

**ALASKA ROADLESS RULEMAKING  
CONSULTATION, COLLABORATION and OUTREACH**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of interaction and with whom</b>	<b>FS representative</b>
7/30/2018	Letter from Regional Forester: Government to Government and Government to Corporation Consultation invitation letter from Forest Service.	Regional Forester
<b>Discussion:</b> Mailing list to be found at: <a href="https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fs-r10-tcdb/SitePages/Home.aspx">https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fs-r10-tcdb/SitePages/Home.aspx</a>		
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05/02/2018, Ketchikan Indian Community Conference Room	Government to Government Consultation: Ketchikan Indian Community & Organized Village of Saxman, Gianna Willard Flanery (President, Tribal Council), et al	Susan Howle (Ketchikan-Misty Fjords District Ranger) Daryl Bingham (NEPA Planner)
<b>Discussion:</b> Formal Consultation, Roadless was a topic of discussion		
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08/24/2018 Chugach Alaska Corporation Board Room	Government to Corporation Consultation: Chugach AK Corporation, CEO Gabe Kompkoff and staff Cook Inlet Regional Incorporated – Senior Vice President Greg Razo and staff	Terri Marceron (Chugach National Forest Supervisor, Chad VanOrmer (Budget and Planning Director), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager)
<b>Discussion:</b> Formal Consultation for both corporations took place and follow-up requested information was sent 8/27/18		
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09/05/2018, Juneau Ranger District	Government to Government Consultation: Hoonah Indian Association. Robert Starbard (HIA Tribal Administrator), David See (Community Development), Ian Johnson (HIA Environmental Coordinator).	Yolynda Begay (Acting Hoonah/Admiralty Natl. Monument District Ranger), Chad VanOrmer (Budget and Planning Director), Ken Tu (Roadless IDT Lead), Robin Dale (Roadless R10 team), Melinda Hernandez Burke (RO Tribal Relations), Carla Casulucan (TNF Tribal Relations).

**Discussion:**  
FS provided an overview of the current status of the rulemaking process and opportunities for HIA to participate and comment. Ken Tu also provided information as to a couple of approaches which rulemaking could take. For example:

- Tailoring boundaries of roadless areas (i.e.: Colorado excluding ski areas at the request of the state, due to economic factors)
- Creating a new exception (i.e.: Colorado exception for coal mining)

FS responded to questions from Robert regarding the Cooperating Agency invitation. Robert requested Cooperating Agency status for HIA and will follow up with a written response to the July 30 invitation from the Regional Forester.

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09/12/2018, KIC Tribal Council Chambers	Government to Government Consultation: Ketchikan Indian Community & Organized Village of Saxman, Gianna Willard Flanery (KIC President), Lee Wallace (OVS President)	Chris French (Acting Deputy Chief), Jerry Ingersoll (Deputy Regional Forester), Earl Stewart (Tongass National Forest Supervisor), Mary Snieckus (Alaska Roadless Rule Team), Daryl Bingham (NEPA Planner, Ketchikan Misty-Fjords Ranger District), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Tribal Relations Program Manager)

**Discussion:**  
Chris French provided an overview of past Roadless legislation and how we got to where we are in today's current roadless rulemaking, and planned outreach/Consultation/public engagement efforts. We are exploring whether the 2001 rule was applied correctly. After the State submitted the petition, the Secretary was willing to open a process to inform us to different ways of applying the roadless rule on the Tongass National Forest. No decisions have been made yet. The USFS staff answered questions about the cooperating agency status invitation and process.

The tribes expressed appreciation for the dialogue and requested meaningful consultation throughout as was conducted in the original Tongass Land Management Plan. Expressed desire for: local level dialogue, input, and considerations as well as continued Consultation. They expressed frustration about:

- that the July 30 invitation to consult did not initiate or trigger Consultation from the USFS, given the scope of the topic
- the time spent protecting sacred sites, graves, and areas surrounding the community that could be changed if the roadless rule is lifted

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09/12/2018 Southeast Alaska Discovery Center	Government to Government Consultation: Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Richard Peterson, (Tribal President), Heather Gatti (Government Affairs Liaison)	Chris French (Acting Deputy Chief), Earl Stewart (Tongass National Forest Supervisor), Mary Snieckus (Alaska Roadless Rule Team), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Tribal Relations Program Manager)

