

**Legal Notice  
U.S.D.A. Forest Service  
Alaska Region  
Chugach National Forest  
Cordova Ranger District**

The purpose is to notify all interested persons that the following Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact is available to the public pursuant to 36 CFR 215.9:

**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact  
Revised Environmental Assessment  
Oil and Gas Exploration in the Katalla Area,**

The purpose of the Decision Notice is to document the factors considered and the rationale used in making a decision concerning the potential effects of approving Cassandra Energy Corporation's Plan of Operations for oil and gas drilling near Katalla, Alaska. The decision consists of whether to approve the Plan of Operations. There are two major components of the Plan of Operations: (1) exploratory oil and gas drilling operations; and (2) access to the drill site which consists of establishment of a temporary staging area, construction of approximately 550 feet of temporary road, and use and maintenance of an existing temporary access road on National Forest System lands.

The responsible official is:

**Dave R. Gibbons, Forest Supervisor  
Chugach National Forest  
3301 C St.  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99503-3998**

The decision and accompanying Environmental Assessment can be obtained from the Cordova District Ranger, P.O. Box 280, Cordova, Alaska, 99574-0280; and the Forest Supervisor's Office, 3301 C St., Anchorage, Alaska, 99503. They are also available on the Internet at:

**[http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/plans\\_projects/katalla/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/plans_projects/katalla/index.html)**

For more information on this Environmental Assessment please call Ken Hodges, Cordova Ranger District at (907) 424-4738; or Chuck Frey, Forest Supervisor's Office, Anchorage, at (907) 743-9557.

The decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. Appeals must be filed with the appeal deciding officer:

**Dennis Bschor, Regional Forester  
U.S.D.A. Forest Service  
Alaska Region-Region 10**

**P.O. Box 21628**  
**Juneau, AK 99802-1628**

The appeal must be postmarked and submitted to the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date of this publication in accordance with 36 CFR 215.13. The appeal period ends January 27, 2003.