Peer Review Plan

(Reference Information Quality Act)

☒ Influential Scientific Information   ☐ Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

Agency

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station

Principle Investigator

Jean M. Daniels

Title of Study

Tongass National Forest Timber Demand, Projections for 2015 to 2030

Field of Study

economics

Type of Review

☐ Panel Review   ☐ Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

☒ Individual Review

Estimate Date for Completion	Number of Reviewers		
6/30/2015	☒ 3 or fewer	☐ 4 to 10	☐ More than 10

Primary Discipline/Types of Expertise needed for Review

Economic analysis, trend based forecasting, Tongass National Forest policy

Reviewer Names and Affiliations

Dr. Richard Haynes, retired, formerly Program Manager PNW Research Station
Dr. Allen Brackley, Research Forester, PNW Research Station
Dr. Erik Berg, Forest Industry Analyst, University of Montana, Bureau of Business and Economic Research

Expected Publication Outlet (Science or similar Peer Reviewed Journal)

PNW Station General Technical Report

Reviewers Selected by: ☒ Agency   ☐ Designated Outside Organizatic

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment?   ☐ Yes   ☒ No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments	☐ Yes	☒ No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel	☐ Yes	☒ No

Other Comments

This is the abstract from the draft manuscript:

Projections of Alaska timber products output, the derived demand for logs, lumber, residues, and niche products, and timber harvest by owner are developed by using a trend-based analysis. This is the fifth such analysis performed since 1990 to assist planners in meeting statutory requirements for estimating planning cycle demand for timber from the Tongass National Forest. Results reflect the consequences of recent changes in the Alaska forest sector and trends in markets for Alaska products. Demand for Alaska national forest timber currently depends on markets for sawn wood and exports of softwood logs. Three scenarios are presented that display a range of possible future market conditions. The model was most sensitive to changes in Pacific Rim log demand. Areas of uncertainty include the prospect of continuing changes in markets and competition, the impact of the young growth transition, and the rates of investment in manufacturing in Alaska.