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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for updating the forest plan. I feel that the current culture and capacity within the USFS in the Tongass negatively effects small business. I feel that forest managers favor the established and often industrial level tourism in SE Alaska, over new, small, creative ideas. I feel that the pace of the permitting process and NEPA work creates a negative environment for small business, and that forest managers act as gatekeepers against recreation and tourism ideas that do not go against forest policy, but may go against their own vision of it. The Tongass is a national forest and resource, but it is also our backyard, and since the Tongass includes over 90% of SE Alaska, we should improve the process to support non-extractive, small-scale nature and recreation based tourism in the forest. Please reflect this change of priority in the draft. Thank you.