<p><b>Discussion:</b> Chris French provided overview of Roadless Rule history and current petition. Tribes requested continued involvement and expressed frustration over the potential loss of sacred sites, gaves, traditional way of life. Also expressed frustration over Consultation process.</p>		
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<p>9/24/2018 Wrangell Cooperative Association Office</p>	<p>Government to Government Consultation: Wrangell Cooperative Association, Esther Ashton(Tribal Administrator)</p>	<p>Bob Dalrympyl (Wrangell District Ranger), Earl Stewart (Tongass National Forest Supervisor), Troy Heithecker (Tongass National Forest Deputy Forest Supervisor), Nicole Grewe (Collaboration Specialist), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Tribal Relations Program Manager), Mary Snieckus (Alaska Roadless Rule Team)</p>
<p><b>Discussion:</b>            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.</p>		

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10/01/2018, Organized Village of Saxman Tribal Hall	Government to Government Consultation: Organized Village of Saxman and Organized Village of Saxman Tribal Council, Lee Wallace (OVS President)	Brock Martin (District Ranger), Nicole Grewe (Collaboration Specialist), and Melinda Hernandez Burke (RO Tribal Relations).
<p><b>Discussion:</b> 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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* Done 10/2/2018 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?</p>		
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11/15/2018, In the Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal Hall	Government to Government Consultation: Organized Village of Kasaan, Marina Anderson (Vice President) and three tribal members.	Matt Anderson (Craig District Ranger) and Tyler Gunn (Thorne Bay District Ranger)
<p><b>Discussion:</b> The tribe asked about becoming a cooperating: Melinda HB will contact them about what the process would be and time commitments. *done via telephone 11/26/18 when MHB returned from leave</p> <p>They also voiced concerns about decline in yellow cedar, impact to sacred/heritage areas from increased road access, and impacts to Old Growth reserves. In addition to Roadless, OVK was interested in obtaining cultural trees before POWLLA timber sales and some road maintenance funding coordination.</p>		

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12/14/2018 Craig Ranger District, conference room	Government to Government Consultation: President Ron Layton (Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal President), Michelle Edenshaw (Prince of Wales Tribal Conservation District), Tina Grasser (Craig Tribal Transportation Staff), Stan Dolf (Klawock Transportation Assistant), and Anthony Christianson (Hydaburg Cooperating Agency Environmental Coordinator).	Matt Anderson (Craig District Ranger) Jeff Reeves (Subsistence Biologist), John Gellar (RO-AQM), Luke Decker (Fish, Wildlife Subsistence Staff), Lucy Maldonado (Tongass Environmental Coordinator, Stash Mofzynski (Tongass National Forest Planner, James Carle (Craig Ranger District Staff), and Shona Pierce (Heritage), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Tribal Relations Program Manager).
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Matt provided an overview of the history Where we are 12/14/2018: **MAPS:get copies to the tribes. Melinda described the CA processes, tribes expressed interest in signing on Hydaburg expressed intent—their capacity is slightly better than when it was in the summer. Interested in engaging for the next phase and being able to participate in the draft EIS review and provide input.</p>		
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03/26/2019, Tribal conf. room	Government to Government Consultation: CANCELED, see Discussion notes below	Aaron Prussian (Acting Sitka District Ranger) and Nicole Grewe (Collaboration Specialist),
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Nicole Grewe to Sitka and arrived to the tribal office with Acting District Ranger Prussian only to find that we were not on the tribe’s calendar. We were asked to reschedule to a later date. Of noteworthy importance, this particular week may not have been the best to schedule a meeting due to the timing of the Sitka Sac Roe Herring Fishery. The 2019 fishery is on hold pending Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) announcement. Furthermore, the tribe had filed a lawsuit against the State of Alaska during December 2018 seeking better herring fishery management as the tribe seeks to protect the subsistence herring fishery from long-term population decline. The tribal council was meeting on March 25 to discuss the sac roe herring fishery – likely a higher priority for the tribe this particular week than Alaska Roadless Rule project.</p>		
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05/06/2019, Sitka Ranger District Conference Room	Government-to-Government: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Lawrence “Woody” Widmark (Vice President of Sitka Tribe of Alaska)	David Schmid (Regional Forester), Perry Edwards (Sitka District Ranger), Nicole Grewe (Collaboration Specialist), Melinda Hernandez Burke (RO Tribal Relations)

<b>Discussion:</b>		
This formal Consultation took place in the Sitka RD Conference Room. Roadless was the topic in the session between the Regional Forester/District Ranger, Tribal VP Widmark, and members of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Council. Widmark explained Tribe's choice to decline offer of becoming cooperating agency.		
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