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Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry  
*Southeast Office*



**Final Forest Land Use Plan**

**North Hollis**

**SSE 1346-K**

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## I. Introduction

Project File Number: SSE-1346-K

Division of Forestry Office: Southeast  
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Forest Practices Geographic Region (AS 41.17.950): Region I

This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers forest operations on approximately 230 acres of land from state lands on Prince of Wales (POW) Island, approximately 1 mile northeast of the Community of Hollis. It is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed harvest of timber, and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060.

[ X ] This Final Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) which have been determined to be in the best interest of the state pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and 38.05.945. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the March 10, 2017 Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP.

The Final Best Interest Finding (BIF) and decision for the North Hollis Timber Sale may be found at: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=184912>.

[ ] This Draft Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) for which a Preliminary Best Interest Finding is currently out for review. A final best interest finding must be completed prior to adoptions of a final FLUP pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and 38.05.945;

[ ] This Draft Forest Land Use Plan is for timber to be harvested that does not require a final finding pursuant to 38.05.035 (e) and notification under 38.05.945.

A draft of this plan was distributed to the Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their review and comments relevant to the consistency of this proposed project with the statutes governing forest land use plans (AS 38.05.112) and the requirements of the Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act (AS 41.17) and its Regulations (11 AAC 95).

This Forest Land Use Plan was made available for public comments per AS 38.05.945; the review period ended on June 26, 2017. After public and agency review of the draft FLUP, the DOF reviewed comments (see Appendix D), made changes as appropriate, and has issued this final FLUP. This Forest Land Use Plan has been adopted by the Department of Natural Resources. Site specific compliance with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and the Regulations, as well as the Final Finding for this proposed project are reflected in this Forest Land Use Plan and will be implemented in the Timber Sale Contract.

The notable change from the draft FLUP (as well as the BIF) to the adopted FLUP is the location of the access for the northern portion of the unit. Further reconnaissance of the unit during the interim period, revealed a more cost-effective location and decreased road footprint. The northern part of the unit is now proposed to be accessed via the upper road (Spur B). The lower road (Spur C) will now terminate approximately 500 feet from the existing right-of-way for the North Clark Bay Subdivision.

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Other Documents are referenced in this FLUP. This timber sale is designed to be consistent with the management intent of the following documents:

Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act

Prince of Wales Island Area Plan

The administrative record for this sale is maintained at the Division of Forestry Southeast Office filed as SSE-1346-K.

**A. Legal description:**

The timber sale area is found within Sections 25, 26 and 35 of Township 73 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian. (see attached maps titled Appendix A1 and A2, SSE-1346-K North Hollis Timber Sale Maps)

**B. Operational Period:**

Summer 2017 through Fall 2022

**C. Timber Disposal**

- Timber will be sold and will have a contract administrated by the State  
 Timber will be available to the public; permits obtained by the public will be issued by the State.  
 Other

**D. Objectives and Summary**

1. To follow the Division of Natural Resources' (DNR or Division) constitutional mandate to encourage the development of the State's renewable resources, making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest,
2. To help the State's economy by providing royalties to the State in the form of Stumpage receipts, an infusion to the State's economy through wages, purchases, jobs, and business and
3. To help the local economy of the communities within southern Southeast Alaska by creating additional jobs in Southeast Alaska due to the combination of road building, logging, trucking and potentially milling.

## II. Affected Land Owners/Jurisdictions

Activity on ownership:	Access Easement	Harvest	Written Representative Approval
<b>A. State</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Southeast State Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other state land managed by DNR (GU)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> School Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B. Other Land Ownership</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Land Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Owner Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Non-Timber Resources

Forest operations will be designed to:

- Protect fish habitat and water quality in compliance with the best management practices in 11 AAC 95.260-.370,
- Manage for the other land uses and activities identified in AS 41.17.060 and the Best Interest Finding for this timber sale, and
- Ensure prompt reforestation and maintenance of site productivity in compliance with AS 41.17.060(c) and 11 AAC 95 .375-.390.

Harvest and Silvicultural Methods:

The silvicultural actions are described in this document, and no prescription was written or is necessary

A silvicultural prescription has been written and is attached to this document in Appendix B

### A. Timber Stand Description and History

Harvest units are comprised of mature old growth timber composed of western hemlock, Sitka spruce, western red cedar and Alaska yellow cedar. Approximately 50-year-old second growth timber exists to the west side of the harvest area. Approximately 30-40-year-old patches of second growth border the southern and portions of west side. The coastal area occupied by the State subdivision was selectively logged in the early 1940's and generally has old growth characteristics.

### **B. Timber Harvest Activities**

Timber Harvest Activities are displayed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Timber Harvest Activities**

<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Topography</b>	<b>Silvicultural Action</b>	<b>Logging Method</b>
Unit 1	230	Irregular Complex Slopes	Clearcut	Cable and Ground Based

Note: The DOF estimates that most of the unit will be high lead cable logged. Areas within 200 feet of the road offer terrain that may be appropriate for shovel logging techniques. Areas of shovel logging beyond that will be reviewed by DOF as requested by the operator on a case by case basis. Emphasis will be placed on retaining bank integrity of streams and the hillside soils.

### **C. Site Preparation**

Site preparation will not be necessary. There is either sufficient residual stocking, or because there will be sufficient soil disturbance by logging to forego scarification.

Site preparation will be implemented and described in Table 2:

**Table 2. Site Preparation**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Site Preparation Method</b>	<b>Date of Completion</b>

### **D. Reforestation:**

Clearcut

Partial Harvest:

Region I: leaving more than 50% live basal area (11 AAC 95(b)(3))

Region II/III: Relying on residual trees to result in a stocking level that meets standards of 11 AAC 95.375 (b 4). Stocking levels will be calculated subject to the methods below:

**Table 3. Stocking Level Requirements**

<b>Average DBH (Diameter at breast height)</b>	<b>Residual Trees (Trees/ acre)</b>	<b>Minimum Stocking Standard (Trees/ acre)</b>	<b>Percent Stocking</b>
≥ 9"		120	%
6" to 8"		170	%
1" to 5"		200	%
<b>Total Residual Stocking</b>			<b>%</b>

Seedlings Required:

Percentage Under stocked = 100 – Total Residual Stocking %

Percentage Under stocked = 100 – \_\_\_\_\_% = \_\_\_\_\_%

Seedlings/ Acre Required = Percentage Understocked/100 x 450  
 Seedlings/ Acre Required = \_\_\_\_\_% /100 x 450 = \_\_\_\_\_

Natural regeneration

List species: western hemlock, Sitka spruce, western red cedar, Alaska yellow cedar

Coppice

List species:
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Artificial regeneration

Seeding-source of seed (general vicinity location of seed source)

\_\_\_\_\_

Planting: Date of proposed planting: \_\_\_\_\_

Source of seedlings (location of seed source): \_\_\_

***E. Slash Abatement***

- Potential for insect infestations caused by slash accumulations exists. Slash abatement for controlling infestations will be implemented as required by 11AAC 95.370.
- Lop and scatter slash; accumulations will be kept to less than 2 feet in height.
- Slash will be scattered by the operator.  Slash will be disposed of by the State.
- Other - method of slash disposal:  removal off site  crushing or grinding  burning
- Burn permits necessary from DOF and DEC to be acquired.
- The operator will contact the Division of Forestry local area office prior to ignition of debris.

