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Dear Mr. Gunn,

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF) requests access to State land for the purposes of a timber sale near the west side of Camp Cove via federal land managed by the USFS. The DOF proposes access across USFS land for economic reasons and to avoid and minimize affects to resources adjacent to the project (wetlands, karst, anadromous habitat, wildlife, cultural and historical sites, etc.). In the process of considering federal access we observed impacts would be less in the area for these resources overall.

On April 22, 2019, I participated in a route reconnaissance with USFS Geologist, Jim Baichtal. We identified two routes that may accomplish similar results from the State's perspective. The northern route is primarily through 70-year-old young growth with some residual timber. The southern route is predominately through a precommercial thinned young growth stand with a short section in the 70-year-old stand type. Either route could be used to harvest federal timber in the future. In lieu of land owner objectives, the State's preferred access is by the southern route (marked A2F on the attached map). We established control on the site using GPS and left a limited amount of flagging for future layout control; we are confident of the feasibility of the route and its representation based on our experience and the use of the LiDAR.

Attached to this correspondence is Standard Form 299 filled out to represent the proposed route. If additional information is necessary, please let me know. This form is additive to a previous request delivered to Matt Anderson on October 3, 2016 by the DOF (Nudelman) for accessing the Heceta East Sale two miles to the east of this location. To date we have not had significant communication on that request. If access is not feasible within your organization's policies, the DOF requests a response to this request as soon as practical.

Sincerely,

Greg Staunton
Southeast Area Forester

Attachments: Form 299
Appendix A Map (Heceta Timber Sale)