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Forest Land Use Plan

West Hollis Timber Sale
SSE-1393 K
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Abbreviations

ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADNR	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
BIF	Best interest finding
DMLW	Division of Mining, Land and Water
DFFP	Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
FLUP	Forest Land Use Plan
FRPA	Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act
FYSTS	Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales
MBF	Thousand board feet
OHA	Office of History and Archeology
POG	Productive old growth
POW	Prince of Wales
POWIAP	Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
ROW	Right-of-way
SESF	Southeast State Forest
SESFMP	Southeast State Forest Management Plan
UA	University of Alaska
USFS	United States Forest Service

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I. Introduction

Project File Number: SSE-1393 K

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Office: Southeast
Area Forester: Greg Staunton
Forest Practices Geographic Region (AS 41.17.950): Region I

This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers proposed forest operations on approximately 95 acres of land on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 11 miles to the west of the community of Hollis. The sale is in two locations, one by the Hydaburg Road junction and the other near the old waste pit at Mile 23.5, west of the Harris River Road. It is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed harvest of timber, and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DNR before the proposed activity can occur.

☒ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) which have been determined to be in the best interest of the state pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and AS 38.05.945. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP. The Best Interest Finding is available at:
http://notice.alaska.gov/220405

☐ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) for which a Preliminary Best Interest Finding was concurrently out for review. A final best interest finding must be completed prior to adoption of a FLUP pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and AS 38.05.945;

☐ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber to be harvested that does not require a final finding pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and notification under AS 38.05.945.

A draft of this plan was distributed to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their review and comments relevant to the consistency of this proposed project with the statutes governing forest land use plans (AS 38.05.112) and the requirements of the Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act (AS 41.17) and its Regulations (11 AAC 95). This Forest Land Use Plan was also made available for public comments; the review period ended on January 8, 2026. After public and agency review of the draft FLUP, the DFFP reviewed and responded to comments (see FLUP, Appendix D), and made minor technical changes to the operational content. The following specific items were changed:

- Unit 4 was reduced in size (12.9 to 11.6 acres) on the west end to accommodate ADF&G's recommendation for a wildlife travel corridor provision at the location.

- Reference to proposed borrow pit use on the Klawock-Hollis Highway was removed in Section as the purchaser has stated they are no longer desirable.

This Forest Land Use Plan has been adopted by the Department of Natural Resources. Site specific compliance with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and the Regulations for this proposed project are reflected in this Forest Land Use Plan and are required as a performance requirement in the Timber Sale Contract. An eligible person affected by this decision, and who provided timely written comment to the department, may appeal the decision to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02.

☒ Other Documents are referenced in this FLUP. This timber sale is designed to be consistent with the management intent of the following documents:

- Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act
- Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
- West Hollis Timber Sale Best Interest Finding SSE-1393-K

The administrative record for this sale is maintained at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Southeast Area Office filed as SSE-1393 K.

A. Legal description

The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System. The area of the sale is 11 miles west of Hollis ferry terminal on Prince of Wales Island on the Klawock-Hollis Highway. The timber sale area is found within Sections 7, 10, 11, 17 and 18, Township 74 South, Range 83 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM). The sale area is found within the Craig B-3 USGS quadrangle. See attached maps titled: Appendix A1 and A2, SSE-1393 K West Hollis Timber Sale, Area Maps.

B. Operational Period

Approximately Spring 2025 through end of 2030.

C. Timber Disposal

☐ Timber will be sold and will have a contract administrated by the State.
☐ Timber will be available to the public; permits obtained by the public will be issued by the State.
☒ Other. Timber is sold to Viking Lumber Company, and the contract is administered by the State.

D. Objectives and Summary

1. To follow the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' (ADNR) constitutional mandate to encourage the development of the State's renewable resources, making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest;
2. To help the State's economy by providing royalties to the State in the form of stumpage receipts, an infusion to the State's economy through wages, purchases, jobs, and business.
3. To help the local economy of the communities within southern Southeast Alaska by creating additional jobs due to the combination of road building, logging, trucking and potentially milling.

II. Affected Land Owners/Jurisdictions

A. State

Activity on ownership:	Access Easement	Harvest	Written Representative Approval
☐ Southeast State Forest	☐	☐	☐
☒ Other state land managed by DNR	☐	☒	☒
☐ University of Alaska	☐	☐	☐
☐ Mental Health Trust	☐	☐	☐
☐ School Trust	☐	☐	☐

B. Other Land Interests

Land Interest, Representative: USFS, (2025 Road); DOT (Klawock Hollis Highway right of way).

III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Non-timber Resources

Forest operations will be designed to:

- Protect fish habitat and water quality in compliance with the best management practices in 11 AAC 95.260-.370,
- Manage for the other land uses and activities identified in AS 41.17.060 and the Best Interest Finding for this timber sale, and
- Ensure prompt reforestation and maintenance of site productivity in compliance with AS 41.17.060(c) and 11 AAC 95 .375-.390.

Harvest and Silvicultural Methods:

☒ The silvicultural actions are described in this document, and no prescription was written or is necessary.

☐ A silvicultural prescription has been written and is attached to this document in Appendix B.

A. Timber Stand Description and History

The proposed harvest area is primarily composed of commercial forest with old growth characteristics. Western red cedar and western hemlock make up most of the commercial species along with minor components of Sitka spruce and Alaska yellow cedar. The timber identified in this sale is largely on poorly drained organic soils with steeper areas composed of metamorphic rock with igneous intrusions. The larger and better-quality timber is located on the well-drained soils with moderate terrain. The proposed young growth timber harvest described in the BIF has been deferred.

B. Timber Harvest Activities

Timber Harvest Activities are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Timber Harvest Activities

Unit-Setting ID	Acres	Topography	Silvicultural Action	Logging Method
1	6.6	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
2	11.7	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Downhill Cable
3	5.8	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
4	11.6	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
5	6.1	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
61	6.5	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
62	4.0	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
161	17.6	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Downhill Cable

Unit-Setting ID	Acres	Topography	Silvicultural Action	Logging Method
7	2.9	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
8	17.3	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
181	4.5	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Cable
Total	94.6			

C. Site Preparation

☒ Site preparation will not be necessary. There will be sufficient soil disturbance by logging to forego the need for additional ground scarification.

