

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
STREAM RESTORATION USING HAND TOOLS**

The Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts propose to implement instream and floodplain restoration on Class I (anadromous) streams most commonly supporting populations of pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*), chum salmon (*O. keta*), coho salmon (*O. kitsuch*), steelhead (*O. mykiss*), coastal cutthroat trout (*O. clarki clarki*), Dolly Varden char (*Salvolinus malma*), and in some cases king salmon (*O. tshawytscha*); and Class II (resident fish) streams supporting populations of coastal cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden char. The goal of this project is to improve instream and floodplain function by restoring key pieces of wood to the channel and floodplain of streams previously impacted by previous logging and road construction activities.

See the link at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50781> for more information including the scoping proposal. The proposed action description and other information are also available for review at the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts. Additional information regarding the proposed action can be obtained from: Heath Whitacre, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, 907-772-5925, hwhitacre@fs.fed.us.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Petersburg Pilot. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: David Zimmerman, District Ranger, PO Box 1328, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, AK 99833, 907-772-5995 (fax), comments-alaska-tongass-petersburg@fs.fed.us or Robert Dalrymple, PO Box 51, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929, 907-874-7595 (fax). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to the email address provided above. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

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