Dear Interested Stakeholder:

I have released the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice (DN) for the Kenai Peninsula Invasive Plant Treatment Project on the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts, Chugach National Forest. This project is subject to the Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Objection Process) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. The EA and draft DN are available on-line at: www.fs.usda.gov/projects/chugach/landmanagement/projects. These documents are also available for review at the Glacier Ranger District office in Girdwood, AK.

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to:

Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor,
161 East 1st Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
FAX: (907) 743-9476
Email: objections-alaska-chugach@fs.fed.us

Electronically filed objections may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Anchorage Daily News. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)):

1) The objector’s name and address, with a telephone number, if available;
2) A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection);
3) When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request);
4) The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;
5) A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and
6) A statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on
the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection.

Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). It is
the objector’s responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing
officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and
after the objection process.

For additional information, please contact:

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