

Tongass National Forest  
Petersburg Ranger District

Small Sales, Microsale & Commercial Firewood Program

The Petersburg Ranger District is announcing its annual commercial timber program activities, which consist of various small sales, microsales, and commercial firewood opportunities. Commercial sales will be offered in areas previously approved through environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) but may require additional surveys. Please submit proposals at the beginning of the year, the best time for resource specialists to conduct their evaluations are mid-June to mid-August when sites are most accessible, and plant and animal surveys are most effective. Current and existing surveys may be available within a proposed sale area which will shorten our response time; however, if no surveys have been conducted, it is more likely a permit/contract could not be issued until the next operating season.

Harvest may include green trees using uneven-aged management and may include the removal of dead and dying trees proposed by a Prospective Purchaser and/or Permittee. All areas will be reviewed by District Resource Specialists and approved by the District Ranger.

- Small sales and microsales maximum size is 50,000 Board Feet (50 MBF) and/or \$10,000 in advertised value.
- Permits may be purchased over the counter at Tongass Standard Rates for commercial use firewood of \$5 per cord (\$10/MBF) with a maximum value of \$300.

A small sale consists of green tree commercial sawlog while a microsale consists of only dead and down timber. A commercial firewood permit may contain both products. Wood fiber from these opportunities may be utilized for sawlog and/or value-added wood products for small timber operators.

Information regarding small sales and microsale opportunities will be posted at the Forest Service kiosk located outside the Petersburg District office (corner of Nordic Drive and Gjoa). Bid forms will be available upon request. Prospective bidders are required to submit a Bid for Advertisement form to the district office bid box identifying sale name and bid opening date during normal office hours (8 am to 4:30 pm), prior to bid opening. Prospective sales will be advertised for two weeks starting at 10 am on Tuesday mornings. Bid openings will be held at the Petersburg District Office scheduled at 2 pm on Tuesday following the two weeks advertisement.

For additional information on small sales, microsales, and commercial firewood opportunities, please contact the Petersburg Ranger District: (907) 772-3871 or (907) 772-5949.

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Alaska Department of  
Transportation & Public Facilities  
Southcoast Region

PUBLIC NOTICE: SEASONAL VEHICLE  
WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Issue Date: January 2024

This notice is to remind the public and the trucking industry that seasonal weight/load restrictions will be imposed soon by the Department on its highway system for all vehicles over 10,000# GVW. These annual weight restrictions are intended to reduce roadway damage caused by heavy vehicles traveling on highways weakened during spring thawing conditions. The weight restrictions are stated as a percentage of legal allowable weight and shall be applied to the maximum axle loading in accordance with 17 AAC 25.013(e).

These annual restrictions are very dependent upon weather, local soil conditions, and frost depth, but usually occur between late February and May each year for Southeast Alaska, Kodiak Island, and the Alaska Peninsula. Since these limitations may reduce the allowable gross vehicle weight by as much as 50%, it would be advisable to transport as much freight as possible prior to the above dates. All State routes may be subject to seasonal weight restrictions.

When imposed, or modified, these restrictions will be posted on the DOT&PF Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement webpage.

This can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/mscve/main.cfm>

- Under Commercial Vehicle tab at the top of the page, click Weight Restrictions.
- Choose the latest Southcoast Region listing to view the current version of our posted seasonal weight restriction notices.

The Department of Public Safety and MSCVE officers will be enforcing these restrictions.

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If you or someone you represent requires special accommodations in order to respond to this public notice, please call or email the project coordinator listed above, or call Alaska Relay at 711, or call

(800) 770-8973 for TTY      (800) 770-8255 for voice

(800) 770-3919 for ASCII      (866) 355-6198 for STS

Ask the communications assistant to call the project coordinator listed above so arrangements can be made to assist you.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Board of Directors of the  
Southeast Alaska Power Agency  
(SEAPA) will hold an annual board  
meeting electronically on January  
25, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00  
p.m. AKST in Ketchikan, Alaska.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, provide new board members an introduction to SEAPA, approve minutes, discuss evaluation forms, and authorize bank signatories. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.

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