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Dear Reader,

The 2006 Tongass National Forest Monitoring and Evaluation Report is posted on the Tongass web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass>. An annual written summary of forest wide monitoring programs is specified in Chapter 6 of the Tongass Land Management Plan (Forest Plan). This report summarizes specific monitoring that was completed during fiscal year 2006. To reference this report, please use Management Bulletin Number: R10-MB-609.

For the past few years, we have put the report on this web site to make it widely available. This system saves the cost of printing and mailing the document while still disseminating the monitoring information. The savings associated with the web format provides the opportunity for more of the funds to go toward work on the ground.

Some of the monitoring questions used for the 2006 Monitoring and Evaluation Report may change with the issuance of a Record of Decision for the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) Amendment. A draft of this plan was completed and mailed out (beginning January 4, 2007). These monitoring changes will not occur before the 2008 Monitoring Report.

If you have questions or comments about this report, please contact Carol Seitz Warmuth at the Ketchikan Forest Supervisor's Office, through email at cseitzwarmuth@fs.fed.us or 907-228-6341.

Sincerely,

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