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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Annual List of Newspapers to be used by the Alaska Region for Publication of Legal Notices of Proposed Projects and Activities Implementing Land and Resource Management Plans, Including Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects, Subject to the Pre-Decisional Administrative Review Process

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Alaska Region will use to publish legal notices of the opportunity to object to proposed projects and activities implementing land and resource management plans, including hazardous fuel reduction projects authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notice of actions subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process at 36 CFR 218, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of the proposed actions, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the pre-decisional review process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers begins on March 1, 2016. This list of newspapers will remain in effect until it is superceded by a new list, published in the Federal Register.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice provides the list of newspapers
that Responsible Officials in the Alaska Region will use to give
notice of projects and activities implementing land and resource
management plans, including hazardous fuel reduction projects
authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, subject
to the pre-decisional administrative review process at 36 CFR 218. The
timeframe for objection to a proposed project subject to this process
shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the
project in the newspaper of record identified in this notice.

The newspapers to be used for giving notice of Forest Service projects
in the Alaska Region are as follows:

Alaska Regional Office

Decisions of the Alaska Regional Forester: Juneau Empire, published
daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska; and the
Alaska Dispatch News, published daily in Anchorage, Alaska.

Chugach National Forest

Decisions of the Forest Supervisor and the Glacier and Seward District
Rangers: Alaska Dispatch News, published daily in Anchorage, Alaska.

Decisions of the Cordova District Ranger: Cordova Times, published weekly in Cordova, Alaska.

Tongass National Forest

Decisions of the Forest Supervisor and the Craig, Ketchikan/Misty, and Thorne Bay District Rangers: Ketchikan Daily News, published daily except Sundays and official holidays in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Decisions of the Admiralty Island National Monument Ranger, the Juneau District Ranger, the Hoonah District Ranger, and the Yakutat District Ranger: Juneau Empire, published daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska.

Decisions of the Petersburg District Ranger: Petersburg Pilot, published weekly in Petersburg, Alaska.

Decisions of the Sitka District Ranger: Daily Sitlca Sentinel, published daily except Saturday, Sunday, and official holidays in Sitka, Alaska.

Decisions of the Wrangell District Ranger: Wrangell Sentinel, published weekly in Wrangell, Alaska.

Supplemental notices may be published in any newspaper, but the time frames for filing objections will be calculated based upon the date that legal notices are published in the newspapers of record listed in this notice.

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