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Comments: Good morning Bret,

I understand that there is a production company looking at setting up camps for a reality show in Little Duncan. I also understand that they have not yet gotten their permit and you are now in the accepting of public comments period.

I know many hunters are concerned with camps in the Duncan area during deer season. And I suppose I have some concerns about that as well. However, my primary concern comes from a more cultural perspective.

The whole Duncan area is considered to be a sacred area to our Tlingit people. When our people came out of the Stikine, we split into two groups...one went North and the other South. However, it was in Duncan that we utilized as a staging area, and did so for thousands of years. This area is rich in archeological sites that have yet to be found due to lack of funding. However, our people know of its significance as it is referenced by our elders from Northern Southeast to Southern.

Specifically in regards to Little Duncan, this area is very significant as when our Shtaak Heen (Stikine) people battled the Tsimishian (Tsimishian wanted rights to enter the Stikine) the Tsmimishian lost the initial battle. They returned with great force and the Stikine Tlingit set up a battle area at the mouth of Little Duncan. Instead of battle, the Tsimishian came in peace and presented to our people the Shakiat....the white erman hat. This is how our Tlingit people all over Southeast are now able to use the Shakiat.

Again, this monumental peace meeting occurred at the mouth of Little Duncan.

My concern is having a television show taking place at one of our sacred sites. As exciting as it is to showcase Petersburg's back yard...I'm feeling more protective of our Sacred Sites.

As such, with great consideration, I propose my opposition to the Forest Service issuing this permit.

Thanks,

Will Ware