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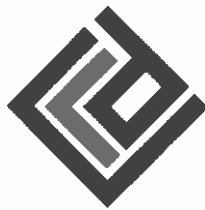
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Thursday, October 4, 2018

1. Call to order – Ralph Samuels, RDC Past President
2. Self Introductions
3. Head Table Introductions
4. Staff Report – Marleanna Hall, Executive Director
5. Program

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Thursday, October 18th

Gubernatorial Debate on Resource Development

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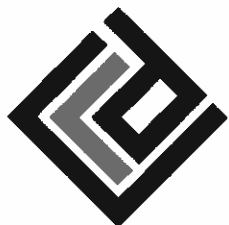
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ACTION ALERT

Rulemaking for Alaska-specific Roadless Rule

Comment Deadline: Monday, October 15, 2018

Overview

The U.S. Forest Service is initiating an environmental impact statement (EIS) and public rulemaking process to address the management of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest. The intent is to evaluate a regulatory exemption for the Tongass to the current nationwide Roadless Rule as well as evaluate other management solutions that address infrastructure, timber, renewable energy, mining, access, and transportation needs to further economic development, while still conserving roadless areas for future generations.

The nationwide Roadless Rule was established in January 2001 as President Bill Clinton was leaving office. It set in place prohibitions on timber harvests and road construction within inventoried roadless areas of the national forest system. The federal government and the State of Alaska reached a settlement in 2003 exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule. In 2011, a federal court set aside the exemption and reinstated the rule. The court's ruling was initially reversed, but the rule was once again reinstated by a 6-5 decision of the Ninth Circuit in 2015.

In response to a State of Alaska petition, the Forest Service agrees that the long-standing controversy surrounding management of roadless areas in the Tongass may be resolved through rulemaking creating a state-specific Roadless Rule. Both the State and the Forest Service believe a long-term durable approach to roadless area management is needed that balances preservation with social and economic needs in the Tongass and the region. While exempting the Tongass from provisions of the Roadless Rule, the proposed rulemaking would leave the nationwide rule in place in the Chugach National Forest.

RDC believes the 2001 Roadless Rule prohibitions are unnecessary in both the Tongass and Chugach National Forest, which can be adequately protected under amended land management plans.

For more information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54511>
<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-30/pdf/2018-18937.pdf>

Action Requested

This rulemaking is an opportunity to revisit a sweeping federal rule that never made sense in Alaska and to help create local sustainable economies. What happens next will depend on how Alaskans react. It is critical that RDC members weigh in. Let the Forest Service know that Alaska is unique and deserves a rule that is modeled to the needs of Alaskans. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods below.

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Mail:

Alaska Roadless Rule, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, Ecosystem Planning and Budget Staff,
P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

Points to Consider:

- Alaska is unique and deserves a state-specific roadless rule that is tailored to the needs of Alaskans.
- A new Alaska-specific roadless rule should balance roadless area characteristics with timber harvesting and road construction that are determined to be needed for forest management, economic development opportunities,

renewable energy, and the exercise of valid existing rights.