***F. Timber Harvest—Surface Water Protection:***

- There are no streams or lakes abutting or within a harvest unit.
- Known surface waters and protection measures are described in Table 4 below.  
*Locations are included in the operational map in the Appendices*

**Table 4. Protection for Known Surface Waters**

Unit	Waterbody Name	AS 41.17.950 Classification	ADF&G AWC #	Required Riparian Protection	Site-specific actions to minimize impacts on waters.
Unit 1	All	Non-classified surface waters	none	none	Implement FRPA and Reg.

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game:

- During the timber sale planning process
- During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale
- During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan
- Stream Crossings (Title 16) Permits are needed per ADF&G Division of Habitat

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation:

- During the timber sale planning process
- During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale
- During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan

Non-classified surface waters are subject to applicable Best Management Practices in 11 AAC 95.

### **G. Wildlife Habitat:**

- Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the Best Interest Finding review.
- Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan.

Silvicultural practices to be applied to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat or wildlife management:

- Timber retention - concentrations of timber surrounding harvest units, or interspersed within harvest units to provide cover.
- Snag Retention- snags or isolated trees left for cavity nesting species.
- Large Woody Debris – concentrations of downed timber or logging debris interspersed within harvest units to provide cover left on site.
- Other actions

### **H. Cultural and Historical Resource Protection:**

- This project was reviewed by the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO).
- No artifacts have been reported within the project area(s).
- Known or likely sites have been identified and a mitigation plan is in place. (Describe the mitigation actions.)

### **I. Other Resources Affected by Timber Harvest and Management**

There are other resources and areas of concern besides surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat that may be affected. Mitigations actions were addressed in the Best Interest Finding.

**Table 5. Other Affected Resources/ Areas of Concern.**

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact/ Mitigation Actions
Visual	DOF/ DMLW	Change in vegetation, no mitigation planned.
Public Safety	DOF	Subdivision Traffic/ Timber Sale Contract (see note)
Noise	DOF	Operating Noise/ Timber Sale Contract

Notes:

1. Public Safety. Several commenters to the BIF noted the potential safety issue of pedestrian traffic in the subdivision and the added truck traffic. It was brought to the DOF's attention that school age children also board the bus at the intersection of Aurora Drive and the Klawock Hollis Highway. The DOF also observed that added traffic on the highway occurs associated with the ferry arrival and departure. Hours of operation will be enforced through the timber sale contract and the purchaser's operating plan to avoid and minimize the use of Aurora Drive when children are present for bus pickup or the ferry is scheduled to arrive or leave. Signs will be placed to advise traffic. The DOF in 2016 widened Aurora Road to assist with mitigating a variety of traffic issues with the previous road's configuration. The added truck traffic also has the potential to increase dust in the subdivision area if conditions are dry; watering of the road surface to keep dust down will be part of the timber sale operating plan.
2. Noise. Several commenters to the BIF noted that the "Jake" engine brakes associated with large log trucks would add objectionable noise to the neighborhood. The control of the truck speed in the timber sale area has a direct bearing on the need for engine braking. Speed through the subdivision will be managed to minimize the use of the engine brakes. The DOF will also work with the purchaser to the extent that it is feasible to safely brake trucks coming off the timber sale using methods that will lower the noise associated with the engine brakes. Some of this added noise will be mitigated by managing the hours of operation for the public safety reasons.

[ ] There are no affected resources or areas of concern other than surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat, which are addressed in this Forest Land Use Plan.

## IV. Roads and Crossing Structures

### ***A. Road Design, Construction, and Maintenance:***

Roads will be designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent significant adverse impacts on water quality and fish habitat (AS 41.17.060(b) (5)), and site productivity (AS 41.17.060(c) (5)). Roads will comply with the best management practices in the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations (11 AAC 95.285 – 95.335)

Roads or other means required for the access and removal of this timber from the harvest area(s) or unit(s) are listed in Table 6.

**Table 6. Road Construction and Use**

Road ID	Harvest Unit	Stations	Road Type	Max. Grade	Constructed by:	Maintained by:
Aurora Drive Road	NA	37+00	Residential	NA	NA	Purchaser
Road A Reconstruction	NA	20+57	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Spur B	Unit 1	61+49	Spur	15%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Spur B-2	Unit 1	9+61	Spur	15%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Spur B-3	Unit 1	22+71	Spur	15%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Spur C	Unit 1	48+91	Secondary	10%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Spur C-1	Unit 1	12+30	Spur	15%	Purchaser	Purchaser

*\*Note: Roads must be less than 20% grade per 8 AAC 61.1060 Additional Logging Standards*

### ***B. Side Slopes / Mass Wasting:***

For slopes over 50%, identify indicators of unstable areas (landslide scars, jack-strawed trees, gullied or dissected slopes, high density of streams or zero-order basins, or evidence of soil creep). Attach location specific road design that potentially mitigates identified areas of unstable soils.

Maximum percent side slopes: 45%

There are no slopes >45%.

There are no indicators of unstable areas where roads will be constructed.

Indicators of unstable areas were identified and will be mitigated by actions indicated below:

Full benching will be constructed to help ensure slope stability.

Full benching is not required for roads in this project.

End hauling will be implemented to help ensure slope stability.

End hauling is not necessary for roads in this project.

Location(s): Spur B, Stations 50+50 to 57+50 has steep side slopes. Bed rock controlled.

General Erosion Control:

grass seeding     erosion control mats     wattle     Other: Waterbars  
 not applicable

**C. Crossing Structures:**

No crossing structures are needed within the project area.

No existing drainage structures will be replaced.

