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Central Tongass Landscape Level Analysis Questionnaire

The Forest Service is developing a comprehensive list of activities for analysis on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts, and we want to hear from you! From this list, we will develop a proposal for implementing these activities over a 10 to 15 year period.

Q: Do you have an idea for a project on the Central Tongass?

A: COULD THERE BE A POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A SMALL ROPE-TOW SKI/SLEDDING AREA IN THE TWIN CREEK VALLEY? WITH A COMMON MY/SKI CLUB PARTNERSHIP?

Q: What forest activities or resources are you interested in?

ACTIVITIES: HUNTING, CAMPING, SNOWMOBILING, SKIING, HIKING
BERRY PICKING, FISHING
RESOURCE INTERESTS: PERSONAL USE TIMBER, FIREWOOD OPPORTUNITIES, HYDRO-POWER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TONGASS.

Q: How do the current Forest conditions affect your ability to use and enjoy the Tongass National Forest?

A: OUR EXISTING ROADS & TRAILS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREST ACCESS BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE LOSING SOME OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE & NEW TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.

Q: Are there specific places you would like to see developed, or remain undeveloped?

A: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT NEARER OUR COMMUNITIES LIKE THE RAVEN'S ROOST TRAIL, IN PETERSBURG & DEER MOUNTAIN IN KETCHIKAN.

REMOTE RECREATION SITES ARE IMPORTANT BUT THEIR USE IS LIMITED TO USERS THAT HAVE THE MEANS TO ACCESS.



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Q: Do you think there's anything the Forest Service can do to improve Forest conditions or public infrastructure in Petersburg or Wrangell Ranger Districts over the next 10 to 15 years? What are your ideas for us?

Examples:

- Convert roads to trails
- Improve or construct new boat launches
- Improve or establish dispersed campsites
- Provide timber harvest or salvage offerings
- Thin young-growth stands to benefit wildlife
- Manage and treat invasive plant populations
- Provide commercial/subsistence firewood gathering opportunities
- Build/improve trails to access known fishing spots

A: MAKE SMALL TIMBER SALES TAILORED TO SMALL SCALE MILLS THAT ARE MORE GEARED TO LOCAL COMMUNITY SALES. (BACKYARD BANDSAW MILLS FOR EXAMPLE)

Q: What can the Forest Service do to boost the local economy and its businesses?

A: ENTER INTO MORE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS AIMED AT INCREASING OUR RECREATION ACCESS TO FOREST LANDS LIKE TRAILS, CAMPGROUNDS.
SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS SMALL COMMUNITY MILLS CAN OBTAIN WOOD FOR COMMERCIAL SALE.

Q: What else do you want to tell us about your ideas for the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts?

A: I HAVE HEARD THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE RAVENS ROOST CABIN COULD BE MOVED TO OFFER BETTER ACCESS. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS IDEA. PLEASE USE THE FUNDS TO IMPROVE/REROUTE THE RAVENS TRAIL - THIS WOULD BE A FAR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF \$. THE TRAIL CONDITION IS A MUCH LARGER BARRIER THAN THE LOCATION OF THE CABIN.

You may fill out this form electronically or by hand. To save the completed form, choose File > Save As and rename the file. Your completed questionnaire can be mailed to: Petersburg Ranger District, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, faxed 907-772-5995, or emailed comments-alaska-tongass-petersburg@fs.fed.us. Thank you for taking the time to respond!