- The nationwide Roadless Rule usurped much of the land planning process mandated by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), particularly in Alaska. Exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule will not authorize any development activities, but it will enable the NFMA planning process to function as intended. That process specifies in detail how each portion of each national forest should be managed.
- Acting in response to specific recommendations by both the Forest Service and many environmental groups, Congress has already enacted over six million acres of Wilderness and roadless areas on the Tongass. The remaining areas were passed over so they could support local employment, including year-around timber manufacturing jobs in a region where there are minimal state or private timberlands available to the mills.
- The Roadless Rule has never made sense in Alaska. Application of the 2001 rule has severely impacted the social and economic fabric of Southeast Alaska communities and violates the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the Tongass Timber Reform Act. It has devastated the timber industry where sustainable harvests have plummeted and employment is now a fraction of what it was prior to enactment of the rule.
- The Roadless Rule as applied to Alaska doesn't work – it doesn't work for our timber and mining industries and it doesn't work for renewable energy and other economic development activities either.
- A one-size fits all approach doesn't account for Alaska's uniqueness, needs, and limited surface infrastructure.
- Unlike Lower 48 forests, most of the Tongass and 99 percent of the Chugach National Forest are roadless and fall under the high-restrictive Roadless Rule. Both forests are now being managed more like a national park than a multiple-use unit as mandated by law.
- The current Roadless Rule is impacting access for a wide variety of uses. The result is a weaker economy as local communities face few employment opportunities, higher energy costs, and a smaller tax base to support local services.
- An Alaska-specific roadless rule should allow further road access for not only timber, mineral, tourism, and energy uses, but access to resources important to residents for subsistence, recreation and other community economic, cultural, and social activities.

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Good afternoon. Thank you Lt. Governor for holding a hearing here in Bethel. My name is Marleanna Hall, I am the Executive Director for the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

While that is my job, I'm here today because I was born and raised in Nome and have lived in Alaska my whole life, and hope to be able to continue living here for the rest of it. I grew up fishing and hunting and boating the rivers around the state. I grew up during the construction and operation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, the creation and administration of the Permanent Fund Dividend, and other significant economic developments that make Alaska's economy tick and provides us with the ability to live and work here.

I have the pleasure of serving as the Chair of the Stand for Alaska: Vote No on 1 coalition as there are many reasons why this measure concerns me. Ballot Measure 1 would eliminate our science-based fish habitat protections and replace them with red tape and unclear, untested regulations. This not only threatens our jobs and our economy; it threatens our rights as property owners, and our ability to maintain or develop public infrastructure; and it doesn't do the one thing that supporters say it will do: fix the problems facing our salmon runs.

For communities in this area, the ability to expand or improve ports and airports, the opportunity to build or upgrade wastewater treatment facilities, or even something as simple as putting in a dock will be tangled in a web of red tape. From good intentioned efforts like eliminating honeybuckets to improving energy infrastructure, this measure will hurt community development. Across the state, road safety improvements, North Slope projects, docks and more will be put at risk - this measure will shutdown or delay existing operations and future projects that support the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Alaskans. Key projects would see extreme delays or shutdowns.

Existing operations would only be exempt until their current permits expire. After that, they would be required to reapply for permits under the new regulations. Many operations or projects would not be able to comply.

In the Yukon Kuskokwim area, the lack of infrastructure is a reality. And this ballot measure will only hinder building or improving roads and other much needed projects here and around the state. And it doesn't do what the proponents say it will do.

Nearly 500 Alaskan businesses, organizations and groups and tens of thousands of individual Alaskans have joined together to oppose the measure. The Alaska Native corporations have joined the Stand for Alaska – vote no on 1 effort. Because it threatens the way the Native corporations manage and develop their land, and the way the ANCs provide for their people. Whether it be a community or development project, this measure will dramatically increase costs and harm rural opportunities.

This measure threatens Alaskan jobs, the way we do business, and our rights as Alaskans to develop our lands and our communities. This measure causes too much damage and goes too far.

Could we make reasonable improvements to habitat protections? Perhaps. But Ballot Measure 1 doesn't do that and eliminates the opportunity for Alaskans to have the conversation. The measure is poorly written, vague and gives too much power to one singular government appointee. If it passes, lawyers and the courts will determine what exactly this complex measure does and doesn't do at great costs to Alaskans and our communities.

The ballot measure does not solve but rather, creates problems. For these reasons, and many more, I ask my fellow Alaskans to vote no on Ballot Measure 1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our statement.

Paid for by Stand for Alaska Vote No on 1, 200 West 34th Avenue, PMB 1219, Anchorage, AK 99503. Marleanna Hall, chair, Aaron Schutt, Jaeleen Kookesh, Joey Merrick, and Sarah Lefebvre, co-chairs, approved this message. Top contributors are ConocoPhillips Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska, Donlin Gold LLC, Anchorage, Alaska and BP Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska.



