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Dear Planning Participant:

Enclosed is your copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Iyouktug Timber Sale on the Hoonah Ranger District, Tongass National Forest.

The Final EIS analyzes four action alternatives for harvesting timber and one no-action alternative. The action alternatives would make available approximately 16.5 to 58.1 million board feet (MMBF) of timber for harvest in the Iyouktug area. Proposed harvest includes even-aged and uneven-aged management using shovel, cable, and helicopter yarding systems. My preferred alternative is Alternative 3, which minimizes impacts to deer habitat and wildlife habitat connectivity while providing for an economic timber supply. However, any of the alternatives may be selected in the Record of Decision for the Final EIS.

The Record of Decision (ROD) will document my decision on the Selected Alternative and the facts considered in reaching the decision. The effective date of implementation for the decision and the Notice of Rights of Appeal will also be specified in the ROD.

Copies of this Final EIS are available for review at Forest Service offices throughout the Tongass. For more information, contact Hoonah Ranger District at 907-945-3631.

I want to thank those of you who took time to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Your interest in the management of the Tongass National Forest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