☐ Site preparation will be implemented and described in Table 2:

Table 2. Site Preparation

Unit ID	Acres	Site Preparation Method	Date of Completion
		Not Applicable	

D. Slash Abatement

☐ Potential for insect infestations caused by slash accumulations exists. Slash abatement for controlling infestations will be implemented as required by 11 AAC 95.370.
☒ Scatter slash; accumulations will be kept to less than 2 feet in height. The operator will use slash for puncheon in shovel logging trails to protect soil from displacement, erosion and compaction.
☒ Slash will be disposed of by the operator ☐ Slash will be disposed of by the State
☐ Other - method of slash disposal: ☐ removal off site ☐ crushing or grinding ☐ burning
☐ Burn permits necessary from DFFP and DEC to be acquired.
☐ The operator will contact the DFFP local area office prior to ignition of debris.

E. Soil Stability / Erosion / Mass Wasting

☐ Maximum percent slopes are ≤50%
☒ Maximum percent slopes are >50%
Percentage of sale area with slopes >50%: 10%
Maximum percent slopes 100 %
☐ There are no indicators of unstable areas.

☒ Indicators of unstable areas were identified as:

1. Units 61, 62, and 161. The instability noted by the purchaser are occasional "pistol" butted trees in the wetter areas at the base of the hill. No other indicator was observed. The risk to other resources and in particular mass soil movement at the site is likely low because of the topography below the unit, the location of the road and the use of best management practices in the proposed harvest units.
2. Units 1 and 2 occupy ground adjacent to previous debris slides. All the slides initiated uphill of the proposed units and stopped in the vicinity of the highway. Risk to the other resources is likely low due to the location on the hillside of the proposed unit relative to the previous initiation zones.

F. Timber Harvest—Surface Water Protection

☐ There are no streams or lakes abutting or within a harvest unit.

☒ Known surface waters and protection measures are described in Table 3 below. *Locations are included in the operational map in the Appendices.*

Table 3. Protection for Known Surface Waters

Unit	Waterbody Name	AS 41.17.950 Classification	ADF&G AWC #	Required Riparian Protection	Site-specific actions to minimize impacts on riparian area
All	NA	>12% Tributaries to Anadromous	NA	Follow Best Management Practices (BMPS)	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings, remove harvest introduced slash.

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game:

☒ During the timber sale planning process

☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale

☒ During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan

☐ Stream Crossings (Title 16) Permits are needed per ADF&G Division of Habitat

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation:

☒ During the timber sale planning process

☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale

☒ During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan

Non-classified surface waters are subject to applicable BMPs in 11 AAC 95.

Notes:

G. Wildlife Habitat

☒ Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the Best Interest Finding review.

☒ Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan. Silvicultural practices to be applied to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat or wildlife management:
☐ Timber retention - concentrations of timber surrounding harvest units, or interspersed within harvest units to provide cover.
☒ Snag Retention- snags or isolated trees left for cavity nesting species.
☐ Large Woody Debris – concentrations of downed timber or logging debris interspersed within harvest units to provide cover left on site.
☒ Other actions

Notes: To the extent that safety permits, Snags and obvious cull trees without Dwarf Mistletoe may at the purchaser's discretion be left standing at a density of three per acre. The intent is to provide bat roosting and bird habitat. Cull western red and yellow cedar snags are preferred over western hemlock

This FLUP covers the old growth component of the proposed harvest. The ADF&G recommended in the BIF that travel corridors be considered during the development of the FLUP due to the lateral extent of the proposed harvest units on the hillside which at that time included young and old growth timber. The mature young growth was not purchased and is not planned to be harvested at this time. The ADF&G commented that the residual young growth in the area, the adjacent federal ownership and the configuration of the harvest units in general leaves adequate cover for wildlife travel from upper to lower elevations in the area except for Unit #4. Per ADF&G's FLUP recommendation, Unit 4 was reduced on the west end to provide a corridor wider than 300-foot-width between Unit 3 and Unit 4.

H. Cultural and Historical Resource Protection

☒ This project was reviewed by the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO).
☒ No artifacts have been reported within the project area(s).
☐ Known or likely sites have been identified and a mitigation plan is in place. (Describe the mitigation actions.)

I. Other Resources Affected by Timber Harvest and Management

☒ There are other resources and areas of concern besides surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat that may be affected. Mitigations actions were addressed in the Best Interest Finding.

Table 4. Other Affected Resources / Areas of Concern

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact/ Mitigation Actions
Scenic	DMLW/ DFFP	None
Safety	DFFP	Public proximity/see notes

☐ There are no affected resources or areas of concern other than surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat, which are addressed in this Forest Land Use Plan.

Notes: Warning signs shall be posted where harvest activity such as falling, yarding, or trucking are occurring adjacent to the existing road system.

J. Reforestation

Harvest type as it relates to reforestation requirement:

☒ Clearcut

☐ Region I: Partial Harvest leaving more than 50% live basal area (11 AAC 95.375(b)(3))

☐ Region II or III: Partial Harvest relying on residual trees to result in a stocking level that meets standards of 11 AAC 95.375(b)(4).

Season of harvest:

☐ Winter harvest only
☐ Non-winter harvest only
☒ All-season harvest

Regeneration type:

☒ Natural regeneration

List species: Sitka spruce *(Picea sitchensis)*, western red cedar *(Thuja plicata)*, western hemlock *(Tsuga heterophylla)*.

☐ Coppice
☐ Artificial regeneration
☐ Seeding: Species and source of seed (general vicinity location of seed source)

_____

☐ Planting: Species: _____ Date of proposed planting: _____
Source of seedlings (location of seed source): _____

IV. Roads and Crossing Structures

A. Road Design, Construction, and Maintenance

Roads will be designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent significant adverse impacts on water quality and fish habitat (AS 41.17.060(b)(5)), and site productivity (AS 41.17.060(c)(5)). Roads will comply with the best management practices in the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations (11 AAC 95.285 – 95.335). All roads used in this timber sale will conform at a minimum to the Division of Forestry Road Standards, site specific design may supersede this standard and will typically be specified and applied through the timber sale contract.

Roads or other means required for the access and removal of this timber from the harvest area(s)

or unit(s) are listed in Table 5A and 5B.

Table 5A. Road Use

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Constructed and Maintained By	Objective
2025000		5, X6X	0.28	Primary	USFS	Permit Requirements

Table 5B. New Road Construction and Use

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Maximum Grade %	Constructed By	Maintained By
S11		1	0.033	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
S21		2	0.036	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
S22		2	0.041	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
S31		3	0.019	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
S41		4	0.029	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
S42		4	0.019	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
2025050		X6X	0.280	Spur	18	Purchaser	Purchaser
S71		7	0.019	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
2024060		X8X	0.529	Spur	12	Purchaser	Purchaser
Total			1.006				

Road Class is as defined in the DFFP Road Standards.
**Note: Roads must be less than 20% grade per 8 AAC 61.1060 Additional Logging Standards.*
*** One station equals 100 feet. One mile equals 5,280 feet.*

Notes: Authorization is required from the DOT to access the highway. A right of way permit shall be issued by the ADOT prior to timber operations accessing the Klawock- Hollis Highways and is the responsibility of the purchaser to procure. Purchaser is required to abide by all stipulations of the DOT and USFS permits. At a minimum "Trucks Entering Highway" shall be posted near the junctions of highways and the existing USFS road system when hauling rock or timber.

