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Comments: Chugach ammendment

Ken Tu,

I am concerned with the Alaska Amendment on the Roadless rule in the Tongass NF and am seeking clarification as to how it will relate to the Chugach.

According to the Federal Registrar, the following statement is ambiguous on the scope of the 'administrative modifications to classifications and boundaries' in section 2. I interpret this statement as having no substantive boundaries on the Regional Forester abilities to modify roadless rule boundaries or classifications, minus providing a 45-day public comment. As written, protections in the Chugach may be subject to the discretion of the regional forester.

Could you please clarify this concern?

[sect] 294.51 Chugach National Forest.

(a) Administrative correction or modification of inventoried roadless area designations on the Chugach National Forest may be made as follows:

(1) Administrative corrections to boundaries. The Regional Forester for the Alaska Region may issue administrative corrections to the boundaries of an Inventoried Roadless Area after a 30-day public notice and opportunity to comment period. Administrative corrections are limited to adjustments that remedy clerical errors, typographical errors, mapping errors, improvements in mapping technology, conformance to statutory or regulatory changes, or incorporation of changes due to land exchanges.

(2) Administrative modifications to Classifications and Boundaries. The Regional Forester for the Alaska Region may issue modifications to the classifications and boundaries of an Inventoried Roadless Area after a 45-day public notice and opportunity to comment period.

Thank you,

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