

Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER Southeast Regional Land Office

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADL 109058 United States Forest Service

July 19, 2024

Subject to AS 38.05.850, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southeast Regional Land Office has received an application for the following:

APPLICANT: United States Forest Service (USFS)

PROJECT NAME: ADL 109058

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Starrigavan Valley, 5 miles north of Sitka, on Baranof Island, Alaska.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Within Section 1 and 2, Township 55 South, Range 63 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska.

REQUESTED ACTIVITY: The USFS requests use of approximately 2.58 acres of state-owned land to construct improvements within the Starrigavan Valley Watershed and Recreation area. The proposed work will be completed using heavy equipment and hand tools.

- Action #1: Expand and repurpose existing parking area into OHV learning/practice area.
- Action #2: Expand existing pullout into a trailhead/parking area.
- Action #3: Construct OHV trail that would connect areas in proposed actions 1 and 2.

These requested activities were previously noticed on August 11, 2020. The current application has revised and reduced the number of requested activities to those listed above.

REQUESTED TERM: Indefinite

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: August 19, 2024

The public is invited to comment on this activity. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a decision is made on this activity. To ensure consideration, written comments must emailed to the adjudicator below or received by the Division of Mining, Land and Water at Southeast Regional Land Office, PO Box 111020, Juneau, Alaska 99811 on or before 5:00 p.m. on the date noted above. Questions concerning this activity or requests to view the full application packet should be directed to Laurel Smith, Telephone: 907-465-3524, or e-mail: laurel.smith@alaska.gov.

After review and adjudication, we may issue an authorization with stipulations for the activity. The activity may be modified during the review and adjudication process.

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The DMLW, reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.