

# Chapter 2

## Alternatives

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### Changes Between DEIS and FEIS

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- In response to comments, the IDT reviewed windthrow risk of individual units and changed the silviculture prescription from ST40 or ST50 to ST25 in four units (Units 125, 185, 108, 111) to reduce windthrow potential (see Table 2-1 and Figures 1-3B, 2-4B, 2-5B, and 2-6B).
- The Spasski Creek Watershed was labeled and the boundary added to Figure 2-1 to show the relationship between the Spasski area, the Iyouktug project area, and the past harvest that has occurred outside the project area.
- The volume of timber removed in all alternatives dropped slightly due to the change in prescriptions described above as well as updates of the NEAT\_R model.
- In response to comments, the IDT reviewed the condition of non-system roads (roads identified as unauthorized in the DEIS) and other roads. Because of the need for rock pits for this project, as well as for future road maintenance, all action alternatives now propose reclassifying 0.4 mile of existing, open, unauthorized roads that access rock pits to NFS roads. Using today’s road vocabulary, this reclassification is called construction (see Table 2-1 and Figures 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, and 2-6 A and B). Also, NFS Road 85305 was incorrectly identified in the DEIS as being closed by the ATM decision (USDA Forest Service 2002b). Because no such decision was made, this closure was removed from consideration in all alternatives.
- In response to comments and new Forest direction on invasive species, invasive species design elements common to all action alternatives and monitoring were added to the Iyouktug project.
- Cedar component design elements, including planting, were clarified in the Iyouktug project.
- The clarification that temporary road decommissioning will be part of the timber sale contract was added.
- The changes in old growth reserve acres and the NEAT\_R updates were added to the comparison of alternatives table (Table 2-2) and the hunter demand as a percentage of deer habitat capability were added to the Subsistence portion of Table 2-3.
- Two corrections were made to Table 2-2. The acres of timber harvest proposed in inventoried roadless areas was corrected to reflect a correction in the GIS layer for karst. The acres of inventoried roadless area retaining roadless characteristics in the project area was corrected to reflect an update to direct and indirect effects.