

The comment period for the Preliminary Best Interest Finding and Decision For Coffman Cove has been extended until February 20, 2015, 4:00 PM

**State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Southern Southeast Area Office**

Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Coffman Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1336-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Director of the Division of Forestry will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **February 23, 2015**.

This timber sale is located Prince of Wales Island, approximately 1 mile south of the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska. The legal description of the sale area is Sections 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 of Township 68 South, Range 81 East and Section 7 of Township 68 South, Range 82 East Copper River Meridian (CRM). Access to the sale area is provided by Alaska Route 7 and adjoining USFS roads. The units vary in size and encompass a total of 1,628 acres. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115, AS 38.05.118 and/or AS 38.05.123, in the form of one or multiple large sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and will be a negotiated contract. The State will utilize a request for proposal (RFP) process to determine the parties with whom to negotiate and sell the timber.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **February 20, 2015**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment by **February 20, 2015**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and at the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell Public Libraries.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

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