

Shoreline II Feedback - Use of National Forest Lands

The Forest Service is seeking public participation as we review and plan for outfitter and guide use on the Sitka, Hoonah, and Juneau Ranger Districts and Admiralty National Monument. This process will determine the amount and types of outfitter/guide use that will be allowed on a large portion of the northern Tongass National Forest (See map on Page 5). This worksheet will be the first in the process to gather public input that will help direct the scope and direction of the project.

It would be helpful if you could submit this worksheet by September 30, 2012 so that we can consider your input at our planning meetings. If you have further input after September, please continue to submit these. This is a long-term project, expected to take three years. We will happily accept comments throughout the process. If you have questions regarding this project, please contact Sue Jennings at 907-723-0477.

To complete this form, please PRINT the form, fill it out, fold, and send to the address listed below. If you do not have enough space in the question boxes, please use the last page for comment.

Are you an outfitter or guide currently under permit with the Forest Service? Yes No

Are you involved in the tourism industry in Southeast Alaska? Yes No

Encounters

1. During the last twelve months of recreating or traveling within the Tongass National Forest, how many trips did you take on or near the National Forest: _____
2. Considering these trips, what was the HIGHEST number of encounters per day with other groups of people you had (meaning, how many groups of people did you see near your destination)?

| | No Encounters | 1 group per day | 2-3 groups/day | More than 3 groups/day | Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. On shore/land? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. On the water in a bay or inlet? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

- c. At which location(s) did this occur? (Please attach additional sheets or use page 6 as needed)
On shore/land: (Please be as specific as possible with the location(s) and identify which Use Area numbers (see map) these locations occur, e.g. 04-03, North Beach, Kruzof.)

On the water in a bay or inlet: (Please be as specific as possible with the location(s) and which Use Area numbers (see map) these locations occur, e.g., 04-01A - Red Bluff Bay)

Amount and Type of Use

3. Are there places where you think there is excessive use? Yes No Not Sure

If Yes, please list the **specific locations or areas**, the **season or specific dates**, and **describe the type of use considered excessive**.

| | Specific Location | Season/Dates | Describe type of use considered excessive |
|----|-------------------|--------------|---|
| a. | | | |
| b. | | | |
| c. | | | |

Please attach additional sheets or use page 6 as needed.

3a. For the uses you listed above in Question 3, please describe WHY you consider them to be excessive:

3b. Are there any places where you think it is NOT appropriate for recreation commercial use? WHERE and WHY?

3c. Are there any places that you think can support new or additional recreation commercial use? WHERE and WHY?

4. What kind of activities do you see in the future and are interested in providing or experiencing?

Additional Comments

1. Are there places that you have concerns about the biological or physical resources regarding recreation use? WHAT CONCERNS and WHERE?

2. What other items of concern, resources or elements should we be evaluating as we develop the new Shoreline document? Please describe below and attach additional comments as needed.

Thank You!

To submit comments:

- By Mail: Detach map, fold all completed forms, staple, stamp and mail.
- By Fax: 907-747-4253
- In person: Drop off at your local Tongass Ranger District Office
- By email: comments-alaska-tongass-sitka@fs.fed.us with 'shoreline' in subject line

If you would like additional information, please check our web site at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38181

Your email address: _____ (For receiving future information on this project)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | I want to be on the Shoreline II Outfitter and Guide Management Plan Project mailing list. Please send all future project information to my current address, printed below or my email address listed on the bottom of page 3. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO | I do not want to be on the Shoreline II Outfitter and Guide Management Plan Project mailing list. Please do not send any information regarding this project. |

If you do not check a box or do not return this form, then we will assume that you do not wish to be on the mailing list.

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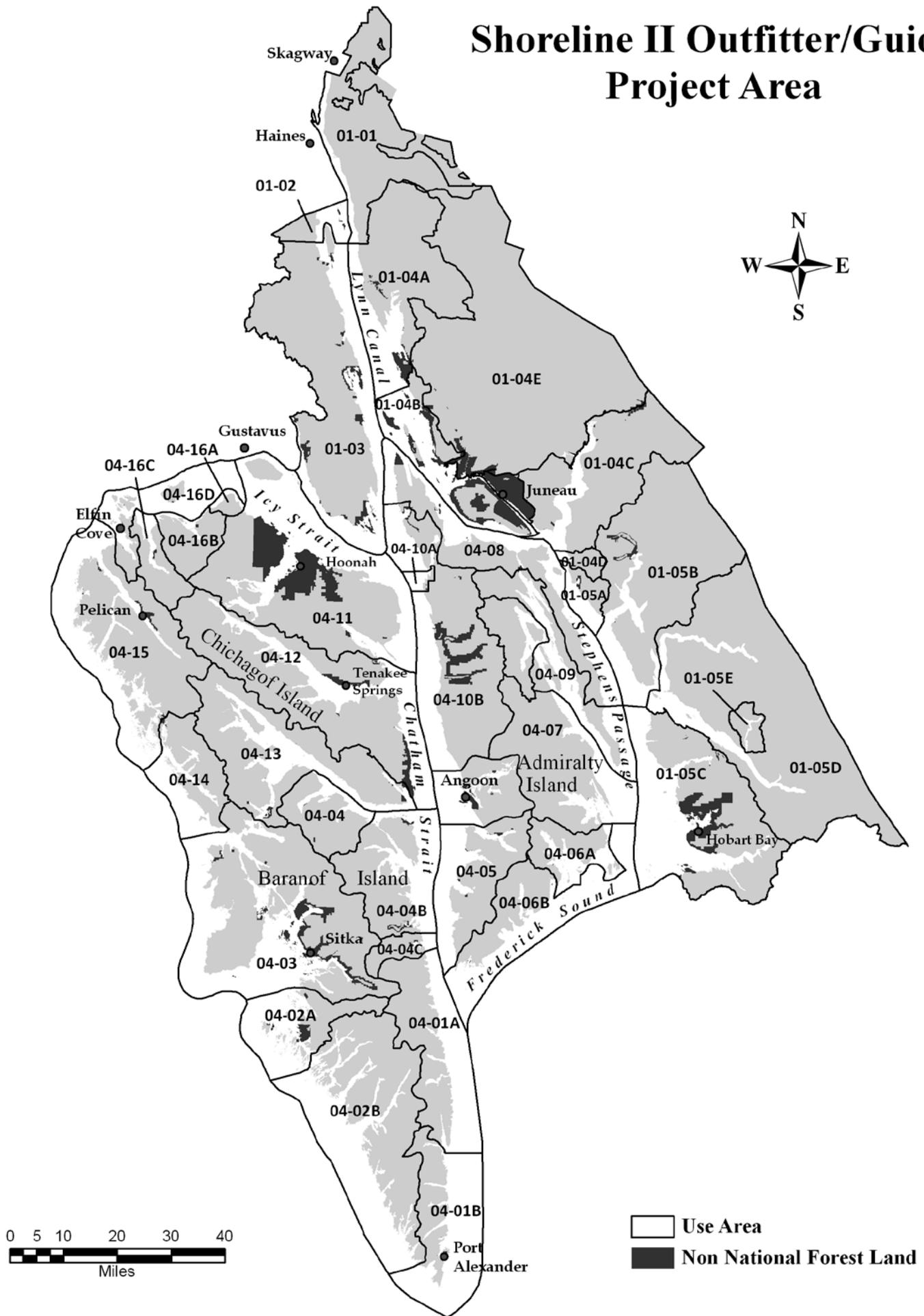
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Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Project Area





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Additional Space for comments: (Please fold, staple and insert within comment form.)