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Comments: Dear USDA Forest Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Upper Falls Creek Young Growth Project, located near Falls Creek in Petersburg, Alaska.

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO) manages lands owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority according to AS 38.05.801 and 11 AAC 99. This proposal is in the vicinity of Alaska Mental Health Trust lands. The TLO has three comments:

1. the TLO has been aware of this proposed sale and supports the USFS making timber available for the southeast Alaska forest products industry;
2. after the Alaska Mental Health Trust Act of 2017 Land Exchange is completed, the TLO may consider offering remaining Trust-owned timber in the area to enhance the timber sale economics; and
3. the land obtained by the USDA Forest Service in the Land Exchange may not be available for harvest.

Please contact Senior Resource Manager Paul Slenkamp at (907) 225-6618 or paul.slenkamp@alaska.gov regarding questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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