Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan Revision

Alaska Division of Forestry
December 15 & 16, 2021, Public Scoping Meetings
Established 1983
First plan 1988
Revision 2001

TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

2001 Update
“Forest resources of Alaska are among the most valuable natural resources of the state and furnish timber and wood products, fish and wildlife, tourism, outdoor recreation, water, soil, air, minerals and general health and welfare”

“Economic enterprises and other activities and pursuits derived from forest resources warrant the continuing recognition and support of the state”

“The state has a fundamental obligation to ensure that management of forest resources guarantees perpetual supplies of renewable resources”

“Administration of forest resources should combine professional management services, regulatory measures and economic incentives”
State Forest Purpose and Management (A.S. 41.17.200)

“Primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is timber management that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources.”

Tanana Valley State Forest (A.S. 41.17.400 (e))

“...production of wildlife for a high level of sustained yield for human use through habitat improvement techniques to the extent consistent with the primary purpose.”
Management of State Forests (A.S. 41.17.220)

“Lands within a state forest or within a unit of a state forest shall be managed under the sustained yield principle and a forest management plan prepared by the department”

• Forest Inventory
• Forest Resources & Practices Regulations
Guiding principles on how to meet the stated purpose of the state forest while also protecting fish habitat and water quality.

Establishes reforestation standards following harvest.
Spatially accurate timber stand maps
Accurate acreage determination of forest cover.
Statistically valid sampling design that produces a variety of tree and stand attributes.
Field sampling of tree and stand productivity variables useful for determining sustainable harvest rates.
Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping access of spatial data with volume and acreage querying capabilities.
Relational database information storage with ability to update volume figures from future land base acreage changes.

Tanana Valley State Forest Inventory – provides….
A Working Forest

Local Markets that support local jobs and the local economy

Approximately 40 mostly small businesses working in TVSF

7 sawmills
6 house log manufacturers
2 pellet mills
2 Firewood retailers
1 log furniture manufacturer

*2015 Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UM
Provide forest resources to individual Alaskans

- Firewood
- House logs
- Christmas trees
- Non-timber forest products
Generally Allowed uses.....
Grazing

Establishing Trails

Scientific Resources

Subsurface Resources

Tourism

Guides and Outfitters

Other economic activity

Non-Timber Forest Products
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Reasons to update the plan

New timber inventory
Access information
Reflect current information
What does the plan do?

- Management goals for the TVSF
- Planning by unit
- Forest inventory
- Facilitate timber harvest and other beneficial uses
- Rules/guidelines to allow uses with minimal conflict
- Consider nontimber purposes
- Identify potential development activities
- Address incompatible uses
- Manage for multiple use and sustained yield
Process
One year goal

- Scoping: December 2021
- Draft Plan: Est. May 2022
- Final Plan: Est. Fall 2022
- Revised Plan:
Who is involved?

- You! Public review during the scoping period, draft plan public review period, and final plan

- Board of Forestry
- Tanana Valley State Forest Citizens’ Advisory Committee
- Other State agencies
- Division of Forestry Staff
Access
Recommended additions to TVSF
Updated forest inventory
Silvicultural treatments
Forest health & climate change
Wildlife habitat management
Recreation
Research uses
Other scoping issues?
We want to hear from you!
Public scoping meetings:
December 15
December 16

Public scoping comment deadline:
January 3, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.
Open Discussion