B. Road Erosion / Mass Wasting

Maximum percent side slopes of roads: 30 %

☒ Maximum percent side slopes are ≤50%

☐ Maximum percent side slopes are >50%

☐ There are no indicators of unstable areas where roads will be constructed.

☒ Indicators of unstable areas were identified and will be mitigated by actions indicated below:

Table 6. Road Erosion Control Risk and Mitigation

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Identified Erosion Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation
2025050	--	--	Pistol butted trees	*Low*	Closure four years after harvest (waterbar, cross drains)

C. Crossing Structures

Are you removing or replacing drainage structures? ☐ YES ☒ NO

☐ No crossing structures are needed within the project area.

☒ Crossing structures will be placed in access roads as described in the table below:

Table 7. Required Drainage and Crossing Structures on Known Surface Waters

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
2024060		0+00	18 IN	CPP	Ditch line Surface water	NA	Four years after timber harvest or when the road is closed (*)
2024060		2+59	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		3+06	36 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
2024060		6+37	24 IN	CPP	Ditch line Surface water	NA	*
2024060		8+17	18 IN	CPP	Ditch line Surface water	NA	*
2024060		8+70	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		8+92	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		9+83	24 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		10+15	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		11+06	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		13+14	36 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		15+17	36 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		22+96	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2024060		23+69	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2025050		0+30	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		1+74	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		3+65	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		4+12	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		4+50	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		7+37	48 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2025050		8+15	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
2025050		8+68	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		11+81	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
2025050		13+47	18 IN	CPP	>12% Tributary to Anadromous	NA	*
2025050		14+00	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
S11		0+00	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
S11		1+09	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
S21		0+00	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
S22		0+00	24 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	End of Harvest
S22		1+41	18 IN	CPP	Surface water	NA	*
S31		0+00	18 IN	CPP		NA	*

Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP)

D. Road Closure

Roads constructed for the timber sale that are left open will be subject to maintenance standards under 11 AAC 95. 315. Otherwise, roads constructed for the timber sale will be closed, subject to standards under 11 AAC 95.320.

Table 8. Road Closures

Road ID	Segment	Unit	Closure Type All Season/Winter	Estimated Closure Date	Projected Road Use after Timber Harvest
S11		1	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
S21		2	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
S22		2	FRPA Closure	Timber Sale Termination	Firewood Salvage

Road ID	Segment	Unit	Closure Type All Season/Winter	Estimated Closure Date	Projected Road Use after Timber Harvest
S31		3	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
S41		4	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
S42		4	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
2025050		X6X	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Silviculture
S71		7	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Firewood Salvage
2024060		8	FRPA Closure	Four years post-harvest	Silviculture

E. Material Extraction

☐ There will be no material extraction sites in the project area.

☒ Material extraction and associated overburden disposal will be located outside of riparian areas and muskegs. Material extraction and disposal will be in a manner that prevents runoff from entering surface waters. All material sites will require the submittal of site plans and prior approval of the DFFP. Where feasible rock borrow for the road construction shall be developed adjacent to the access roads constructed and used to access the timber sale

☒ Other: To develop access off the Klawock-Hollis Highway, the purchaser will likely need to acquire rock from other rock sources. A separate authorization process for the development and use of surface rock that is not adjacent to the timber sale road(s) or within the timber sale units is required on other lands.

F. Other Resources Affected by Roads or Material Extraction

List resources other than water, habitat or cultural resources potentially impacted by road construction, and indicate how impacts will be mitigated. Other affected resources could be, but are not limited to mining claims, scenic areas, recreational trails, etc.

Table 9. Other Affected Resources

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact / Mitigation Actions
DNR Managed Road Public Safety	DFFP	Driver and Pedestrian Safety/ • Provide space for passing with turnouts or two-way vehicle traffic width at intervisible intervals. • Sign traffic area and communication plans. • Control vehicle speeds based on conditions.

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact / Mitigation Actions
DOT Managed Road Condition and Public Safety	DOT	Degradation of surface and traffic safety precipitated from heavy slower truck traffic entering the highway/Purchaser shall acquire and abide by the DOT right of way permits.
USFS Managed Road Condition and Public Safety	USFS	Degradation of surface and traffic safety precipitated from heavy slower truck traffic/ Purchaser shall acquire and abide by USFS Road Use Permit.

V. Approvals

This Forest Land Use Plan has been reviewed by the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection and provides the information necessary to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources as required by AS 38.05.112.

John Crowther	3/10/2026
Commissioner Department of Natural Resources	Date

If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast Area Office at (907) 225-3070 or e-mail dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov.

VI. Reconsideration

An eligible person affected by this decision of the department, and who provided timely written comment to the department, may request reconsideration to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any request for reconsideration must be received by the Commissioner's Office within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of the decision under 11 AAC 02.040. The Commissioner may order or deny a request for reconsideration within thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of the decision. If the Commissioner takes no action on a request for reconsideration within thirty (30) days after issuance of the decision, the request for reconsideration is considered denied. The Commissioner's decision on reconsideration, other than a remand decision, is a final administrative order and decision of the department. An eligible person must first request reconsideration to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska State Courts establish its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department.

Reconsideration may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918 or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Reconsideration must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at $200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160(a)-(b).

If no reconsideration is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision 30 days from signature.

