



## Central Tongass Landscape Level Analysis Project

### Talking Points

- 1) The purpose of the Central Tongass Landscape Level Analysis Project (CTLTA) is to improve forest ecosystem health on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts, help support community resilience, and to use an integrated approach in meeting multiple resource objectives in order to provide economic development.
- 2) The proposed action will be developed through extensive public involvement to meet the purpose and need for the project, with activities expected to occur over the course of 10 to 15 years. Input from the tribes and the public will help determine the location and types of activities, and how extensively they will occur across the landscape.
- 3) The area for the CT LLA Project encompasses all of the islands and North American mainland within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts, including but not limited to Mitkof, Kupreanof, Kuiu, Wrangell, Zarembo and Etolin Islands.
- 4) Public involvement for this project will include: public meetings in the local communities, subsistence hearings, information posted in community areas, entries in local publications like the Petersburg Pilot and the Wrangell Sentinel, and contributions from local organization(s). [This website](#) will be the central source of information for all interested individuals and groups, and a place to keep the public up-to-date on our planning progress and will be available soon.
- 5) A Notice of Intent (NOI) to publish an EIS is projected to be published in the Federal Register, April of 2018, initiating the NEPA process for this project.
- 6) Management activities that could be considered in the proposed action include:
  - A. Timber Harvest, including old-growth commercial harvest, young-growth commercial harvest, young-growth pre-commercial thinning treatments, and wildlife habitat improvement treatments.
  - B. Watershed improvements and restoration treatments, including fish habitat restoration, aquatic organism passage and fish habitat connectivity.
  - C. Sustainable recreation management, including maintenance of existing recreation facilities as well as construction of new facilities.
- 7) Field data will be collected during the summer of 2018 to help refine project design and inform the analysis that will be displayed in the EIS.
- 8) The Tongass National Forest has transitioned to an electronic mailing system for all projects and planning efforts, including the CT LLA Project. We will communicate project updates and announcements through this system and invite the public to sign up by following this link: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=NEPA\\_53098\\_S](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFS/subscriber/new?topic_id=NEPA_53098_S) and submitting your email address. You may select other Tongass Projects that interest you as well by managing your subscriber preferences after you sign up. Non-electronic communication methods are also available. Contact Team Leaders Carey Case (907) 772-5906, or Andi Slusser (907) 874-7524 for questions about options for this project.

