



Alaska Society of American Foresters

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Executive Committee of the Alaska Society of American Foresters

Resolution: YG-2012

Title:

Opposition to a Proposed Rapid Transition to Young-Growth Management on the Tongass National Forest

WHEREAS, the Alaska Society of American Foresters (AK SAF) supports the implementation of Allowable Sales Quantity (ASQ) approved in the *2008 Tongass Land Management Plan, which includes management of both young and old-growth forest types;

WHEREAS, the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan was developed and refined over a period of 20 years using the best interdisciplinary science and substantial input from all stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the current federal administration is implementing an untested rapid transition away from old growth harvests and to the specific management and harvest of lands previously harvested, without scientific investigation or stakeholder input;

WHEREAS, the AK SAF has studied the most recent inventory analysis concluding that Tongass young-growth is several decades or more from maturity when it would be suitable for economic harvest;

WHEREAS, the management of available young growth forest lands alone, even when it becomes mature, would be insufficient to support the current forest products industry in Southeast Alaska;

WHEREAS, the AK SAF, given these considerations, opposes the Tongass NF making a rapid transition to exclusive management of young-growth forest land;

AND;

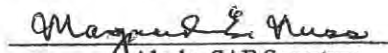
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee authorizes and directs the AK SAF Chair to take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to adopt this position, forward it with appropriate backup information, to the National office and lobby for adoption by National SAF.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2012, by the Alaska Executive Committee of the Alaska Society of American Foresters by a vote of 6 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions; and 2 absences.

CERTIFY


Alaska SAF President *Chair*

ATTEST


Alaska SAF Secretary

* USDA. 2008. Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Forest Service. R10-MB-603b. 468pp.