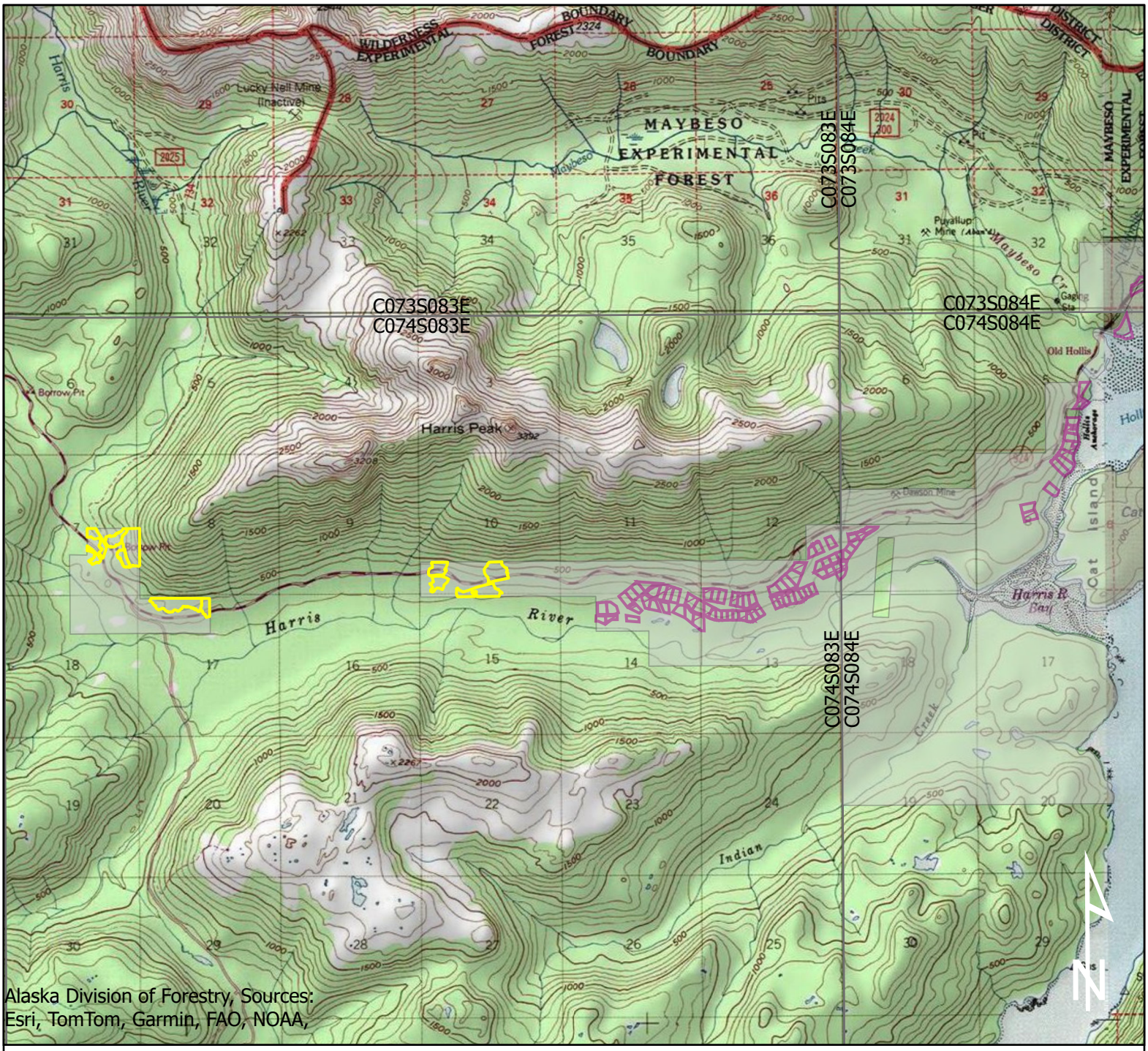
A copy of 11 AAC 02 is enclosed as part of the Forest Land Use Plan (Appendix C) and is also available on the department's website at https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf .

If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast Area Office at (907) 225-3070 or e-mail dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov

A. Appendix A: Timber Sale Maps

Appendix A1 Vicinity Map (1 page)

Appendix A2 Unit Maps (3 pages)



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Area Map 1 in = 1 Mile

Copper River Meridian

APPENDIX A1
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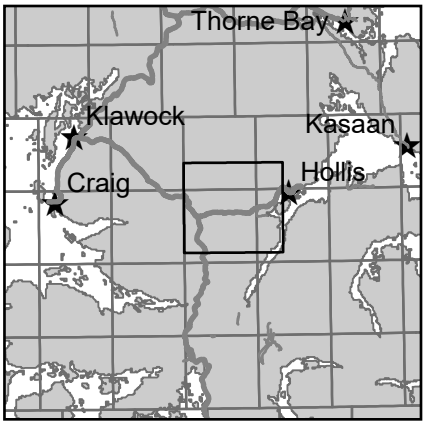
WEST HOLLIS TIMBER SALE AREA MAP