Crossing structures will be placed along access roads as described in the table below:

**Table 7. Required Drainage and Crossing Structures on Known Surface Waters**

Road	Mile / Station	Diameter Culvert	Bridge Type: -Log Stringer -Fabricated -Ice	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	Fish & Game AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
Road A	3+09	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Road A	4+50	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Road A	8+89	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Road A	12+26	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Road A	15+20	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Road A	20+57	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	8+39	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	9+55	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	14+87	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	16+00	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	16+94	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	19+89	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	24+09	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	25+56	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	26+67	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	28+66	48" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	31+68	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	34+23	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	35+92	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	37+80		60 FT BRIDGE	Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life

Spur B	42+07	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	45+45	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	45+66	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	45+94	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	49+95	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	50+62	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B	60+10	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	6+10	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	7+23	48" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	12+16	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	19+27	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	21+15	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	21+89	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	22+41	Ditch ahead		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	22+72	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	24+68	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	30+35	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	32+19	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	37+16	48" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	38+16	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	38+57	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	39+52	Ditch ahead		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	39+74	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	44+29	48" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	46+81	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C	48+34	36" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B-2	2+25	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B-2	4+45	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B-2	6+62	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life

Spur B-3	3+49	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur B-3	17+29	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C-1	3+72	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C-1	5+82	24" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life
Spur C-1	7+66	18" CPP		Non-classified surface waters	None	Road life

CPP= High Density Polyethylene Corrugated Plastic Pipe or equivalent.

#### ***D. Road Closure:***

Roads constructed for the timber sale that are left open will be subject to maintenance standards under 11 AAC 95. 315. Otherwise, roads constructed for the timber sale will be closed, subject to standards under 11 AAC 95.320.

**Table 8. Road Closures**

Road ID	Unit	All Season/Winter	Estimated Closure Date	Projected Road Use after Timber Harvest
Road A STA 0+00 to STA 20+57	NA	All Season	TBD	Silviculture, Incidental Public Access
Spur B	Unit 1	All Season	TBD	Silviculture
Spur B-2	Unit 1	All Season	End of harvest.	Silviculture
Spur B-3	Unit 1	All Season	End of harvest.	Silviculture
Spur C-1	Unit 1	All Season	TBD	Silviculture, Incidental Public Access

TBD: To be determined based on DOF funding and authorization of the land manager: ADNR-Division, Mining, Land and Water (DMLW). Residents of the community of Hollis voiced an interest in cutting firewood from the timber sale area in the Best Interest Finding. Land owners within the currently un-roaded subdivision and the Mental Health Land Trust have also voiced an interest in using the roads for adjacent property access. The DOF will close all timber sale roads upon completion of harvest unless a road management agreement is in place with a recognized entity that meets the approval of the DMLW.

**E. Material Extraction:**

- [ ] There will be no material extraction sites in the project area.
- [ ] Material extraction and associated overburden disposal will be located outside of riparian areas and muskegs. Material extraction and disposal will be located as shown on the operation map, in a manner that prevents runoff from entering surface waters.
- [X] Other: Material extraction and associated overburden disposal will be located outside of riparian areas (NA) and muskegs. Material extraction and disposal locations will be selected by the purchaser and approval will be required by the Division of Forestry. Material sites will generally be on or adjacent to the identified roads.

**F. Other Resources Affected by-Roads or Material Extraction:**

List resources other than water, habitat or cultural resources potentially impacted by road construction, and indicate how impacts will be mitigated. Other affected resources could be, but are not limited to mining claims, scenic areas, recreational trails, etc.

**Table 9. Other Affected Resources**

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact/ Mitigation Actions
none	none	none

## V. Approvals

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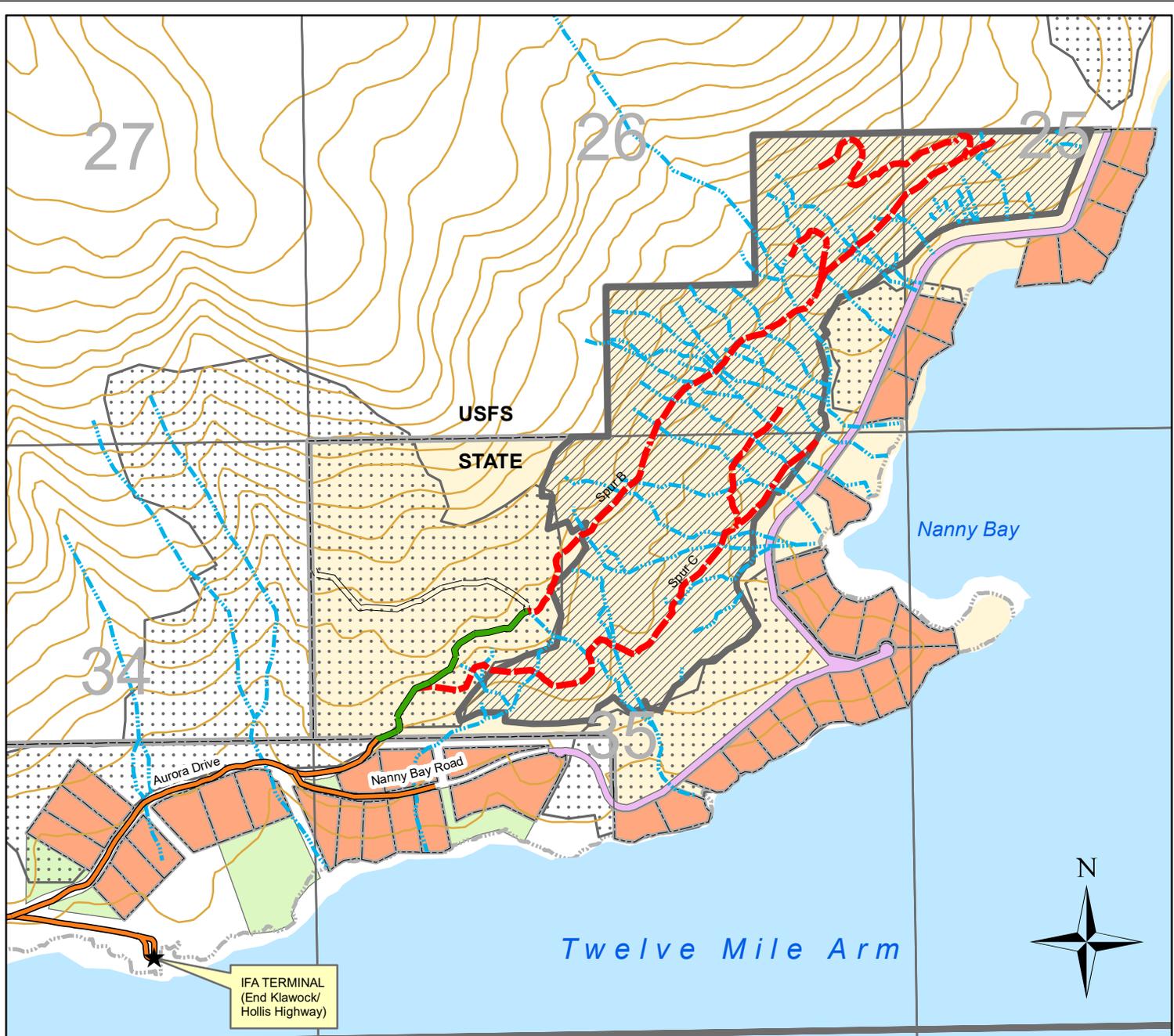
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**Appendix A: North Hollis Timber Sale Maps**

