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USFS,

Thank you for reaching out to us for feedback on the CTLLA.

As a small guide service that has hunted/fished/guided on the Tongass since 1996 we are generally opposed to most new infrastructure improvements, especially new roads.

We place a high value on wild places and wilderness. Our guests place an even higher value on wild places and most all of them comment on how valuable it is for them to come to Alaska and see very few people, boats, roads, development, buildings, etc.

With that being said, my wife and I personally get a lot of value from the recent improvements on PoW, specifically the Sarkar Lakes boat launch area, the Sunnahae Trail improvement and the Harris River Trail. All three are real benefits to the Island, it's residents and visitors and none of those projects required new roads. No more roads please!

Having guided on Kuiu Island for many years while working for 3 different guide/outfitters we value the wilderness experience that Kuiu Island offers.

Kuiu is different from PoW because of its small land mass and multiple bays that are very close together and in some places almost connected. Because of its unique terrain/topography/small land mass, any development on Kuiu can have a significant impact on the entire area and its animals.

There are already several great cabins with excellent boat access on the North and East sides of Kuiu and there's enough protected bays/boat access that recreational users currently have the right mix of access and still get a wilderness experience.

Building more infrastructure/structures on Kuiu would negatively affect the area/island and it's users/animals. There's already plenty of roads, boat launches, access points and cabins. More would be detrimental.

We are generally opposed to new infrastructure improvements that negatively affect the highly valuable wilderness experience anywhere on the Tongass.

Thank you!

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