

You are subscribed to updates about the Central Tongass Project, a project being planned by the US Forest Service.

Dear Interested Individuals and Organizations:

With this email I am inviting you to comment on the Proposed Action for the Central Tongass Project. The Proposed Action is included in the scoping letter online: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085>. Also included at this web address are Draft Activity Cards that describe the activities considered in the Proposed Action.

Written comments on the Proposed Action will be accepted for 45 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register (<https://www.federalregister.gov/>). The publication date in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day (11:59 p.m.).

Central Tongass is a project implementing a land management plan and is subject to the project-level pre-decisional administrative review process defined by 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. More information can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-27/pdf/2013-06857.pdf>. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. 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 M. Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest.

Written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted electronically, in person, or via mail or other delivery service to:

Carey Case, Central Tongass Project Leader, P.O. Box 1328, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, FAX 907-772-5995

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53098>

Business hours for hand-delivered comments are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with the current version of MS Word.

Public meetings will be held in the communities of Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell, Alaska during this scoping period. Once dates and locations are finalized, they will be posted on the project webpage (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085>) and advertised in local newspapers and radio stations. Specific written comments on this project will be accepted at these meetings.

Please take time to read through the scoping letter and Draft Activity Cards, and provide us your comments. We are committed to an open, transparent and inclusive process as we conduct the analysis for this project. Your input is valued and important to a successful outcome.

Sincerely,

M. EARL STEWART
Forest Supervisor, Tongass NF

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Public Meetings

The Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts invite you to attend one of our public meetings in Wrangell, Petersburg or Kake. The purpose of these meetings is to gather community input on the proposed action for the **Central Tongass Project**, a landscape-scale project located on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts. At the Petersburg and Kake meetings, the Forest Service is also seeking input on the development of a Tongass-wide **Long-Term, Sustainable Cabin Management Strategy**.

Wrangell

Wednesday, September 5th
5 to 7 pm
Nolan Center

Kake

Tuesday, September 11th
7 to 9 pm
Kake Senior Center

Petersburg

Thursday, September 13th
12 to 2 pm *and* 5 to 7 pm
Holy Cross House

Central Tongass Project

A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register on August 9, 2018, which initiated a 45-day comment period that ends on September 24, 2018. Members of the Central Tongass Planning Team will be available at each meeting to answer questions about the information presented in the NOI and the Scoping Report. A link to the NOI and the Central Tongass Scoping Report can be found on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085>.

Specific written comments on the project's proposed action will be accepted at these meetings. Comments may also be submitted electronically <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=53098> or mailed to the Petersburg Ranger District, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, or hand-delivered to the Petersburg District office at 12 North Nordic Drive.

For questions about the CT Project, please contact Project Leader Carey Case at 907-772-3871.

Long-Term Sustainable Cabin Management Strategy

The Tongass National Forest is developing the Long-Term, Sustainable Cabin Management Strategy to ensure the Forest continues to provide for a high-quality cabin experience and is responsive to developing trends and challenges. This effort was inspired by increasing maintenance costs, decreasing budgets and significant changes in usage trends. At the Petersburg and Kake public meetings, Forest Service employees will be available to answer questions about

the Strategy and collect your input to ensure future projects and management align with the experience cabin users are seeking.

Those unable to attend may join the Tongass National Forest Cabin Users Group on Facebook to submit comments or send an email to paulrobbins@fs.fed.us.

For more information about the Long-Term Sustainable Cabin Management Strategy go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd576200> or contact Tori Houser at 907-874-2323.

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