***Appendix A1 North Hollis Area Map (1 page)***

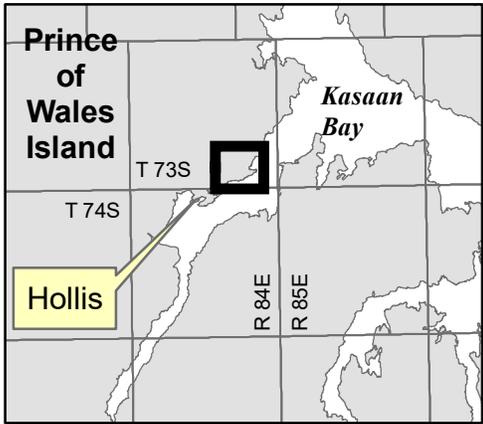
***Appendix A2 North Hollis Unit Maps (3 pages)***



Contour Interval = 100 feet

T73S, R84E  
Sections 25, 26 and 35  
CRM

**APPENDIX A1  
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NORTH HOLLIS  
TIMBER SALE  
AREA MAP**

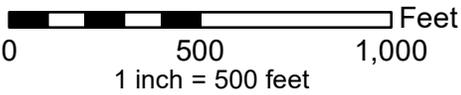
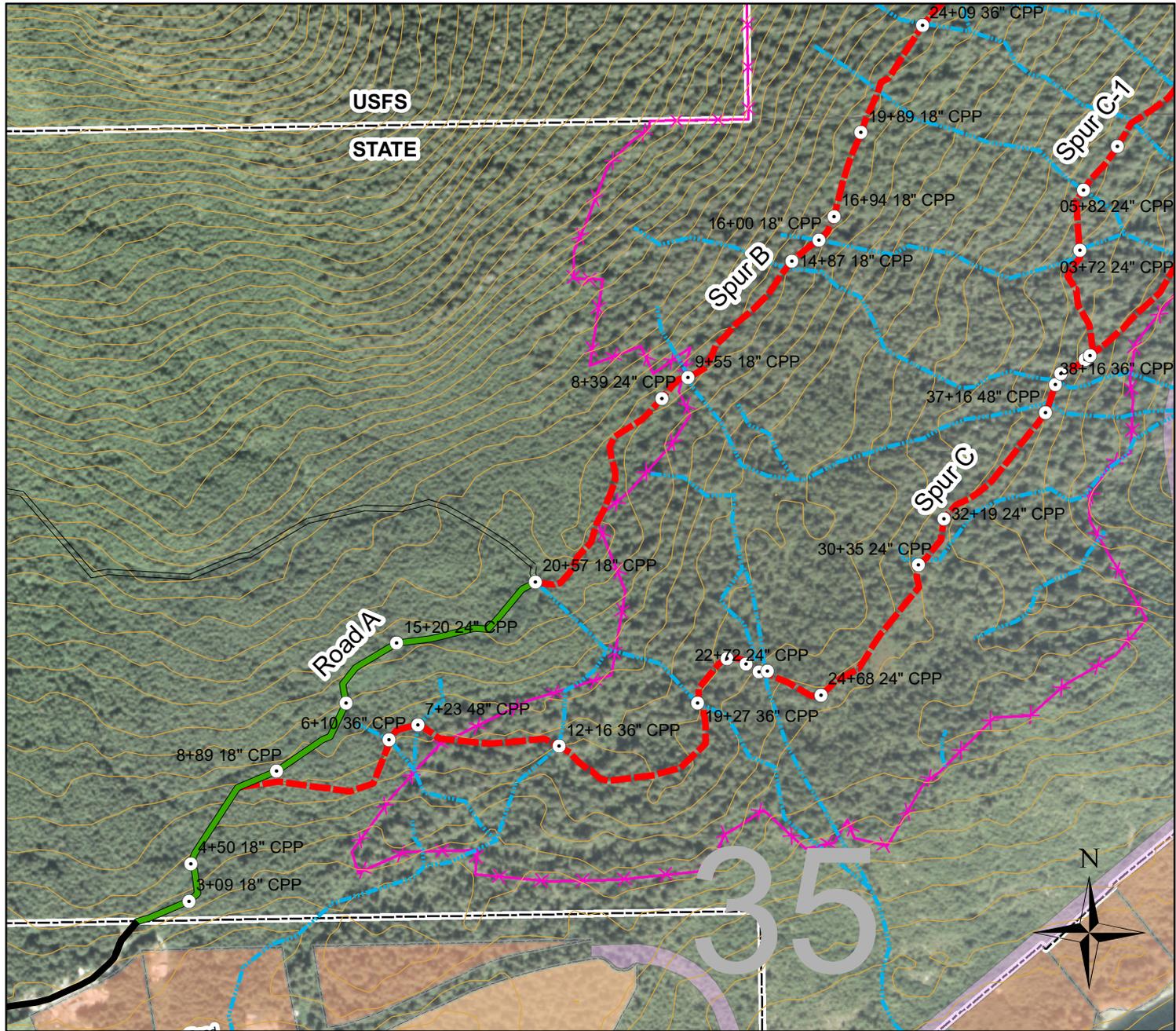


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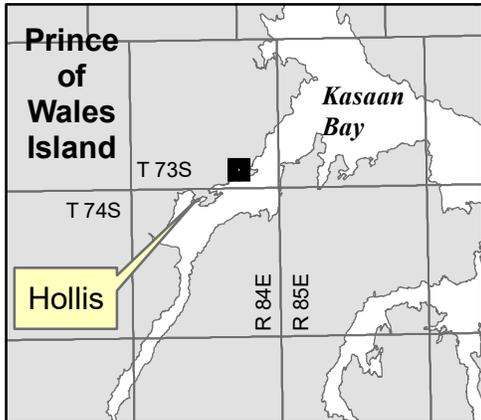


