



File Code: 1570

Date: June 9, 2011

Mr. Thomas E. Lenhart
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Dear Mr. Lenhart:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 215.18, I have reviewed the administrative record for the Central Kupreanof Timber Harvest Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). The Tongass Forest Supervisor signed the ROD. I have also considered the Appeal Reviewing Officer's (ARO) recommendation (enclosed) regarding the disposition of your appeal (11-10-00-0002 A215). The ARO recommended that the Forest Supervisor's decision be affirmed.

Decision

After careful review of all the information in the record, I concur with the ARO's recommendation and I affirm the Forest Supervisor's decision. The requested relief is denied.

My decision incorporates, by reference, the entire administrative record, which includes the appeal and project planning records, and constitutes the final administrative decision of the Department of Agriculture (36 CFR § 215.18(c)). Pursuant to 36 CFR § 215.9(b), the ROD may be implemented 15 business days following the date of this decision.

Sincerely,

/s/ Beth G. Pendleton
BETH G. PENDLETON
Regional Forester

Enclosure

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