	Special Interest Area	National Park
Old-Growth Habitat	Timber Production	National Wildlife Refuge
Recreational River	Wild River	
Remote Recreation	Wilderness	
	Yukon Boundary	
	Canada Boundary	

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8 4 0 8 16 24 32 Miles  
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● Cities  
 □ Guide Use Areas  
 □ Non-Forest Service Lands

**Number of Clients 2013-2017**  
 ■ 150001 - 2523259  
 ■ 15001 - 150000  
 ■ 5001 - 15000  
 ■ 1001 - 5000  
 ■ 501 - 1000  
 ■ 4 - 500

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