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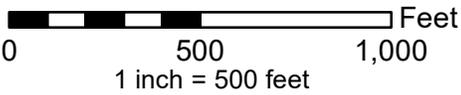
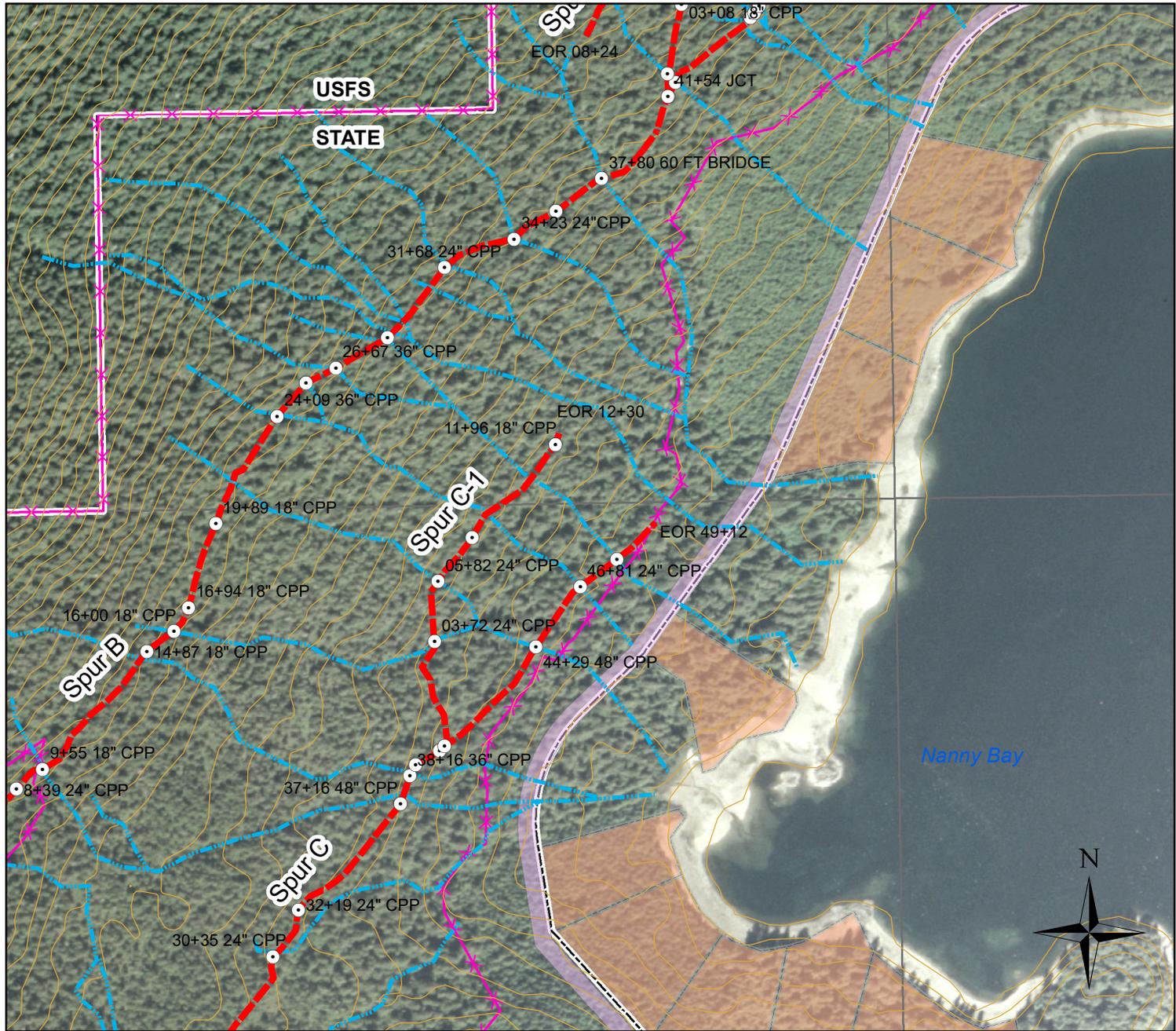
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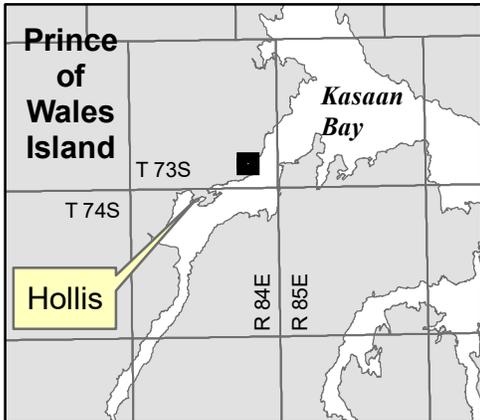
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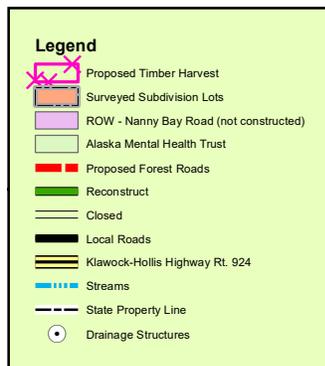


