

Preliminary Written Finding for Ski Hill Timber Sale NSE-1597

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

Southeast Area Office
Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF), gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Ski Hill Timber Sale (NSE-1597).

Before this sale may be held, the Director of the DOF will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **August 30, 2022**.

This timber sale is in the Mosquito Lake area of the Chilkat Valley east of Mosquito Lake and River View Roads and west of the Chilkat River, approximately 29 miles Northwest of Haines, Alaska. The legal description of the sale area is defined as portions of Sections 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24 within Township 28 South Range 55 East, Copper River Meridian. Access to the sale area is provided by the Mosquito Lake Road on the Haines Highway at mile 27 and then the River View Road to the sale area. The units vary in size and the sale areas encompass a total of approximately 1,500 acres. The DOF would sell timber over a 10-to-20-year period as negotiated sales under AS 38.05.115 or competitively under AS 38.05.118 and AS 38.05.120 to local commercial operators selling and manufacturing timber in Alaska and for personal use.

The public and agencies are invited to comment on this Preliminary Best Interest Finding. Objections or comments pertaining to the proposed action must be received in writing by the DOF Haines Office by **4:00 pm August 30, 2022** in order to ensure consideration for review.

Comments should be mailed to the State of Alaska, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, P.O. Box 263, Haines Alaska, 99827, or by email to greg.palmieri@alaska.gov.

Individuals with questions regarding the PBIF or the review process may also contact the Haines Office of the DOF by email to Greg Palmieri, or phone during regular business hours (8am-5pm) at 907.766.2120.

If the Haines Office is unavailable, alternative assistance may be reached at the DOF Southeast Area Office: contact the Area Forester, Greg Staunton, at greg.staunton@alaska.gov, 907.225.3070. To be eligible to appeal the final decision, a person must have provided written comment to the DOF by **4:00 pm August 30, 2022**.

Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection at the above address and online at <http://notice.alaska.gov/207515>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number(s) above.

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Attachments

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