

2025 Forest Management Planning Updates

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- Tanana Valley State Forest
- Susitna Valley Forest Management Plan
- Haines State Forest Resource Management Area
- Southeast State Forest



Forest Management Plans guide resource use

- Plans guide sustainable forest use and help foresters make decisions.
- Not prescriptions or decision documents; thoroughly reviewed and commented upon by the public and developed with input from other land management agencies with responsibilities or interests in resource use in the management area.



Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan

- Adopted May 28th, 2025, by DNR Commissioner Boyle.
- Represents years of collaborative work with the public, agencies, and stakeholders.
- DOF forest planners kept the process on track after we started work on it in early 2024 after both being new to our roles.
- Two public reviews, all comments read and summarized.
- This plan will guide forest use for years to come.
- [Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan Revision](https://forestry.alaska.gov/TVSFrevision)
(<https://forestry.alaska.gov/TVSFrevision>)



Susitna Valley Forest Management Plan

- Replacing the 1991 Susitna Forestry Guidelines.
- Resuming work after summer field/fire season and personal leave for a new baby.
- Regaining momentum through engaging the public through interactive website [Susitna Valley Forest Plan](https://forestry.alaska.gov/SusitnaValleyFP/) (<https://forestry.alaska.gov/SusitnaValleyFP/>).
- Public meeting in Talkeetna planned for the future.
- Current guidelines are over 30 years old and with the extensive beetle kill in the planning area, the ability to manage more actively will be helpful as we manage for future forest regeneration.



Susitna Valley Forest Management Plan—next steps



Draft development is underway; we're working on the forest management portion, and planning team partners will develop content on water quality, fish & wildlife habitat, and recreation.



Using public engagement to develop the content and management priorities.



Reviewing each parcel that is in the management area to see what current records of land use authorizations exist, so we know what resources and uses we're accommodating.

Haines State Forest Resource Management Area Plan

- Revision process is ongoing.
- Public scoping is re-engaged after a quiet summer of draft development.
- Surveys and interactive map re-opened.
- Public meetings in late August in Haines & Klukwan.
- Document reviews in the fall & winter.
- [Haines State Forest Resource Management Area Management Plan Amendment](https://forestry.alaska.gov/HSFamendment/)
(<https://forestry.alaska.gov/HSFamendment/>)



Future Forest Planning Efforts



Southeast State Forest Management Plan will be revised to add language related to carbon offset projects.

Adopted in 2016, the plan will need to be revised to reflect our current management priorities and carbon offset possibilities.

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