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Dear Planning Participant:

I am inviting you to comment on the proposed action for the Twin Mountain II Timber Sale Project, described in the attached scoping information document. Additional project information, including the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS), is available for review online at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=58626.

The Proposed Action for the Twin Mountain II Timber Sale Project would offer for harvest about 42 million board feet of old-growth timber from approximately 3,000 acres in the Stoney and Red Bay areas within the Thorne Bay Ranger District, Tongass National Forest. In addition, transportation management activities such as road construction, reconstruction, maintenance and decommissioning are proposed.

Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register initiates the scoping process, which will guide the development of the EIS. We are looking for your input on socio-economic and environmental effects that will be addressed in the EIS. Specific written comments must be within the scope of the proposed action and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. The Responsible Official for this project is the Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest. For this scoping comment period, in order to be eligible to object, your comments must be received or postmarked within 30 calendar days following publication of the NOI in the Federal Register. The publication date in the Federal Register is your exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this scoping period. There will be future opportunities for you to comment as analysis progresses.

This project is subject to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B regarding the project-level predecisional administrative review process which applies to projects and activities implementing land management plans.

Comments may be sent electronically to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=58626> or via facsimile to (907) 828-3309. Written comments may also be sent to the Thorne Bay Ranger District, Attn: Twin Mountain II Timber Sale, PO Box 19001, Thorne Bay, Alaska, 99919, or delivered in person to Thorne Bay Ranger District, 1312 Federal Way, Thorne Bay, Alaska. Business hours for hand-delivered comments are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Thank you for taking time to review this proposed project and providing us your comments. Your input is valued and important to a successful outcome. For more information, contact Lucy Maldonado, Planning Staff, at (907) 828-3250 or lucy.g.maldonado@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



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