Final Best Interest Finding and Decision for the El Capitan Timber Sale (SSE-1380K)

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Southeast Area Office
Final Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e)

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under 11 AAC 02 (Appeals) that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has made a final decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber: El Capitan Timber Sale (SSE-1380K).

The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has made a written final decision that the sale(s) are in the best interest of the State. This decision sets out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Commissioner based his determination that the proposed timber sales will serve the interest of the State. The final decision is issued as of April 3, 2023. Copies of the Final Best Interest Finding are available for review at the division's Southeast Area Office, the division's web site and at the State Online Public Notice web site: http://notice.alaska.gov/210549

The area of the sale is proximate to the El Capitan Passage on Prince of Wales. The timber sale area is found within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 66 South, Range 78 East, and Sections 6, 7, 8 and 18, Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 NW USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System, specifically off the 2000 Road.

The harvest units total approximately 340 acres and contain approximately 8,000 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115 or AS 38.05.118, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and will be a negotiated contract.

A person who has standing under Alaska law may request reconsideration in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within twenty (20) days of issuance of this decision. The request may be mailed or delivered to John Boyle, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov.

If no request for reconsideration is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on April 25, 2023.

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