State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Southern Southeast Area Office

Final Best Interest Finding, Decision, and Adoption of the Forest Land Use Plan for the Jinhi Bay Salvage Timber Sale (SSE-1374 K)

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under 11 AAC 02 (Appeals) that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has made a final best interest decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and has also adopted a site-specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 for the following commercial timber sale: Jinhi Bay Salvage (SSE-1374-K).

The timber sale area is found within SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 69 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian (CRM) on Tuxekan Island. The sale area is found within the Craig D-4 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is by water from Jinhi Bay west of the community of Naukati, Alaska.

The harvest unit contains approximately 320 MBF of timber on eleven acres. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115, in the form of one sale and use a request for proposal process that will be separately noticed later.

The Director of the Division of Forestry, Alaska Department of Natural Resources has made a written final decision that the sale(s) are in the best interest of the State. This decision sets out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director based his determination that the proposed timber sales will serve the interest of the State. The final decision is issued as of October 30, 2020. Copies of the Final Best Interest Finding are available for review at the division's Southeast Area Office, the division's web site and at the State Online Public Notice web site: http://notice.alaska.gov/199955.

A person who has standing under Alaska law may request appeal in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal request must be received within twenty (20) days of issuance of this decision. The request may be mailed or delivered to Corri Feige, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov.

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