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Re: Transfer of National Forest Lands to Sealaska Corporation

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The undersigned --- Alaskan towns and individuals --- request that BLM immediately approve and convey a now 28 month old request from Sealaska Corporation (dated June 10, 2008) which requested the transfer of land now a part of Alaska's Tongass National Forest, per the areas designated in that '08 letter.

We believe it is both unconscionable and illegal to delay these land selections any longer. The land specified by Sealaska in its June 2008 letter to BLM, which is within the boundaries laid out in the 1975 amendments to ANCSA, should be the land BLM conveys to Sealaska, and no other land outside of these boundaries should be conveyed.

While we believe the primary agency that has the authority and duty to approve the land transfer of title is the Bureau of Land Management, we urge the Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service to request the BLM to approve the 2008 Sealaska selections immediately, because finality of selection will enable the Forest Service to fulfill its duty to implement all of the requirements of the Tongass Land Management Plan. Implementation of the plan is in the best interests of all forest values.

On March 17, 2010, Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture, Mr. Jay Jensen, testified before a House of Representatives Committee that Sealaska Corporation made its priority selections for land necessary to fulfill its remaining entitlement under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act when, on June 10, 2008, Sealaska formally submitted a list of land it wanted the Bureau of Land Management to finalize.

Under the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act, (December 10, 2004), these priority selections, once submitted, may not be revoked, rescinded, or modified by the Native Corporation. It is our view that BLM does not have discretion to further delay or modify the selections submitted to it by Sealaska on June 10, 2008.

Therefore, we respectfully request your agencies immediately take all steps necessary to convey the lawfully submitted entitlement selections from Sealaska Corp. on file with BLM since June 10, 2008.

Sincerely,

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