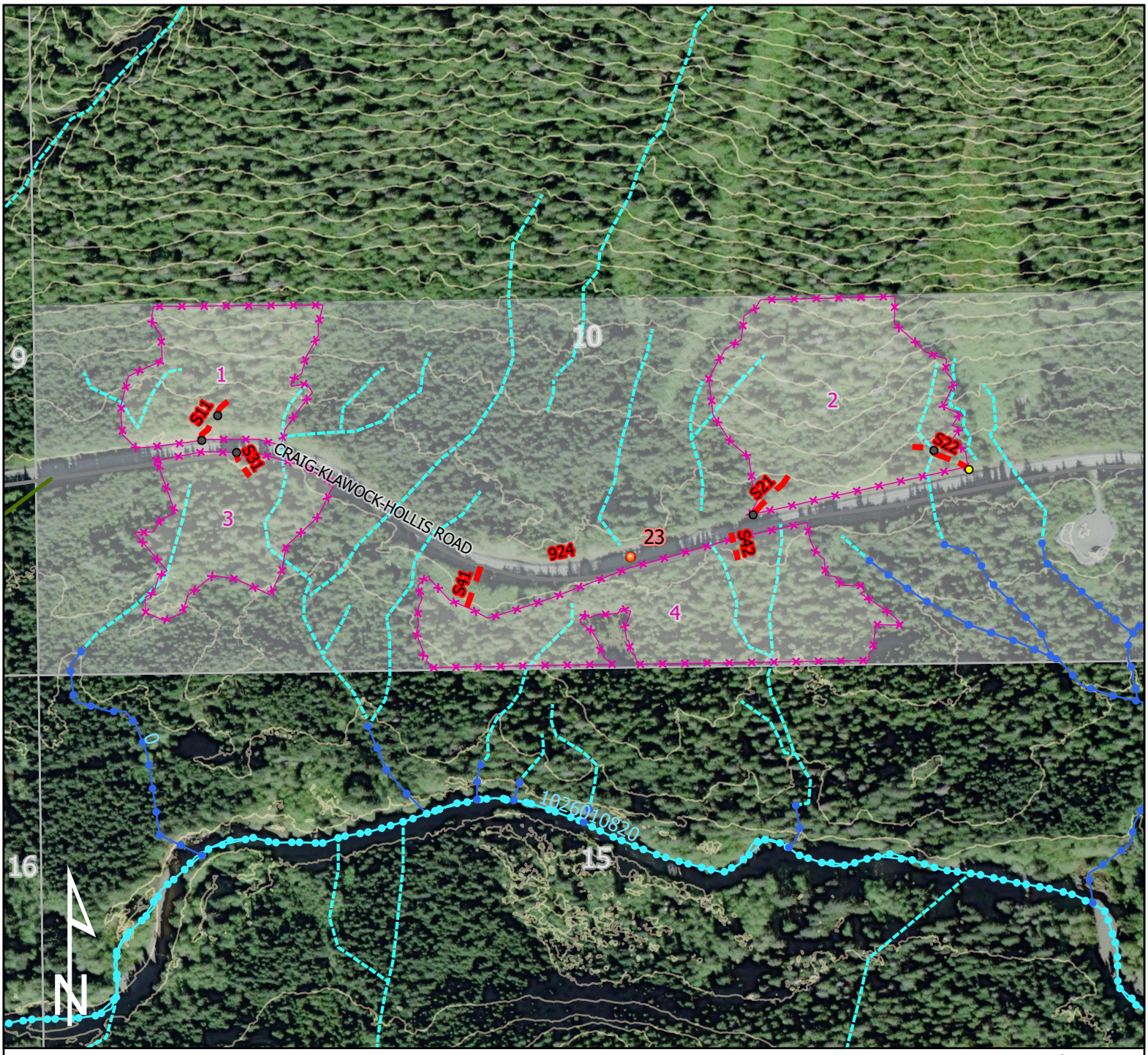
Vicinity Map 1 in = 16 miles

Legend

Status

- Proposed Harvest
- Land Disposal Conveyed
- State Land

GS 3/06/2026



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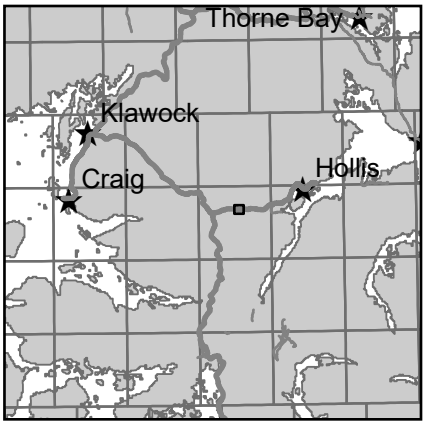

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Legend

- Proposed Harvest
- Private Land
- State Patented

Roads

- Proposed
- USEABLE NFS ROAD

Streams

- Catologed Anadromous
- Non Catologed Anadromous
- General Water Quality

Culvert Size

- 18 IN
- 24 IN
- 36 IN
- 48 IN

- AK_DOT_Mileposts

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WEST HOLLIS TIMBER SALE
UNIT MAP

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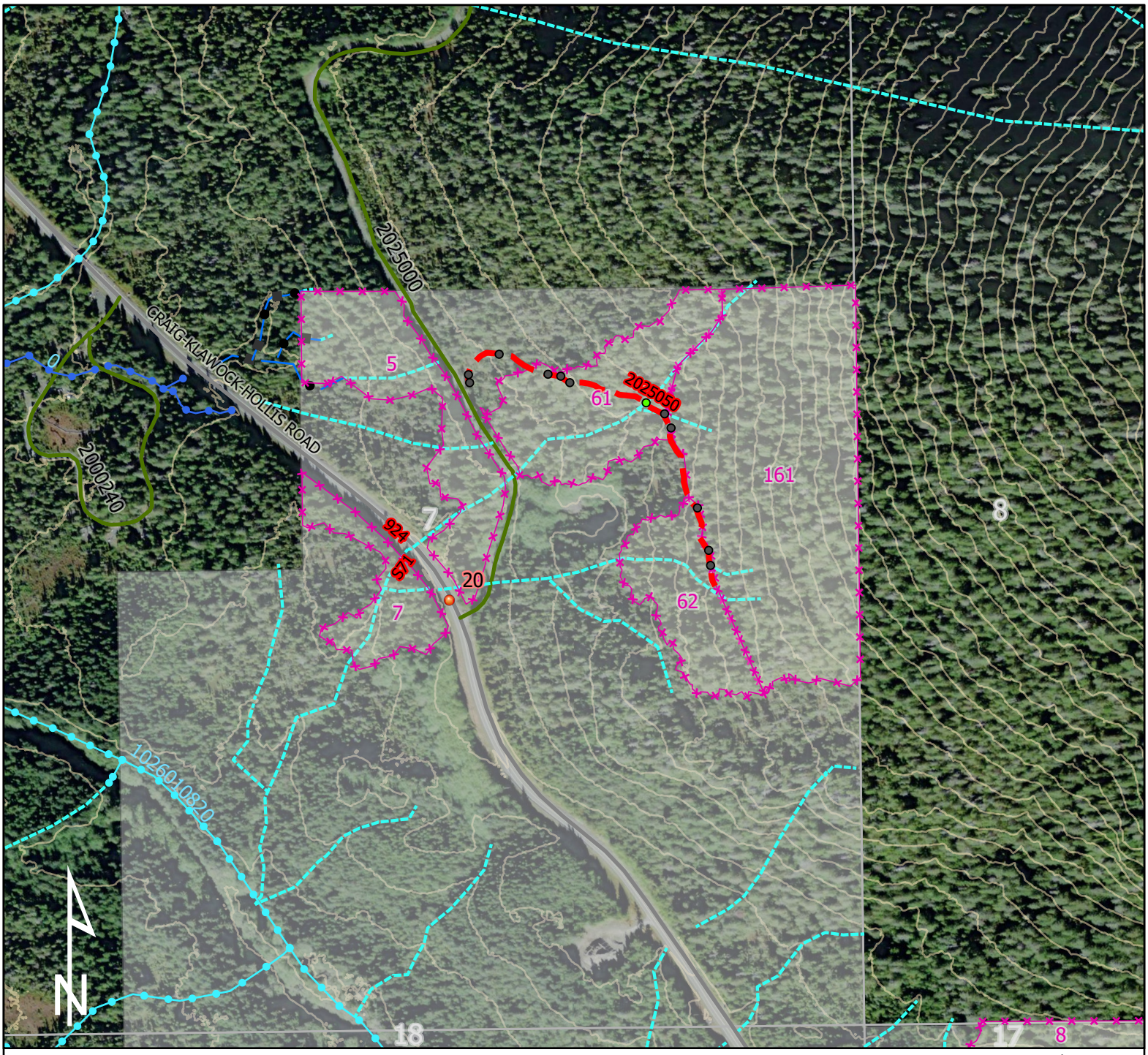

