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USDA Forest Service
ATTN: Benjamin Case
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RE: Thomas Bay Young-Growth Timber Sale

Dear Benjamin Case:

I reviewed the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed Thomas Bay Timber Sale and coordinated with Alaska Department of Fish and Game Petersburg Area Wildlife, Commercial, and Sport Fish biologists. Alternative 3 (USFS preferred) will provide up to 12.6 MMBF of timber harvest, restore fish habitat and natural hydrology through road maintenance, and improve forest conditions for wildlife (primarily moose) in some areas. We appreciate the opportunity to review this timber sale and have no comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Habitat Biologist Greg Albrecht at (907) 465-6384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Kanouse".

Kate Kanouse
Regional Supervisor

cc:

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