

Plan Content Developed Under the 2012 Planning Rule 5

Old-growth Habitat LUD to maintain or enhance landscape connectivity and have a net gain of productive old-growth habitat.

Renewable Energy Direction

The direction in this amendment replaces the renewable energy direction in the Transportation and Utility System LUD in Chapter 3 of the 2008 Forest Plan, and removes that overlay LUD as part of the proposed amendment.

Apply these plan components to existing and proposed renewable energy developments. When a written proposal is submitted, beyond the initial stage, for a renewable energy project, the Chapter 5 plan components take precedence if there is a conflict with management direction in Chapters 3 and 4.

Timber cut incidental to renewable energy projects should be managed according to FSH 2409.18, Chapter 80, section 84, Timber Settlement.

Desired Conditions (DC)

DC-RE-01: Renewable energy resources (subject to applicable law) contribute to the economic well-being of Southeast Alaska communities.

DC-RE-02: Renewable energy resources are developed in a manner that would maintain and protect National Forest System (NFS) lands and resources.

Suitability of Lands (SUIT)

SUIT-RE-01: All NFS lands may be suitable for renewable energy sites on a case-by-case basis in consideration of the LUD, ecological and social values, and benefit to Southeast Alaska communities.

Management Approaches for Renewable Energy

Identifying renewable energy sites as suitable is not a commitment but only an indication that the use might be appropriate.

The addition of the Renewable Energy plan components do not change the need to ensure that resource protection measures are incorporated throughout project-level planning, construction, and operation of renewable energy sites.

Consult with the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station Director regarding any proposed activities in the Experimental Forest LUD that may affect ongoing research in the Maybeso or Héen Latinee Experimental Forests. Consultation should take place as early in the planning process as feasible.

Objective (O)

O-RE-01: During the 15 years after plan approval, encourage renewable energy production. Our participation in responding to renewable energy projects would be in the priority order of whether they lead to:

1. A decrease in the number of Southeast Alaska rural communities powered by diesel generators,
2. An increase in energy capacity, efficiency, or storage at existing projects, or
3. An export of renewable energy resources without power benefitting Southeast Alaska communities.

Beach and Estuary Fringe (BEACH)

Suitability of Lands (SUIT)

SUIT-RE-BEACH-01: Beach and estuary fringe is suitable for renewable energy sites.

Facilities (FAC)

Guidelines (G)

G-RE-FAC-01: Utility lines should follow existing or planned transportation systems corridors, including those identified in the Logging Systems and Transportation Analysis (LSTA) and P.L. 109-59.