

## SE Alaska All-Landowners Group

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Dear Frank,

Thank you, on behalf of the SE Alaska All-Landowners Group (LOG) membership, for the opportunity to comment during the re-scoping phase of the Forest Service's Thorne Bay Basin Integrated Resource Management Project (TBBIRMP). Following are **consensus comments** from the LOG.

Maximizing the even-aged harvest of suitable and economic YG timber stands is critical, especially during the next 10 years prior to the "wall of wood". Prioritizing the planning NEPA-clearing, and selling of even-aged YG timber harvest units up to 100 acres in size, combined with planning and siting restoration activities mainly in non-suitable YG forest stands will:

- Help sustain the timber industry and provide economic opportunities in rural communities.
- Prevent the isolation of suitable YG timber acres during successive harvest entries.
- Provide YG timber harvest units which can be efficiently and economically harvested.
- Maintain, not diminish, the forest-wide suitable YG timber base for harvest in future harvest entries and/or rotations.

Additionally, restoration activities conducted in YG forest stands should as much as possible, and in accordance with the Forest Plan, utilize and remove all merchantable YG products cut as a provision of treatment.

The LOG membership looks forward to seeing this project implemented on the ground in a way which maximizes YG harvest opportunity while also delivering a range of resource restoration activities.

Sincerely,  
Mike Cooney, LOG Project Manager