

Chicnagof Conservation Council

Box 621 Tenakee Springs AK 99841 April 2007

Tongass Land Management Plan comment period extended Procrastinators rejoice! The Forest Service has extended the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) comment period to **APRIL 30**.

The "proposed action" (alternative 6) puts all upper Tenakee Inlet watersheds in the "Intensive Development" category, with the priority use defined as "Timber production- Manage the area for industrial wood production". The document is available as a CD or at <http://tongass-fpadjust.net>, and the Tenakee library has one paper copy.

Tenakee 's long history of support for protection of Long Bay, Seal Bay and Goose Flats is not enough. **It is vitally important to build a strong record of public opposition to industrial-strength clearcutting in upper Tenakee Inlet.** Your comments don't have to be lengthy or complex. A quick e-mail stating agreement with the City of Tenakee Springs' recent Resolution 2007-14 would do the job. The important thing is demonstrating that the proposed action is out of step with people who live in the Tongass and understand the value of intact watersheds for fish, wildlife, subsistence and tourism.

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attn: Forest Plan Revision
Tongass National Forest
648 Mission Street
Ketchikan AK 99901

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2007 CCC membership notice

Please take time to return your 2007 membership application/renewal. Your donations are welcome and help support projects like CCC's Winter Diversion series. However, the most important aspect of your membership is your support for CCC's efforts to keep places like Seal Bay, Long Bay and Goose Flats off the chopping block.

Thank you!

City of Tenakee Springs

RESOLUTION 2007-14

In the Council February 24th, 2007 Introduced by the Council Member Brooke Elgie

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF TENAKEE SPRINGS, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF TENAKEE INLET WATERSHEDS TO MAINTAIN THEIR CURRENT CONDITION

WHEREAS, the Forest Service has been required by court decisions to revise the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan and the public has been given the opportunity to respond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tenakee Springs has long been opposed to logging and road building in upper Tenakee Inlet (Crab Bay, Saltery Bay, Big & Little Seal Bay, Long Bay and Goose Flats); and

WHEREAS, the income generated by logging sales (timber receipts) do not meet the costs incurred by Forest Service timber management programs; and

WHEREAS, clear-cut logging and road building have detrimental effects on fish and wildlife resources and related recreational, subsistence and tourism activities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Tenakee Springs and many other SE Alaska residents depend on commercial, recreational, subsistence and tourist activities; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service Draft Proposed Actions fail to adequately recognize the value of providing lasting protection to important watersheds and habitats in Tenakee Inlet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska, urges the Forest Service to protect the upper Tenakee Inlet watersheds as it works to complete the environmental review of the Tongass Land Management Plan.

ADOPTED 4 yes, 0 no, 3 absent THIS 24th DAY OF February 2007

Don Pegues
City Council President
ex officio MAYOR

ATTEST:

Anne E. Connelly
City Clerk

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It is vitally important to build a strong record of public opposition to industrial-strength clearcutting in Seal Bay, Long Bay and Goose Flats.

The best way to voice your opinion is by writing a letter or e-mail to the USFS:

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Deadline: April 10, 2007

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The USFS has announced plans for a meeting in Tenakee on March 14, 2007, at 11:00 am.

Contact Molly if you want a TLMP CD (we have extras!) or if you'd like me to print the specific TLMP references to Tenakee, subsistence, deer habitat capability, or other topics. 736-2305

