



Dixon Entrance Chapter

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Thorne Bay Ranger District
Attn: Thorne Bay Basin Integrated Management Project
P.O. Box 19001, 1312 Federal Way
Thorne Bay, AK, 99919-0001

Re: Thorne Bay Basin Integrated Management Project

The Dixon Entrance Chapter, Society of American Foresters supports the USFS's active management of the Tongass National Forest and thus supports the Thorne Bay Ranger Districts' plan of timber harvesting, constructing/maintaining roads, and forest restoration in the Thorne Bay Basin area as described in the Thorne Bay Basin Integrated Management Project. Maintaining the Tongass National Forests and its multiple uses by local communities requires the freedom of our USFS to do silvicultural and other forestry work on these lands.

The Dixon Entrance Chapter is comprised of professional foresters with many decades of forest management experience on public and private lands in SE Alaska. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance sustainable management of forest resources through science, education, and technology; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use our knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic to ensure the continued health, integrity, and use of forests to benefit society in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Bob Durland
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