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

Final Best Interest Finding, Decision for the West Hollis Timber Sale (SSE-1393-K)

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, 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) for the following commercial timber sale: West Hollis Sale (SSE-1393-K).

The area of the sale is 11 miles west of the Hollis ferry terminal on Prince of Wales Island on the Klawock-Hollis Highway. The sale is in two locations, one by the Hydaburg Road junction and the other near the old waste pit at Mile 23.5, west of the Harris River Road. It is legally referenced as in: Sections 7,10, 11, 17 and 18, Township 74 South, Range 83 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Craig B-3 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Island Road System, specifically from the Klawock-Hollis Highway.

The area of harvest totals approximately 146 acres of timbered land and contains approximately 3,100 MBF of young growth and old growth timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.118, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will be a negotiated contract requiring in-state manufacturing and may utilize purchaser layout of the timber sale design.

The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has made a written final decision that the sale is 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 August 6, 2025. The Final Best Interest Finding is 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/220405.

A person who has standing under Alaska law may request a reconsideration in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within twenty (20) days of issuance of this decision. The request may be mailed or delivered to John Boyle, 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.

If no reconsideration is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision 30 days after signature.

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