

# U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## **Notice of Availability for a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Forest Management Plan for Native Allotments in the Sealaska Management Unit**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Regional Office is hereby publishing a Notice of Availability for the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Forest Management Plan for Native Allotments in the Sealaska Management Unit. Based on a review of the Environmental Assessment (EA), it has been determined that the proposed plan implementation will not result in significant impact to the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

### **Comment Period**

Individuals and entities who may be significantly affected by or interested in the proposed action may provide comments about this FONSI and the accompanying EA to this office until thirty (30) days after the concurrence and approval date signed on this notice. Comments will be considered by this office prior to deciding to implement the proposed action.

### **Appeals from NEPA Decision**

This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore the FONSI itself cannot be appealed. Before a proposed action may be implemented, regulation (25 CFR, Part 2.7) requires a thirty (30) day appeal period. At that time, any party adversely affected by the decision may request an appeal from administrative actions in accordance with 25 CFR, Part 2 – Appeals from Administrative Actions. The review and comment period for the FONSI will be from **April 4, 2019 to May 4, 2019**. Any comments on the FONSI or appeals to the decision to proceed with the proposed plan are to be made to both individuals identified below.

The Notice of Appeal, including all supporting documentation, shall be filed with the Department of the Interior, Board of Indian Appeals. A copy of the Notice of Appeal shall also be filed with the Chief of the Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 12220 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston VA 20191. The Notice of Availability to review and comment on the FONSI is pursuant to Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) 1506.5(b) and 59 IAM 3-H, BIA NEPA Handbook dated August 2012.

Send written comments and appeals to:

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If you have any questions regarding the FONSI and/or EA, please contact Ed Morgan at (907) 586-7315.