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Ms. Karla Hart
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Dear Ms. Hart:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process currently being conducted by the Forest Service.

The publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), with a 60-day comment period meets the spirit and letter of applicable regulations governing public engagement. Therefore an extension to the public comment period will not be granted beyond December 17, 2019. The Forest Service hosted twenty-one public information meetings across Alaska and in Washington, D.C., to provide information and answer questions. In addition, nineteen subsistence hearings were completed across rural communities in southeast Alaska.

The Forest Service will continue to contribute to the resilience of forests and communities in Alaska and across the country by investing in sound forest stewardship in partnership with states, tribes, local governments and stakeholders. In meeting these needs, the Forest Service will uphold its mission to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of our nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of future and present generations.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the National Forests in Alaska. I appreciate your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

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Regional Forester

cc: Chad Vanormer



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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I urge an extension of the comment period. This rulemaking has impacts on a massive scale and the public deserves to have enough time to process the DEIS and respond.

Given the magnitude of response to the scoping, this is not an everyday scale of proposal.

Further, adding a provision relating to the Chugach is a huge change from the scoped plan. Impacted people there need additional time to participate fully.