



May 8, 2018

Earl Stewart, Tongass Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service
648 Mission Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Dear Mr. Stewart,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly respectfully requests information regarding past and future timber sales in Southeast Alaska.

The 2016 Washington Office Activity Review revealed failures in the administration, monitoring and enforcement of the Tonka Timber Sale and the Big Thorne Integrated Resource Timber Sale and recommended an independent review to inform solutions and prevent similar issues in future timber and stewardship contracts.

Please share with us what specific processes have been put into place by the USFS to prevent timber sale contract administration, monitoring and enforcement failures in future sales. We are also interested to know if the stewardship projects and silvicultural prescriptions performed from the revenues of the Tonka and Big Thorne timber sales accomplished stewardship goals as outlined in the Renewable Resources Handbook chapter regarding Stewardship Contracting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen
Mayor

cc: Dave Zimmerman, Petersburg District Ranger
Vickie Christiansen, USFS Interim Chief
Regional Foresters Beth Pendleton and David Schmid