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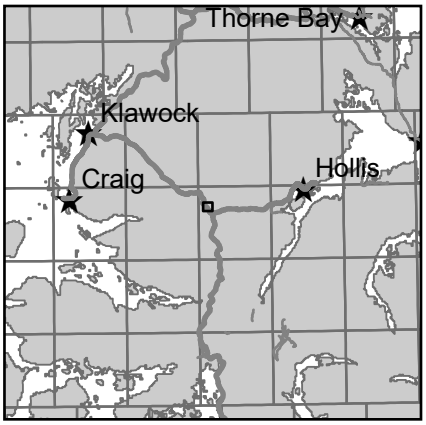

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Legend

- Proposed Harvest
- Private Land
- State Patented

Roads

- Proposed
- USEABLE NFS ROAD

Streams

- Catologed Anadromous
- Non Catologed Anadromous
- Resident Fish
- General Water Quality

Culvert Size

- 18 IN
- 24 IN
- 36 IN
- 48 IN

- AK_DOT_Mileposts

APPENDIX A2-2
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WEST HOLLIS TIMBER SALE
UNIT MAP

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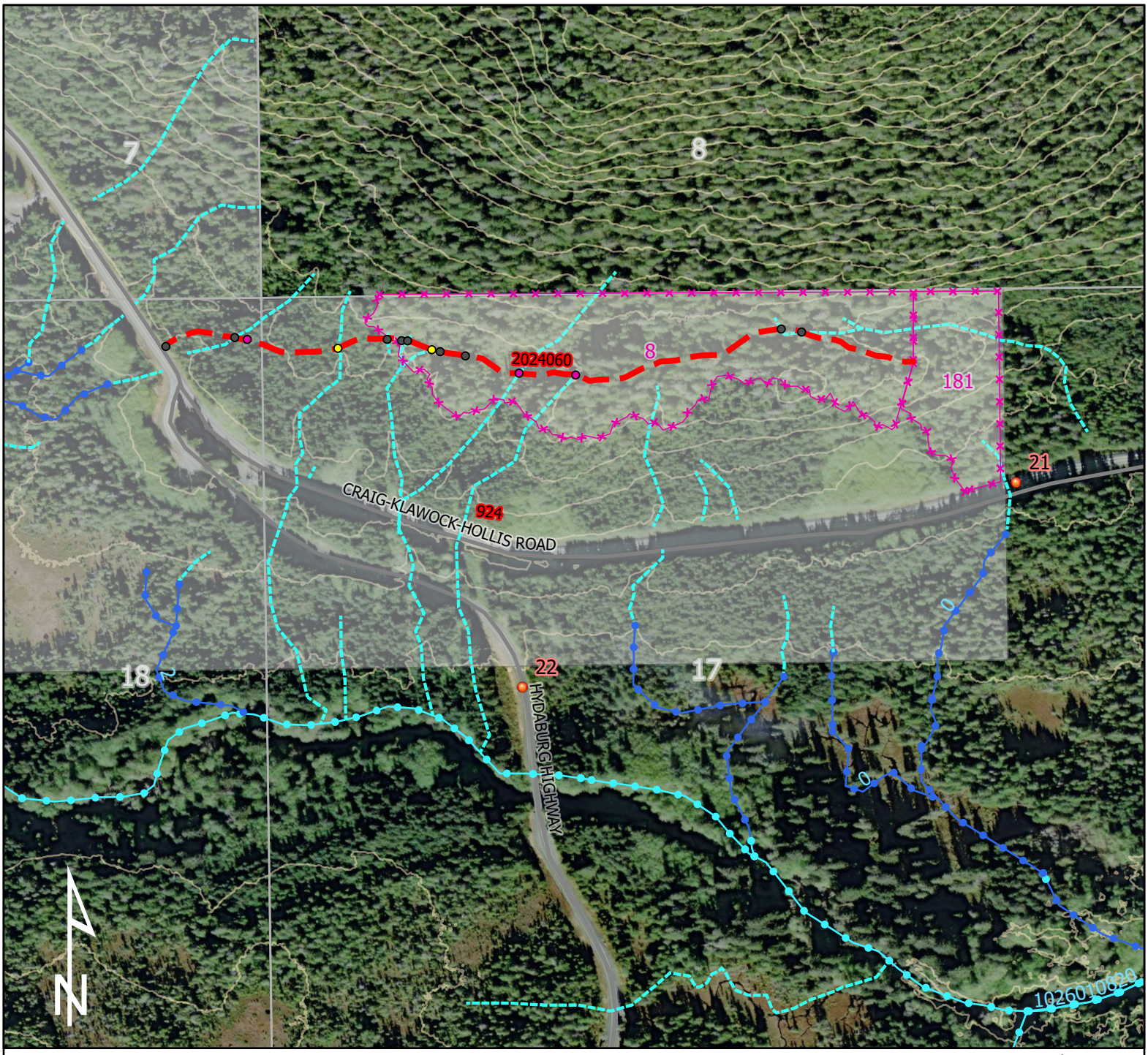

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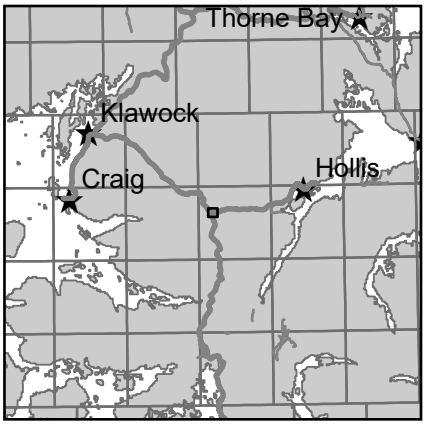
WEST HOLLIS TIMBER SALE
UNIT MAP



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Legend

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Roads

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Streams

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B. Appendix B: Supporting Information

Note: Silvicultural and stand information has also been described in the BIF.

Alaska Forest Practices and Regulations.
http://forestry.alaska.gov/forestpractices

Forest Road Standards.
http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/resources/forest_road_standard_design_20151231.pdf

C. Appendix C: Appeal Statutes and Regulations

Note: "Appeal" means a request to the commissioner to review a decision that the commissioner did not sign or cosign. "Request for reconsideration" means a petition or request to the commissioner to review an original decision that the commissioner signed or cosigned.

11 AAC 02 Regulations

11 AAC 02.010. Applicability and eligibility.
(a) This chapter sets out the administrative review procedure available to a person affected by a decision of the department. If a statute or a provision of this title prescribes a different procedure with respect to a particular decision, that procedure must be followed when it conflicts with this chapter.
(b) Unless a statute does not permit an appeal, an applicant is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration of the department's decision on the application. An applicant is eligible to participate in any appeal or request for reconsideration filed by any other eligible party.
(c) If a statute restricts eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration of a decision to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the decision, the department will give notice of that eligibility restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.
(d) If the department gives public notice and allows a public comment period of at least 30 days on a proposed action, and if no statute requires opportunity for public comment, the department may restrict eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the proposed action by including notice of the restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.
(e) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner did not sign or cosign may appeal the decision to the commissioner within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.
(f) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner signed or cosigned may request the commissioner's reconsideration within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.
(g) A person may not both appeal and request reconsideration of a decision.

