

Mitkof Island Timber Sale EIS

Petersburg Ranger District Conference Room

October 10, 2017

9:30 am

Attendees

| PRD | Phone | Team Member | Specialty | PRD | Phone | Team Member | Specialty |
|-----|-------|-------------------|---|-----|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| X | | Earl Stewart | Tongass Forest Supervisor | X | | Jorge Enriquez | TMA |
| X | | David Zimmerman | PRD Ranger | X | | Ben Case | Silviculture, Forestry |
| X | | Tom Parker | Planning Staff Officer | | | Eric Castro | Fisheries |
| | | Robert Dickamore | Forester | | X | Becki Reynolds | Soils, Wetlands |
| X | | Carey Case | Team Leader | | | Heath Whitacre | Hydrology |
| X | | Toby Bakos | Wildlife, Subsistence | X | | Fernando Becerra Ochoa | Transportation |
| X | | Joni Johnson | Rare, Sensitive, Invasive Plants, Climate Change, Air Quality | | | Gene Primaky | GIS Specialist |
| X | | Carin Christensen | Recreation | X | | Marina Whitacre | Writer-Editor |
| X | | Carol Jensen | Scenery | X | | Gina Esposito | Archeologist |

Purpose

The meeting was planned so the Forest Supervisor could meet with the Mitkof IDT and share his expectations for project as the team develops the proposed action.

Discussion

Earl provided an overview of the direction the Tongass has been moving in planning, namely with POW LLA and gave support for why he believes large landscape projects are how the Tongass can meet its timber targets (we've only met our target once in the last 10 years and future timber funding is on the line if this does not change). He talked about the aspects of the POW LLA – more public participation, a collaborative group, use of the Good Neighbor Authority, the Challenge Cost Share, our MOU with AFA, the incorporation of other resource projects into the island-wide project, and more.

Earl would like the Mitkof IDT to change directions and do something similar to the POW LLA – looking at Kuiu Island, Zarembo Island, Thomas Bay young growth, Kupreanof Island, Mitkof Island, Wrangell Island and North Etolin Island – with a team made up of both districts that is led by Dave Zimmerman.

The product (an FEIS and final ROD) is to provide 10-15 years of NEPA-cleared multi-resource projects within the project area.

Timeline

- PIL – signed in the next 45 days – establish a core and extended team (look at POW LLA)
- NOI – March/April 2018
- FEIS – Spring 2020

Expectations

- Weekly briefings with the Forest regarding the project
- POW team will provide PRD/WRD guidance
- Engage the public in new ways to provide a list of desired projects within the project area to include in the proposed action

Next Meeting

Nothing scheduled at this time.