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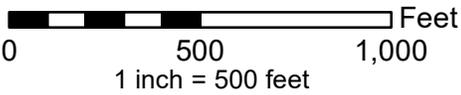
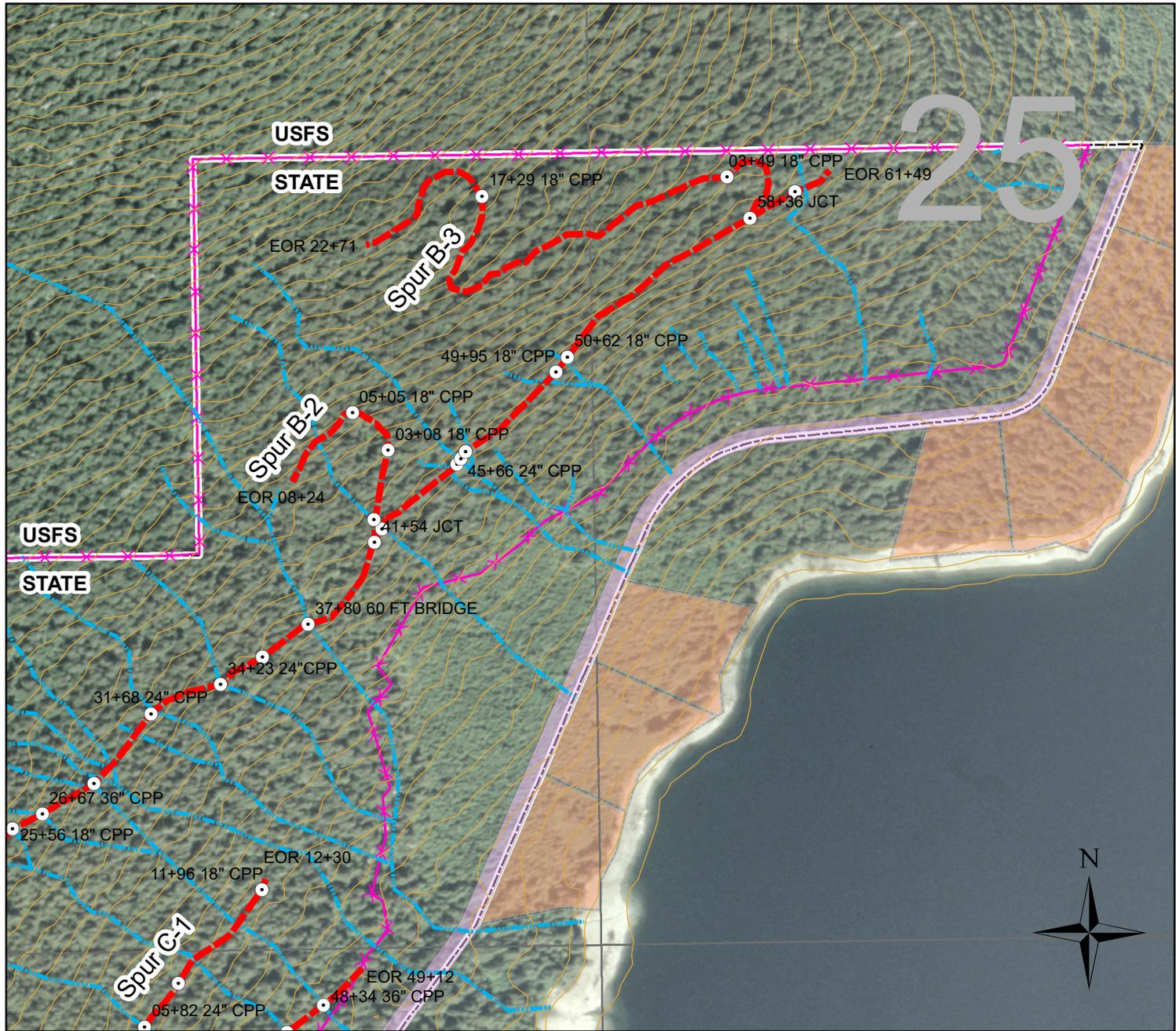


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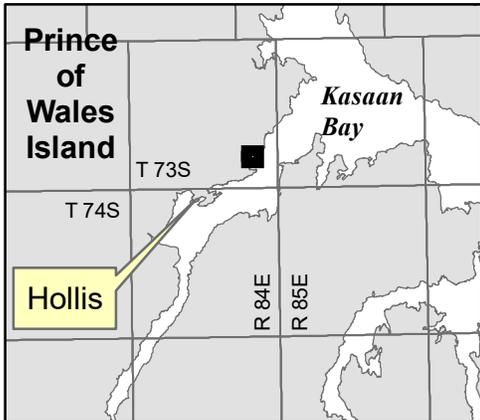
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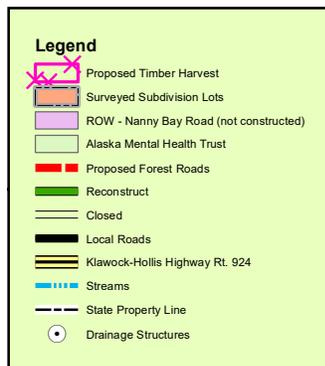


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## **Appendix B: Supporting Information**

Note: Silvicultural and stand information has been described in the previously published BIF.

### **Alaska Forest Practices and Regulations.**

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/forestpractices>

### **Forest Road and Bridge Standards.**

[http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/resources/forest\\_road\\_standard\\_design\\_20151231.pdf](http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/resources/forest_road_standard_design_20151231.pdf)

[http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/resources/forest\\_bridge\\_standard\\_design\\_20150128.pdf](http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/resources/forest_bridge_standard_design_20150128.pdf)

No ADFG fish way permits are required.

## Appendix C: Appeal Statutes and Regulations

Title 11.02 Appeals

TITLE 11. NATURAL RESOURCES.

CHAPTER 02. APPEALS.

Section	Section
10. Applicability and eligibility	50. Hearings
15. Combined decisions	60. Stays; exceptions
20. Finality of a decision for purposes of appeal to court	70. Waiver of procedural violations
30. Filing an appeal or request for reconsideration	80. (Repealed)
40. Timely filing; issuance of decision	900. Definitions

**11 AAC 02.010. APPLICABILITY AND ELIGIBILITY.** (a) This chapter sets out the administrative review procedure available to a person affected by a decision of the department. If a statute or a provision of this title prescribes a different procedure with respect to a particular decision, that procedure must be followed when it conflicts with this chapter.

(b) Unless a statute does not permit an appeal, an applicant is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration of the department's decision on the application. An applicant is eligible to participate in any appeal or request for reconsideration filed by any other eligible party.

(c) If a statute restricts eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration of a decision to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the decision, the department will give notice of that eligibility restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.

(d) If the department gives public notice and allows a public comment period of at least 30 days on a proposed action, and if no statute requires opportunity for public comment, the department may restrict eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the proposed action by including notice of the restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.

(e) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner did not sign or cosign may appeal the decision to the commissioner within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.

(f) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner signed or cosigned may request the commissioner's reconsideration within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.

(g) A person may not both appeal and request reconsideration of a decision. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 44.37.011
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	AS 46.17.030

**11 AAC 02.015. COMBINED DECISIONS.** (a) When the department issues a combined decision that is both a final disposal decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and any other decision, including a disposal decision combined with a land use plan decision, or a disposal decision to grant certain applications combined with a decision to deny others, the appeal process set out for a disposal decision in AS 38.05.035(i) - (m) and this chapter applies to the combined decision.

(b) A decision of the department may include a statement that a final consistency determination under AS 46.40 (Alaska Coastal Management Program) has been rendered in conjunction with the decision. A person may not, under this chapter, appeal or request reconsideration of the final consistency determination, including a requirement necessary solely to ensure the activity is consistent with the Alaska coastal management program as approved under AS 46.40. (Eff. 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority: AS 29.65.050 AS 38.04.900 AS 38.05.035 AS 38.09.110  
AS 29.65.120 AS 38.05.020 AS 38.08.110 AS 38.50.160

**11 AAC 02.020. FINALITY OF A DECISION FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL TO COURT.** (a) Unless otherwise provided in a statute or a provision of this title, an eligible person must first either appeal or request reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter before appealing a decision to superior court.