11 AAC 02.015. Combined decisions.
(a) When the department issues a combined decision that is both a final disposal decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and any other decision, including a disposal decision combined with a land use plan decision, or a disposal decision to grant certain applications combined with a decision to deny others, the appeal process set out for a disposal decision in AS 38.05.035(i) - (m) and this chapter applies to the combined decision.
(b) Repealed 12/27/2012.

11 AAC 02.020. Finality of a decision for purposes of appeal to court.
(a) Unless otherwise provided in a statute or a provision of this title, an eligible person must first either appeal or request reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter before

appealing a decision to superior court.
(b) The commissioner's decision on appeal is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.
(c) The commissioner may order or deny a request for reconsideration within 30 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under 11 AAC 02.040(c) - (e). If the commissioner takes no action during the 30-day period, the request for reconsideration is considered denied. Denial of a request for reconsideration is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.
(d) If the commissioner timely orders reconsideration of the decision, the commissioner may affirm the decision, issue a new or modified decision, or remand the matter to the director for further proceedings. The commissioner's decision, other than a remand decision, is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

11 AAC 02.030. Filing an appeal or request for reconsideration.
(a) An appeal or request for reconsideration under this chapter must
(1) be in writing;
(2) be filed by personal service, mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail;
(3) be signed by the appellant or the appellant's attorney, unless filed by electronic mail; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed by electronic mail must state the name of the person appealing or requesting reconsideration and a single point of contact to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be sent;
(4) be correctly addressed;
(5) be timely filed in accordance with 11 AAC 02.040;
(6) specify the case reference number used by the department, if any;
(7) specify the decision being appealed or for which reconsideration is being requested;
(8) specify the basis upon which the decision is challenged;
(9) specify any material facts disputed by the appellant;
(10) specify the remedy requested by the appellant;
(11) state the address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed; an appellant may also provide a telephone number where the appellant can be reached during the day or an electronic mail address; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed electronically must state a single address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed;
(12) identify any other affected agreement, contract, lease, permit, or application by case reference number, if any;
(13) include a request for an oral hearing, if desired; in the appeal or request for reconsideration, the appellant may include a request for any special procedures to be used at the hearing; the appeal or request for reconsideration must describe the factual issues to be considered at the hearing; and
(14) be accompanied by the applicable fee set out in 11 AAC 05.160.
(b) At the time an appeal is filed, and up until the deadline set out in 11 AAC 02.040(a) to file the appeal, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the appeal, including evidence or legal argument.
(c) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was given before the

decision, an appellant may not submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal meets the requirements of (a) of this section and includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:
(1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
(2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
(3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;
(4) the length of the extension requested;
(5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.
(d) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was not given before the decision, an appellant may submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, if the appeal meets the requirements of (a) of this section and includes a notice of intent to file the additional written material. The department must receive the additional written material within 20 days after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal also includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:
(1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
(2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
(3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;
(4) the length of the extension requested;
(5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.
(e) At the time a request for reconsideration is filed, and up until the deadline to file a request for reconsideration, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the request for reconsideration, including evidence or legal argument. No additional written material may be submitted after the deadline for filing the request for reconsideration.
(f) If the decision is one described in 11 AAC 02.060(c), an appellant may ask for a stay as part of the appeal or request for reconsideration. The appellant must include an argument as to why the public interest requires a stay.

11 AAC 02.040. Timely filing; issuance of decision.
(a) To be timely filed, an appeal or request for reconsideration must be received by the commissioner's office within 20 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under (c) or (d) of this section, unless another period is set by statute, regulation, or existing contract. If the 20th day falls on a day when the department is officially closed, the appeal or request for reconsideration must be filed by the next working day.
(b) An appeal or request for reconsideration will not be accepted if it is not timely filed.
(c) If the appellant is a person to whom the department delivers a decision by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, issuance occurs when the addressee or the addressee's agent signs for the decision. If the addressee or the addressee's agent neglects or refuses to sign for the certified mail, or if the address that the addressee provided to the department is not correct, issuance by certified mail occurs when the decision is deposited in a

United States general or branch post office, enclosed in a postage-paid wrapper or envelope, addressed to the person's current address of record with the department, or to the address specified by the appellant under 11 AAC 02.030(a)(11).
(d) If the appellant is a person to whom the department did not deliver a decision by personal service or certified mail, issuance occurs
(1) when the department gives public notice of the decision; or
(2) if no public notice is given, when the decision is signed; however, the department may state in the decision a later date of issuance and the corresponding due date for any appeal or request for reconsideration.
(e) The date of issuance constitutes delivery or mailing for purposes of a reconsideration request under AS 44.37.011(d) or AS 44.62.540(a).

11 AAC 02.050. Hearings.
(a) The department will, in its discretion, hold a hearing when questions of fact must be resolved.
(b) The hearing procedure will be determined by the department on a case-by-case basis. As provided in 11 AAC 02.030(a)(13), any request for special procedures must be included with the request for a hearing.
(c) In a hearing held under this section
(1) formal rules of evidence need not apply; and
(2) the hearing will be recorded, and may be transcribed at the request and expense of the party requesting the transcript.

11 AAC 02.060. Stays; exceptions.
(a) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section, timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter stays the decision during the commissioner's consideration of the appeal or request for reconsideration. If the commissioner determines that the public interest requires removal of the stay, the commissioner will remove the stay and allow all or part of the decision to take effect on the date set in the decision or a date set by the commissioner.
(b) Repealed 9/19/2001.
(c) Unless otherwise provided in a statute or a provision of this title, a decision takes effect immediately if it is a decision to
(1) issue a permit that is revocable at will;
(2) approve surface operations for a disposal that has already occurred or a property right that has already vested; or
(3) administer an issued oil and gas lease or license, or an oil and gas unit agreement.
(d) Timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision described in (c) of this section does not automatically stay the decision. However, the commissioner will impose a stay, on the commissioner's own motion or at the request of an appellant, if the commissioner determines that the public interest requires it.
(e) A decision takes effect immediately if no party is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration and the commissioner waives the commissioner's right to review or reconsider the decision.

11 AAC 02.070. Waiver of procedural violations.
The commissioner may, to the extent allowed by applicable law, waive a requirement of this chapter if the public interest or the interests of justice so require.

