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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:46 AM
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Subject: FW: Conditional Use permits

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Information regarding the potential reroute of the Thorne Bay access road. My suggestion would be to stay with the proposed original line and plan on decommissioning once logging is completed.

From: Nudelman, Joel L (DNR) <joel.nudelman@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Jacobson, Richard -FS <richard.jacobson@usda.gov>; Dinsmore, Melissa -FS <melissa.dinsmore@usda.gov>
Cc: Staunton, Gregory D (DNR) <greg.staunton@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Conditional Use permits

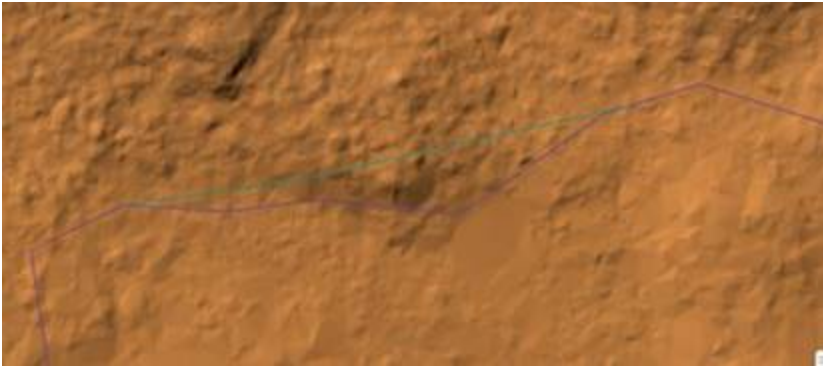
Hello Richard and Melissa,

Regarding Richard's email below on 7/30, an alternate alignment to the access road into the proposed Thorne Bay Overlook timber sale was suggested. On 9/2 I had the opportunity to revisit the site with Will Johnson from the Thorne Bay SECON office. It was good to have another set of eyes on the area to assess the possibilities, but as someone who builds a lot of road, he agreed that the original flagged alignment made the most sense. Some deviation from the original alignment is possible but it would be very minimal, as cutting through the knob visible in the image below would be extremely costly. This is due to the through-cut depth, endhaul and the associated labor involved with that challenging road construction. Here's the concerns which arose when reevaluating the original flag line:

- We would need to find a location for the overburden waste generated from the through-cut, which could be as much as 15-feet at the high point. Sidecasting is not an option, as there is no suitable location for deposit.
- The ~\$250,000 estimated cost of the new alignment would negate the revenue earned from the timber harvest, therefore the project would not occur if the reroute were forced upon us.

While the 300-foot re-route in question is technically a forested wetland as stated in the email below, the road would be constructed on solid dry ground with adequate cross drainage of three culverts. 18" pipes would work but we'd be willing to go to 24" if needed. There are no fish concerns here and even following a very wet week, the amount of water was minimal. Thank you for considering the obstacles in rerouting the alignment.

The dark line is my flagged alignment and the light line is the suggested USFS reroute. The imagery is a hill shade relief from the 2017 POW LiDAR imagery.



Joel

From: Jacobson, Richard -FS <richard.jacobson@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Nudelman, Joel L (DNR) <joel.nudelman@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Conditional Use permits

I believe the EA is covering Heceta East and Thorne Bay.

From: Nudelman, Joel L (DNR) <joel.nudelman@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Jacobson, Richard -FS <richard.jacobson@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Conditional Use permits

Hi Richard,
You're referring to the Heceta permit application regarding the EA, correct?

Regarding the Thorne Bay access, I did look at that option earlier and I do like the straighter alignment. My concern is the cost for getting a drill rig up there for blasting only 300' horizontal feet. I'm going to investigate that.

Thanks,
Joel

From: Jacobson, Richard -FS <richard.jacobson@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Nudelman, Joel L (DNR) <joel.nudelman@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Conditional Use permits

Hello Joel, the district is undertaking an EA to analyze the effects of the proposed construction. A final decision is planned by the end of September. Questions on timeline or process may be better answered by contacting the District Rangers, Scott Shuler or Delilah Brigham.

One note on the Thorne bay site, it has been recommended that the alignment be altered slightly. See image below, switching to the red alignment would avoid a small section of forested wetlands that resource folks have concerns over. It would require a through cut but it is a feasible route. If you have concerns please let me know.



-----Original Message-----

From: Nudelman, Joel L (DNR) <joel.nudelman@alaska.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 7:45 AM

To: Jacobson, Richard -FS <richard.jacobson@usda.gov>

Subject: Conditional Use permits

Hi Richard,

Just thought Id check in with you on the Heceta and Thorne Bay permit applications. I'm working on POW this week and staying in Craig. Im available Thursday morning if there's any reason to meet in person. Thanks.

Joel

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