(b) The commissioner's decision on appeal is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

(c) The commissioner may order or deny a request for reconsideration within 30 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under 11 AAC 02.040(c)-(e). If the commissioner takes no action during the 30-day period, the request for reconsideration is considered denied. Denial of a request for reconsideration is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

(d) If the commissioner timely orders reconsideration of the decision, the commissioner may affirm the decision, issue a new or modified decision, or remand the matter to the director for further proceedings. The commissioner's decision, other than a remand decision, is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority: AS 03.05.010 AS 38.04.900 AS 38.08.110 AS 41.15.020 AS 44.37.011  
AS 29.65.050 AS 38.05.020 AS 38.09.110 AS 41.17.055 AS 46.15.020  
AS 29.65.120 AS 38.05.035 AS 38.50.160 AS 41.21.020 AS 46.17.030

**11 AAC 02.030. FILING AN APPEAL OR REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION.** (a) An appeal or request for reconsideration under this chapter must

(1) be in writing;

(2) be filed by personal service, mail, fax, or electronic mail;

(3) be signed by the appellant or the appellant's attorney, unless filed by electronic mail; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed by electronic mail must state the name of the person appealing or requesting reconsideration and a single point of contact to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be sent;

(4) be correctly addressed;

(5) be timely filed in accordance with 11 AAC 02.040;

- (6) specify the case reference number used by the department, if any;
- (7) specify the decision being appealed or for which reconsideration is being requested;
- (8) specify the basis upon which the decision is challenged;
- (9) specify any material facts disputed by the appellant;
- (10) specify the remedy requested by the appellant;

(11) state the address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed; an appellant may also provide a telephone number where the appellant can be reached during the day or an electronic mail address; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed electronically must state a single address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed;

(12) identify any other affected agreement, contract, lease, permit, or application by case reference number, if any; and

(13) include a request for an oral hearing, if desired; in the appeal or request for reconsideration, the appellant may include a request for any special procedures to be used at the hearing; the appeal or request for reconsideration must describe the factual issues to be considered at the hearing.

(b) At the time an appeal is filed, and up until the deadline set out in 11 AAC 02.040(a) to file the appeal, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the appeal, including evidence or legal argument.

(c) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was given before the decision, an appellant may not submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal meets the requirement of (a) of this section and includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:

- (1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
- (2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
- (3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;
- (4) the length of the extension requested;
- (5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.

(d) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was not given before the decision, an appellant may submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, if the appeal meets the requirements of (a) of this section and includes a notice of intent to file the additional written material. The department must receive the additional written material within 20 days after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal also includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:

- (1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
- (2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
- (3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;

(4) the length of the extension requested;

(5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.

(e) At the time a request for reconsideration is filed, and up until the deadline to file a request for reconsideration, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the request for reconsideration, including evidence or legal argument. No additional written material may be submitted after the deadline for filing the request for reconsideration.

(f) If the decision is one described in 11 AAC 02.060(c), an appellant who believes a stay of the decision is justified may ask for a stay as part of the appeal or request for reconsideration. The appellant must include an argument as to why the public interest requires a stay. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 44.37.011
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	AS 46.17.030

**Editor's note:** The address for an appeal or request for reconsideration by personal service and by mail is: Department of Natural Resources, Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3561. The number for an appeal or request for reconsideration by fax is: 1-907-269-8918. The electronic mailing address for an appeal or request for reconsideration by electronic mail is: [dnr\\_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us](mailto:dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us)

**11 AAC 02.040. TIMELY FILING; ISSUANCE OF DECISION.** (a) To be timely filed, an appeal or request for reconsideration must be received by the commissioner's office within 20 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under (c) or (d) of this section, unless another period is set by statute, regulation, or existing contract. If the 20th day falls on a day when the department is officially closed, the appeal or request for reconsideration must be filed by the next working day.

(b) An appeal or request for reconsideration will not be accepted if it is not timely filed.

(c) If the appellant is a person to whom the department delivers a decision by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, issuance occurs when the addressee or the addressee's agent signs for the decision. If the addressee or the addressee's agent neglects or refuses to sign for the certified mail, or if the address that the addressee provided to the department is not correct, issuance by certified mail occurs when the decision is deposited in a United States general or branch post office, enclosed in a postage-paid wrapper or envelope, addressed to the person's current address of record with the department, or to the address specified by the appellant under 11 AAC 02.030(a)(11).

(d) If the appellant is a person to whom the department did not deliver a decision by personal service or certified mail, issuance occurs

(1) when the department gives public notice of the decision; or

(2) if no public notice is given, when the decision is signed; however, the department may state in the decision a later date of issuance and the corresponding due date for any appeal or request for reconsideration.

(e) The date of issuance constitutes delivery or mailing for purposes of a reconsideration request under AS 44.37.011(d) or AS 44.62.540(a). (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 44.37.011
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	AS 46.17.030

**11 AAC 02.050. HEARINGS.** (a) The department will, in its discretion, hold a hearing when questions of fact must be resolved.

(b) The hearing procedure will be determined by the department on a case-by-case basis. As provided in 11 AAC 02.030(a)(13), any request for special procedures must be included with the request for a hearing.

(c) In a hearing held under this section

(1) formal rules of evidence need not apply; and

(2) the hearing will be recorded, and may be transcribed at the request and expense of the party requesting the transcript. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.17.030
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 46.15.020	

**11 AAC 02.060. STAYS; EXCEPTIONS.** (a) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section, timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter stays the decision during the commissioner's consideration of the appeal or request for reconsideration. If the commissioner determines that the public interest requires removal of the stay, the commissioner will remove the stay and allow all or part of the decision to take effect on the date set in the decision or a date set by the commissioner.

(b) Repealed 9/19/2001.

(c) Unless otherwise provided, in a statute or a provision of this title, a decision takes effect immediately if it is a decision to

(1) issue a permit, that is revocable at will;

(2) approve surface operations for a disposal that has already occurred or a property right that has already vested; or

(3) administer an issued oil and gas lease or license, or an oil and gas unit agreement.

(d) Timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision described in (c) of this section does not automatically stay the decision. However, the commissioner will impose a stay, on the commissioner's own motion or at the request of an appellant, if the commissioner determines that the public interest requires it.

(e) A decision takes effect immediately if no party is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration and the commissioner waives the commissioner's right to review or reconsider the decision. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.17.030
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	

**11 AAC 02.070. WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS.** The commissioner may, to the extent allowed by applicable law, waive a requirement of this chapter if the public interest or the interests of justice so require. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020
	AS 03.10.020	AS 38.04.900	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 46.17.030

**11 AAC 02.080. DEFINITIONS.** Repealed. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; repealed 9/19/2001, Register 159)

**Editor's note:** The subject matter formerly set out at 11 AAC 02.080 has been moved to 11 AAC 02.900.

**11 AAC 02.900. DEFINITIONS.** In this chapter,

(1) "appeal" means a request to the commissioner to review a decision that the commissioner did not sign or cosign;

(2) "appellant" means a person who files an appeal or a request for reconsideration.

