

# Contact Record

**Date:** June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Method of Contact:** Conference Call

**Person(s):**

- Troy Heithecker (Deputy Forest Supervisor)
- Barth Hamburg (Forest Landscape Architect)
- Dani Snyder (Central Tongass Landscape Architect)
- Ben Case (Forester/Silviculturalist, Central Tongass Project)
- Carey Case (Central Tongass IDT Leader)
- Pat Heuer (Forest NEPA Coordinator)
- Dave Zimmerman (Petersburg District Ranger)

**Remarks:**

Group reviewed the Central Tongass Draft Notice of Intent and Proposed Action.

Group discussed challenges identified in the project area, and specifically background of Scenic Integrity Objectives (SIOs) on timber economics related to past Tongass timber sale contracts. SIOs at times restrict harvest areas to less-economic, uneven-aged management prescriptions and higher cost helicopter logging systems, sometimes to the extent that projects could not be offered due to a deficit appraisal. To address this, Forest staff suggested consideration of a Project Specific Forest Plan Amendment for the Central Tongass project that would consider lowering SIOs in the project area.

**Action Needed:**

- Ben and Dani will work together to identify areas within each timber analysis area (TAA) in the Central Tongass project area where lowering SIOs would have the greatest potential to improve timber economics.
- June 20 - Meet with Forest Supervisor, and Forest and Regional Planning Staff to present information generated by Dani and Ben for review and discussion.