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Southeast Area

- Active operations are occurring on nine separate timber sales.
- The DOF sold the 166-acre Parlay Three timber sale on Kosciusko Island early in April. Approximately 5,000 MBF.
- The comment period for the 195-acre Tuxekan Island timber sale concluded on February 24, 2025. The sale age is predominantly a young growth. The DOF has dialogued with ADF&G on the timber retention next to tidewater. The sale has been on hold due to market conditions.
- The DOF advertised and sold the 82-acre (2,200 MBF) Backside timber sale in Thorne Bay in June. Two responsive and competitive proposals were received.
- The DOF sold the first purchaser layout formatted timber sale called the Odyssey timber sale located in the El Capitan, Whale Pass and Exchange Cove area. The concept is to sell the timber and have the purchaser design the sale conforming to the State's best interest finding. The DOF received a draft FLUP from the purchaser in the first part of July.
- Awarded a precommercial thinning contract for 211 acres on the Southeast State Forest (SESF) at Coffman Cove on Prince of Wales. The project was completed in June. DOF awarded a second contract on the SESF at Naukati in July for 296 acres. Cost per acre for the work was \$750 and \$718/ acre respectively. Additional task orders will be issued as they are field ready.
- Adopted two separate Five Year Schedule of Timber Sales (FYSTS) for Northern and Southern Southeast Alaska in April.
- Continue to work on technical edits to the Haines State Forest Plan and scope agency input regarding its proposed revision.

Kenai Kodiak Area

- Staff going through inventory report submitted by Terra Verde. Looking into parcel ownerships, plot locations and potential access into the areas of marketable timber.
- Utilizing the data from the Terra Verde report to begin work on a new FYSTS plan.
- Inventoried and inspected bridges and culverts in Falls Creek area (accessed from Wise Owl Rd). This area is also under consideration for inclusion in the



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Kenai Peninsula State Forest. Obtained a permit from University Lands for access and are working on permits from CIRI.

- Conducted FRPA inspections on Afognak Island.
- Attended All Lands All Hands (ALAH) meeting and participated in field exercises for fuels reduction and resilient landscapes. Continue to participate on the Kenai Peninsula Fuels Group for multi-agency collaboration on fuels projects.
- Continuing to support Forest Health with monitoring beetle traps and investigating public reports of potential parasite infestations.
- Support Stewardship Program with dispersing seedlings to the public and disseminating firewise information.

Mat-Su and Southwest Area

- The Mat-Su/Southwest office recently sold the Molybdenum #2 timber sale, one of the sales available over the counter, to a newcomer to the industry, A&T Land Services. We are currently working with the purchaser to develop an acceptable operations plan prior to the start of operations.
- Personal use timber sales remain the primary focus of local forestry operations, with approximately 150 acres sold this year- consistent with the average annual personal-use sale volume.
- The Mat-Su/Southwest area is integrating uncrewed aerial systems (UAS) into the workflow. UAS is currently being used to generate new/current ortho imagery to capture real-time stand conditions and create efficiencies in reconnaissance to assist in the planning process. Other products include digital surface and terrain models to further assist in timber sale layout and planning. The Area will be evaluating multispectral imagery for workflow integration.
- The Area is drafting an update to the Susitna Forestry Guidelines, parallel to the Division's efforts to create a Susitna Valley State Forest. Additional public meetings to gather input and share information about the process will be scheduled in the coming months.
- The Area provided guidance, silvicultural prescription and support for the East-West Connector fuel break in Anchorage, near Hilltop Ski Area. Coordinated Commissioner's office staff visit to the project while crews were working.



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- The Area continues to support and engage with the Municipality of Anchorage's CWPP development process.
- Area Forester provided statewide Agency Administrator support, assisted with statewide WFDSS and Geographic Area Editor needs, during the busy stretch June.
- Mat-Su/Southwest Area continues to support the Forest Health program beetle monitoring program.
- Mat-Su/Southwest Area supported the Forest Inventory program with ATV and logistical support as needed/requested.
- Mat-Su/Southwest Area is working with DOT to provide relevant documentation and ensure Forestry bridges in the area are on their inspection schedule.