

# Alaska Roadless Rule

July 31-August 2, 2018 – Forest Service Core Team/State of Alaska Team Meeting  
Regional Forester’s Conference Room, Juneau, Alaska

## Forest Service Core Team Agenda

(includes Forest Service-only meeting on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons)

### Overview of Agenda

Day	Overview
July 31, 2018	Forest Service Core Team Work (Afternoon)
August 1, 2018	Introductions Overview of Leaders’ Intent/State of Alaska Teams/Timeline Overview of State’s Concerns and Vision for Rulemaking Overview of FACA Requirements for Forest Service Roles and Responsibilities
August 2, 2018	Overview of State Cooperating Agency Team Membership Discussion of FS-State Interaction and Information Needs Overview of Tongass & Chugach Planning/Roadless History Discussion of Possible Framework for a Proposed Rule Forest Service Core Team Work (Afternoon)

### Meeting Objectives

- 1) Overview of Memorandum of Understanding between USDA/FS and the State of Alaska.
- 2) State of Alaska Team attendees understand the current status of USDA’s response to the State’s petition for roadless rulemaking, USDA/FS leadership direction and intent, how the USDA/FS teams are going to operate, and the timelines involved.
- 3) Forest Service Core Team attendees understand the State of Alaska’s leadership direction and intent, and the specific concerns the State wants to address in a state-specific roadless rule.
- 4) Forest Service Core Team attendees understand the State’s vision on how its teams are going to operate, and what information the State teams need from USDA/FS.
- 4) State of Alaska Team attendees understand the budget, NEPA contract, tribal consultation, FACA, and communication issues and processes/leads moving forward.
- 5) Forest Service Core Team and State of Alaska Team agree on Purpose and Need statement and a framework for a Proposed Action to jump-start collaborative efforts in submitting a proposed rule to USDA/FS.
- 6) Forest Service Core Team and State of Alaska Team agree on and/or develop briefing materials describing expected outcomes, information needs, and next steps.
- 7) Forest Service Core Team work (Tuesday and Thursday afternoons – discussion of NOI and timing, briefing materials needed for tribal consultation, preparation for line officers, discussion of NEPA contract needs, etc.).

## **Agenda: Tuesday, July 31, 2018**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
1:30	Notice of Intent – Content, Timing, etc.	Forest Service Core Team Melinda Hernandez Burke
2:00	Tribal Consultation (briefing packages, preparation for line officers, etc.)	Forest Service Core Team Melinda Hernandez Burke
3:00	Contracting Needs	Forest Service Core Team Jon Gellings
4:30	<b><i>Close Out/Review &amp; Prep for Meeting with State</i></b>	

### **Objectives:**

- 1) Forest Service Core Team finalize content of Notice of Intent (NOI), agree on timing and public/tribal notification needs.
- 2) Forest Service Core Team agree on briefing package needs and line officer preparation for tribal consultation requests.
- 3) Forest Service Core Team and Contracting Officer agree on NEPA contract requirements and processes moving forward.
- 4) Forest Service Core Team prep for meeting with State of Alaska.

## Agenda: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Time	Topic	Who
10:00	Welcome & Introductions Overview of Direction/Leaders' Intent Overview of USDA/FS Timeline	Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, NFS Dave Schmid, Acting Regional Forester Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester
11:30	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>	
1:00	Overview of Alaska's Concerns and Need for State-Specific Roadless Rule	Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, NFS Forest Service Core Team
2:00	Federal Advisory Committee Act Overview and Information	TBD
2:30	Alaska Cooperating Agency Team and Public Advisory Teams: 1) Vision of how the teams are going to operate, communicate, etc. 2) What information they need from USDA/FS.	Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester Kyle Moselle, Deputy Director OPMP Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, NFS Forest Service Core Team
3:00	<b><i>Break</i></b>	
3:15	Alaska Cooperating Agency Team and Public Advisory Teams – Continued Discussion	Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester Kyle Moselle, Deputy Director OPMP Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, NFS Forest Service Core Team
4:00	Key Players for the State, Roles and Responsibilities, Interaction with Forest Service	Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, NFS Forest Service Core Team
5:00	<b><i>Close Out/Review &amp; Prep for Day 2</i></b>	

### Initial Questions/Topics for Discussion:

- 1) What information is most important for the Forest Service and State of Alaska Teams to know as we begin this process of working together?
- 2) How does Forest Service and State of Alaska leadership envision the two teams working together? What are the lines of communication, steps to resolve differences, does the process need to be documented, etc.?
- 3) What does Forest Service and State of Alaska leadership expect as next steps? There needs to be an understanding of the overall goals and timeframes to meet, but want to make sure everyone is on the same page.
- 4) Where does the State believe a state-specific roadless rule without some or all of the prohibitions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (RACR) would be most beneficial? Are there areas that would benefit from the extra protections of the RACR?
- 5) Does the State intend to use an advisory group to develop one proposed roadless rule from the State, or multiple proposals? If multiple, why?
- 6) What does the State need from the Forest Service to help them engage the public or an advisory team (maps, resources/analysis/data, people)?
- 7) How do we inform the public separately and together (public outreach, media releases, interviews, etc.)?

## Agenda: Thursday, August 2, 2018

Time	Topic	Who
8:30	Forest Service & State Interaction Discussion on Working Together Information Needs, etc.	Forest Service Core Team Kyle Moselle, Deputy Director OPMP
10:00	<b><i>Break</i></b>	
10:15	Purpose and Need Framework for Proposed Action	Forest Service Core Team Kyle Moselle, Deputy Director OPMP
11:45	<b><i>Close Out with State Team, Review, Plan Next Meeting, etc.</i></b>	
12:30	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>	
1:30	Forest Service Core Team Work	Forest Service Core Team Alaska Region Resource Specialists (as needed)
3:00	<b><i>Break</i></b>	
3:15	Forest Service Core Team Work (NEPA Contracting Discussion)	Forest Service Core Team Jon Gellings
4:30	<b><i>Close Out/Review</i></b>	

### Initial Questions/Topics for Discussion:

- 1) More in depth discussion with Kyle Moselle, State of Alaska, about how he will lead the effort from the State, who else will be on the State Team, etc.
- 2) Discussion and walk-through of the timeline and critical points, including particular points along the way where the Forest Service is required to have consultations, hearings, public comment, etc. Does the State have similar timelines or consultation requirements?
- 3) Discussion/agreement on common understanding of Purpose and Need.
- 4) Does the State need anything from the Forest Service to jump-start their process – would a “framework for proposed action” help the State start their process?