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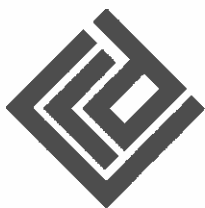
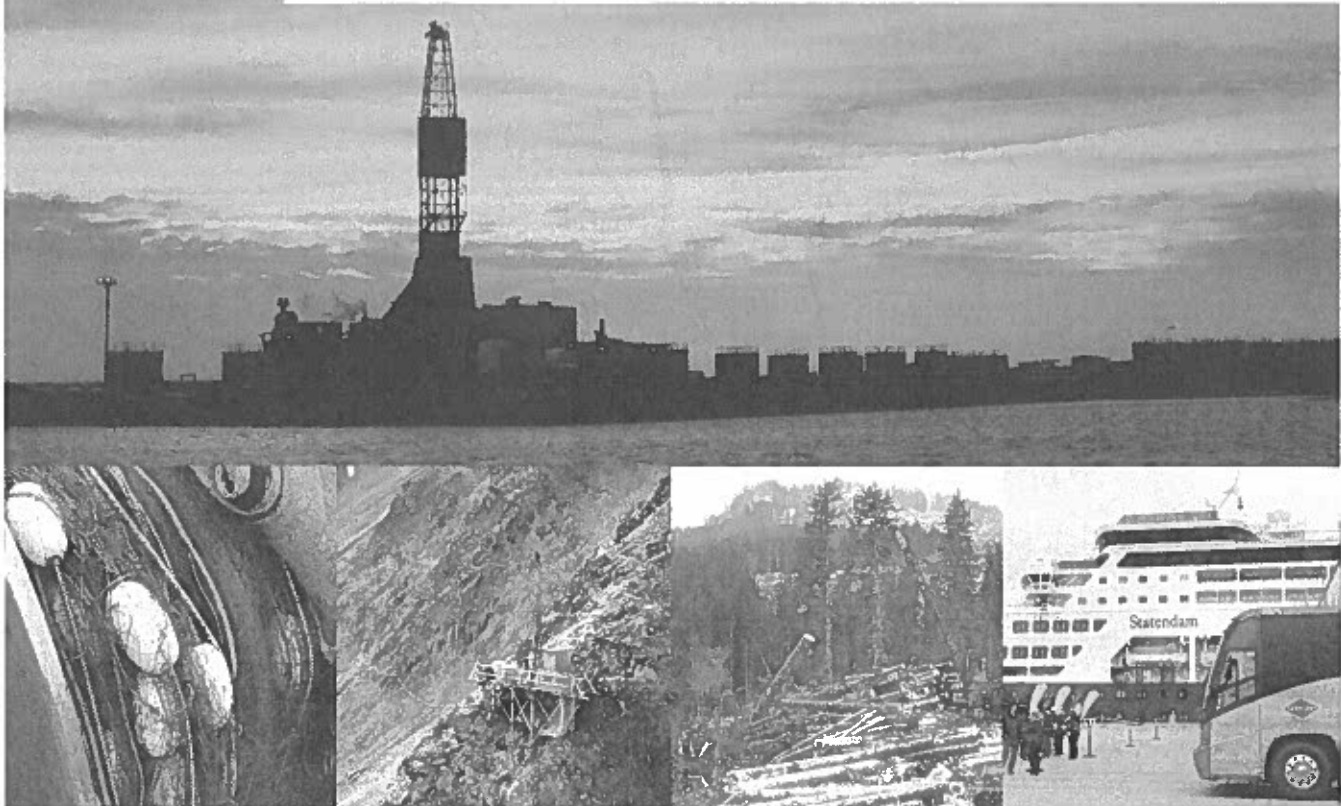
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