



STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

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Haines State Forest Purpose Statement and Useful Definitions

What is Haines State Forest?

The **primary purposes** for the establishment of the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area are the utilization, perpetuation, conservation, and production of the land and water including but not limited to the **use of renewable and nonrenewable resources through multiple-use management and the continuation of other beneficial uses including traditional uses and other recreational activities.** (AS 41.15.300(a))

Who manages State Forest lands?

Responsibility for the management, control, development, and maintenance of the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area...is assigned to the **department [of Natural Resources].** (AS 41.15.300(b))

Coordinated Management: The **division of forestry and fire protection** shall consult with **division of parks, Department of Fish and Game**, including each local fish and game **advisory committee** with jurisdiction in the area, and the **Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council** to **promote effective, efficient, and coordinated administration** of the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area and the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve **for the values for which each is established.** (41.15.310(a))

Management Framework

Haines State Forest RMA shall be managed under the principles of **multiple use** and **sustained yield** under AS 41.17 [Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act (FRPA)]

Multiple use: (A) The **management of all the various resources of forest land** so that they are used in the **combination that will best meet the needs of the citizens of the state**, making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources or related values, benefits, and services over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; (B) that some land will be used for less than all of the resources; and (c) harmonious and coordinated management of the various resources, each with the other, without significant impairment of the productivity of the land and the water, and with consideration being given to the relative values of the various resources, and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest dollar return or the greatest unit output. (41.17.950(10))

Sustained Yield: The achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of a high level annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources of forest land and water without significant impairment of the productivity to the land and water, but does not require that timber be harvested in a non-declining yield basis over a rotation period. (41.17.950(26))



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HSF Purpose and Definitions

What's in a Forest Management Plan?

Management Plan. In adopting a forest management plan for the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area under AS 41.17.230, the department [of Natural Resources] shall consult with the department of Fish and Game and the Governing Bodies of each municipality in the general area. The Department of Fish and Game shall consult...before adopting regulations governing fish and wildlife.... Regulations may not be adopted by either department without prior review at a public hearing in Haines and Klukwan. (AS 41.15.320)

...To the extent they are found to be compatible with the primary purpose of state forests under AS 41.17.200, the forest management plan must consider and permit uses of forest land for nontimber purposes, including recreation, tourism, mining, mineral exploration, mineral leasing, material extraction, consumptive and nonconsumptive uses of wildlife and fish, grazing and other agricultural activities, and other traditional uses.... (AS 41.17.230)

What other planning tools does DOF use?

Allowable Cut (AC) – Also called *Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)* is an estimate of the volume of wood that can be sold and harvested over a specified period while adhering to sustained yield principles. In HSF, AC is calculated based on *Forest* classified and *Resource Management* classified lands that have been specifically identified as appropriate for timber harvest. Timber harvest may vary year-to-year, but DOF will not ever exceed AC over a ten-year period.

Five Year Schedule of Timber Sales (FYSTS) – A planning document published at least once every two years, each DOF Area FYSTS provides an overview of DOF's timber sale plans. Each FYSTS contains summarized information on proposed timber harvest areas, timber sale access, and reforestation plans. The FYSTS is a broad document connecting general areas with a general timeline over 5 years.

Best Interest Finding (BIF) – A decision document that must be issued prior to taking specific forest management actions. BIFs contain information about the resource/area of interest, relevant statutes, and determines a specific action to be in the best interest of the State. BIFs contain moderate detail describing *why* an action is proposed.

Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) – A decision document that must be published for proposed timber sales or personal use harvest areas. Very few forest management activities are exempt from the requirement of a FLUP. FLUPs present detailed information on the location, access, harvest methods, duration, and proposed reforestation for each sale. In other words, FLUPs contain high-level detail describing descriptions of *how* an action will be applied.

The mission of the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection is to develop, conserve, and enhance Alaska's forests to provide a sustainable supply of forest resources for Alaskans.