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USDA Forest Service
Ketchikan Supervisor's Office
ATTN: Susan Jennings
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RE: Moderate Vulnerability Karst Amendment

Dear Ms. Jennings:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Habitat staff, in coordination with Division of Wildlife Conservation staff, have reviewed the proposed changes to the standards and guides for moderate vulnerability karst (MVK) landscapes in the 2016 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan. The proposed changes for young-growth timber harvest on MVK landscapes would result in similar standards to those in place for old-growth harvest on MVK, where even aged management and openings larger than 10 acres are allowed, subject to the remaining standards and guides for karst and cave resources and Appendix K.

We thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed changes and have no comments or recommendations. Please contact Habitat Biologist Greg Albrecht at (907) 465-6384 or greg.albrecht@alaska.gov with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Kanouse".

Kate Kanouse
Regional Supervisor

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