(3) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;

(4) "decision" means a written discretionary or factual determination by the department specifying the details of the action to be allowed or taken;

(5) "department" means, depending of the particular context in which the term is used, the Department of Natural Resources, the commissioner, the director of a division within the Department of Natural Resources, or an authorized employee of the Department of Natural Resources;

(6) "request for reconsideration" means a petition or request to the commissioner to review an original decision that the commissioner signed or cosigned. (Eff. 11/7/90, Register 116; am 9/19/2001, Register 159)

Authority:	AS 03.05.010	AS 38.05.020	AS 38.09.110	AS 41.17.055	AS 44.62.540
	AS 29.65.050	AS 38.05.035	AS 38.50.160	AS 41.21.020	AS 46.15.020
	AS 29.65.120	AS 38.08.110	AS 41.15.020	AS 44.37.011	AS 46.17.030
	AS 38.04.900				

**Editor's note:** The subject matter of 11 AAC 02.900 was formerly located at 11 AAC 02.080. The history note for 11 AAC 02.900 does not reflect the history of the earlier section.

**Appendix D: DRAFT FLUP Public Comment**

## SSE-1346-K, North Hollis Timber Sale Comments & Responses

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry  
July, 2017

The following comments were received during the public comment period on the North Hollis Timber Sale.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Location</b>
Alaska Forest Association	Owen Graham	Ketchikan, Alaska
Papac Alaska Logging Inc.	Kate Lankford	Craig, Alaska
Sealaska Timber Corporation	Corey Wyatt	Ketchikan, Alaska
ADNR- Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW)	Ben White	Juneau, Alaska
	Richard Watson	Ketchikan, Alaska

Copies of the submitted comments are available upon request.

Commenter	Comment	Response
	<b>General</b>	
Owen Graham Alaska Forest Association	<p>“We reviewed the Draft Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) and decision for the sale and concur that it is a good project and will have no negative impacts on the local community or the environment.”</p> <p>“Our industry is desperately short of timber supply, so thank you for preparing this and other State timber sales.”</p>	Comment noted, no change required.
Corey Wyatt Sealaska Timber Corporation	It appears with all specific site analysis presented in the FLUP all requirements of the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA), and the Prince of Wales Island Plan have been met with regards harvest unit design and road access design and it is likely that all FRPA requirements for regeneration will likely be met.	Comment noted, no change required.
Kate Lankford Papac Logging	From a loggers’ perspective, more road should be added on. More roads is less damage to the terrain. The shorter the yarding the less damage to the ground, as well.	DOF acknowledges that by increasing the road density, logging capability and productivity may improve. The DOF has added several spurs in the adopted FLUP. The DOF believes that the proposed roads are an appropriate compromise between productivity and revenue.
Owen Graham Alaska Forest Association	<p>“In addition, the planned roads will be an additional asset for the state and the community. The proposed road widening and signs in the residential area should alleviate any safety concerns and I agree with the FLUP conclusion that the issue of traffic noise should not be a major concern because the roads are not particularly steep and the truck speeds will be slow. I also agree that noise issues can also be mitigated by limiting hours of operation if necessary.</p> <p>I agree that full-bench and end-hauling should be done when constructing roads across unstable slopes, but the FLUP indicates that the slopes are less than 45% so there are probably not a lot of unstable slopes in the sale area.</p> <p>I’m glad you are keeping many of the roads open for firewood cutters and recreationists as well as for future forest management.”</p>	Comment noted, no change required.
Ben White ADNR-DMLW	<p>Overall, we are supportive of the effort and will work with you on the roads and material sites as we get closer to the timber sale.</p> <p>I would like to find a solution for providing access to the subdivision and area after the timber sale that does not tie up DOF for maintenance and long-term management, but still provides some access to the area.</p>	<p>Upon completion of harvest DOF will either place the roads in closed status (11AAC95.320(e)) or inactive status (11AAC95.315(c)(e)). An inactive road is required by 11AAC95.315(c) to have functioning ditches and drainage structures, be crowned, outsloped, water barred or otherwise left in a condition not conducive to erosion and be maintained in good repair. The default road condition at timber sale completion will be the closed status unless the ADNR-DMLW, as the land manager, determines the road can be adequately managed for public use within the available local resources.</p>
Richard Watson	Upon reading the NHTS plans you released and reviewing the proposed route for Spur C, I do see that it connects to the existing right-of-way at approx lot 19, however it is slated to be closed at the end of the project. One possible solution would be to change that plan to leave it open and doing so would allow access and future additional construction of the existing right-of-way to benefit more property owners.”	
Richard Watson	“the initial plan was to construct the existing Nanny Bay right-of-way road to use	The project’s purpose was to access and harvest timber on general

Commenter	Comment	Response
	<p>for timber removal, which would have the benefit of providing road access to our properties and with this benefit and careful consideration we therefore supported the project at the time.</p> <p>Unfortunately for actual reasons we were never told, the plans changed and the road construction was changed to an uphill route bypassing our lots. By doing this our benefit which we considered to outweigh the effects of the NHTS was taken away and I oppose any such harvest that negatively affects local property owners without any reciprocating benefits.</p>	<p>use land. The project’s scoping focused DOF efforts on minimizing impacts on other resources through the placement of the forest roads to harvest timber commensurate with the stumpage revenue expected, typical operational capabilities, the limitations of the FRPA and other regulatory guidelines. The DOF also recognized other values and likely future uses of the road. Where feasible it has located the road access to serve these needs and minimize the overall impact.</p>
Richard Watson	<p>“The negative effects of having a clear-cut right behind our property would degrade property value...”</p>	<p>Division of Mining, Land and Water has reviewed FLUP and has concurred that it is following the Prince of Whales Area Plan. Efforts have occurred to minimize visual impacts of timber harvesting per 11AAC95.820 (Aesthetics). The appropriateness of timber harvesting in the area is the product of a multi-year/ multi-part process that is explained in the BIF in Section IV “Scope of Decision.” The DOF mitigated the visual aspects with the use of the subdivision buffer, terrain and the existing second growth timber stands. These features provide separation from the residential subdivision. The mixed age stand, post-harvest, will resemble existing stands elsewhere in Hollis.</p>
Richard Watson	<p>“and result in negative aesthetics just to name a few.”</p>	
Richard Watson	<p>“cause possible soil instability and drainage issues...”</p>	<p>All timber harvesting is required to be compliant with Alaska Forest Resources &amp; Practices Act and Regulations; specifically but not limited to 11AAC95.285 Road location, 11AAC95.295 Road drainage &amp; 11AAC95.305 Culverts and other water crossing provisions to provide soil stability and water quality.</p>