11 AAC 02.900. Definitions.
In this chapter,
(1) "appeal" means a request to the commissioner to review a decision that the commissioner did not sign or cosign;
(2) "appellant" means a person who files an appeal or a request for reconsideration;
(3) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;
(4) "decision" means a written discretionary or factual determination by the department specifying the details of the action to be allowed or taken;
(5) "department" means, depending of the particular context in which the term is used, the Department of Natural Resources, the commissioner, the director of a division within the Department of Natural Resources, or an authorized employee of the Department of Natural Resources;
(6) "request for reconsideration" means a petition or request to the commissioner to review an original decision that the commissioner signed or cosigned.

D. Appendix D: FLUP Public Comment

Draft Forest Land Use Plan West Hollis Timber Sale, (SSE-1393 K) Comments

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
March 2026

The following commenters submitted input:

- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Policy Analyst, Tyler Breen
- Jim Koon
- Mark Minnillo, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Habitat Office

The following comments were received during the public comment period on the Draft Forest Land Use Plan for the West Hollis Timber Sale, (SSE-1393 K) and are organized based on the topic structure of the Draft Forest Land Use Plan.

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Commenter	Comment	Response
	Draft Forest Land Use Plan	
	I. Introduction	
Tyler Breen SEACC	SEACC remains concerned that the Draft Plan does not demonstrate clear compliance with FRPA's standards or with the Alaska Constitution's multiple-use and sustained-yield requirements.	This topic has been addressed in the Best Interest Finding. Comment noted, no change required.
	III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Nontimber Resources	
	D. Slash abatement	
Jim Koon	My only issue with this harvest is the manner of the slash created by the clear-cut method the foresters use. The area is cleared of logs, and the slash is left scattered making it difficult for people and animals to easily pass. The slash should be burned. Not hard to do and it leaves the land manageable and healthy.	Burning at this scale in Southeast is challenging due to the weather and is not a common silvicultural site practice for several reasons. It would also increase costs due to the added work. The DFFP requires in the timber sale contract, slash depth to be managed to be less than two feet in depth and to be scattered about the cut area. It typically is less than that depth. Slash as it breaks down provides nutrients, cover and structure for forest regeneration and animals. Slash is also used by the logger to support harvesting equipment and minimize deep soil disturbance and aids in holding soil in place until revegetation occurs. Removing the slash categorically would not be in the best interests of the state due to the value it provides the site as it regenerates.
	E. Soil Stability/ Erosion/ Mass Wasting	
Tyler Breen SEACC	FRPA provisions addressing steep slopes, unstable soils, riparian protection, and karst landscapes require conservative, site-specific application informed by best available science.	The FRPA best management practices are a product of best available science. The DFFP assessed the area for soil stability risk and hydrological function in the Best Interest Finding. Risk factors have been quantified in the FLUP and prudent best management practices stipulated.
	F. Timber Harvest – Surface Water Protection	
Mark Minnillo, ADF&G	In our July 7, 2025, comments on the West Hollis Preliminary Best Interest Finding (PBIF) we concurred with DOF that many of the streams located in the southern portion of the area were likely uncatalogued anadromous streams. None of these areas have been included in the FLUP. According to the FLUP, all	Comment noted, no change required.

Commenter	Comment	Response
	streams located within or adjacent to proposed harvest areas are greater than 12% in gradient. Best management practices including maintaining bank integrity, minimizing equipment crossings, and the removal of harvest introduced slash will be utilized.	
Tyler Breen SEACC	Cumulative impacts, particularly on steep slopes, karst terrain, and fish-bearing watersheds, are central to evaluating whether additional timber activities are defensible. FRPA explicitly requires consideration of site-specific risks related to mass wasting, soil stability, and hydrologic connectivity, especially in sensitive terrain.	The DFFP assessed the area for soil stability risk and hydrological function relative to fish habitat in the Best Interest Finding. Fish habitat has specifically been avoided. Significant risk factors and cumulative impact have not been identified by the DFFP or the ADF&G in the FLUP process. Best management practices are expected and are part of the timber sale contract performance requirements.
	G. Wildlife Habitat	
Mark Minnillo, ADF&G	Regarding wildlife habitat, harvest of old-growth forest will impact deer habitat, specifically winter habitat. Although the impacts of this timber sale will likely be small, the cumulative impacts of clearcuts from the historical logging legacy on POW are likely significant to deer. In our PBIF comments we recommended several wildlife corridors be left through several of the units. Due to the reduction in the size of the harvest units and changes in their location we no longer recommend as many corridors. We would recommend, in Unit 4, that the indentation in the center of the unit be extended up to the highway to connect the lower elevation habitats adjacent to the Harris River and the higher elevation habitats uphill from the Hollis Highway.	The DFFP has incorporated your site-specific recommendation in the adopted configuration of Unit 4 to retain a vegetated travel corridor approximately 300 feet wide in Unit 4 to facilitate travel between the habitats.
Tyler Breen SEACC	SEACC reiterates its opposition to any commercial harvest or management activity that degrades old-growth ecological function. The Plan should explicitly plan with economic, subsistence, and ecological consideration, consistent with best available science, prior public input, and with multiple-use considerations as mandated.	ADF&G commented on the site-specific layout and recommended wildlife travel corridors be considered between the undisturbed forest types proposed in the BIF.
	I. Other Resources Affected	
Tyler Breen SEACC	The Draft Plan does not analyze in any capacity how proposed forest management actions would affect subsistence resources or access over time, particularly in light of cumulative impacts from	Subsistence activity has been addressed in the best interest finding for this sale. Comment noted, no change required.

Commenter	Comment	Response
	historical logging. The Draft Plan relies on generalized mitigation language without monitoring commitments tied to subsistence outcomes. This approach is inconsistent with the State's obligations under the Alaska Constitution to manage resources for sustained yield consistent with multiple use. The Plan must be revised to prioritize subsistence protections as an informing management objective.	
Tyler Breen SEACC	The Draft Plan does not provide any economic assessment, let alone any assessment evaluating long-term fiscal outcomes or opportunity costs. Decades of state forestry data demonstrate that commercial timber programs in Southeast Alaska have routinely failed to generate net public revenue once road construction, administration, and reforestation costs are accounted for. The current DFLUP does not include any anticipated timber sale price, stumpage rates, or expected revenue to the State. These should be basic minimum requirements.	The Best Interest Finding discussed the internal and external economics of the proposed timber sale. There is a long track record of reforestation exceeding FRPA requirements in Southern Southeast Alaska. The DFFP appraised the sale to cover the costs associated with planning and administering the timber sale. The purchaser has performed the required timber sale layout service and will build the access road to DFFP specifications. The purchaser has agreed to pay the minimum stumpage advertised.