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Dear Mr. Sandhofer,

Timber Sale Proposals, Petersburg Ranger District

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 17, 2021 regarding the abovementioned proposals to harvest timber on Mitkof Island and in Thomas Bay. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the projects being proposed.

The Thomas Bay area is of particular cultural significance to the Tlingit people and the boundaries of the larger project area contain several known as archaeological sites and other places of cultural and religious significance. Although the specified areas of impact, outlined in orange in the map provided, do not appear to overlap with these sites, we request further consultation should the areas of impact be altered or if yet-unknown cultural sites are uncovered through activities within the project boundaries.

Thank you again for this opportunity and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosita Worl".

Rosita Worl, Ph.D.
President