

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

SCHEDULE OF NEPA PROPOSED ACTIONS

January 1, 2003

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Project: Forest Plan Revision.

Location: Chugach National Forest, southcentral Alaska.

Description: The Forest revised its Land Management Plan. The original Plan was completed in 1984. Changes to environmental, social, and legal conditions were integrated into the revised Plan.

Scoping Status: Formal scoping commenced with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on April 21, 1997 (Volume 62, Number 76). Preliminary revision issues were identified in the first edition of the Revision newsletter. Public workshops were conducted throughout southcentral Alaska in November and December 1997. Over 1,000 letters, containing over 3,000 comments, were received during the scoping period. Analysis of those comments was used to identify the significant issues. The significant issues have been described as 'situation statements' and 'Public/Agency Interests'. The Situation Statements involve public interests, which may be mutually exclusive, with a range of possible ways for resolution. A summary of public interest and situation statements was sent out to participants on the revision mailing list. Management Area Prescriptions were developed in response to the situation/interest statements. Collaborative Learning workshops were conducted in March 1999, to seek input from the public for formulating draft alternatives. The prescriptions were applied to various areas around the Forest to develop a range of alternatives. The Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team created eight draft alternatives. Groups and individuals representative of the public submitted twenty-two alternatives. On December 19, 1999, the Chugach National Forest Supervisor Dave Gibbons approved a range of six alternatives, A through F, along with the existing "No Action" Alternative to be analyzed in detail. From this range of alternatives, a single preferred alternative was derived. The draft preferred alternative map was completed, and posted May 2000 on the Chugach Forest Revision Website (www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/revision/). The draft EIS and revised Forest Plan were posted on the Revision Website in August 2000, and available for public review through mid-December 2000.

Analysis Status: The Record of Decision for the Revised Forest Plan and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are complete. The record of Decision was signed on May 31, 2002, and was sent by e-mail to those who participated in Interdisciplinary Team meetings, and it was posted on the internet at: www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach. The Revised Forest Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision were released to the public on July 26, 2002.

Decision Date: The Notice of Decision was published in the newspaper of record on July 26, 2002. The Decision was subject to a ninety day appeal period closed October 24, 2002. The Forest received a number of appeals and is currently responding. The Regional Forester is the Responsible Official for Revision of the Forest Plan.

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 District Ranger

1st Quarter 2003

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SCOPING STATUS	ANALYSIS STATUS AND CZMA CATEGORY*	DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	CONTACT PERSON
Allen Glacier to Cleave Creek Commercial Heli-ski Proposal. Environmental Assessment	National Forest System lands north of Cordova, Alaska, in the Tasnuna River and Cleave Creek watersheds, east of Marshall Pass and west of the Copper River.	Provide commercial heli-ski services annually, February through April, within the project area.	Scoping began in July 2001.	Project Analysis began in July 2001/ CZMA FL/P(2)	Decision Notice and FONSI signed 11/27/02. Appeal period ends 1/13/03	Bruce Campbell (907) 424-4731.
Cassandra Oil Access and Drilling Plans. Environmental Assessment.	East Copper River Delta near Katalla. Cordova Ranger District.	Provide temporary road access on National Forest System lands to private land where Cassandra Oil proposes to conduct directional oil drilling into the oil and gas reserved mineral estate. This project falls under the 1982 CNI Agreement (Katalla Oil and Gas Rights).	Scoping began January 2001.	Project analysis began January 2001. CZMA – FL/P (1)	Decision Notice and FONSI signed 12/13/02. Appeal period ends 1/27/03. Forest Supervisor	Chuck Frey (907) 743-9557
NEW PROJECT Pipeline Lake 5 Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement Categorical Exclusion	North of milepost 21 Copper River Highway.	Place brush bundles to improve winter habitat for cutthroat trout.	Scoping to begin January 2003	Analysis to begin January 2003. CZMZ-FAA (1)	Decision Memo March 2003 District Ranger	Samantha Greenwood (907) 424-7661
Mile 18 Creek Wetland Restoration/ Angler Trail. Environmental Assessment.	Mile 18.5 Copper River Highway, southeast of Cordova.	Angler foot traffic has damaged upland muskegs. The need exists to determine effects of hardened trail or other methods to protect wetlands. Historical artifacts in area.	Scoping began November 2002.	Analysis began November 2002. CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Notice May 2003. District Ranger	Deyna Kuntzsch (907) 424-7661

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Juvenile Coho Salmon Habitat Enhancement. Categorical Exclusion.	North of milepost 18, Copper River Highway, Snag Lake, & other beaver ponds in area.	Place brush bundles to improve winter rearing habitat for juvenile coho salmon.	Scoping began November 2002.	Analysis began November 2002. Similar Projects completed 1989, 2002 CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Memo April 2003. District Ranger	Samantha Greenwood (907) 424-7661
Katalla Road Culvert Removal. Categorical Exclusion.	Old Katalla Road, 56 miles southeast of Cordova.	Remove blown-out culvert along existing road, to reduce further erosion. Historical artifacts are in the immediate area.	Scoping began November 2002.	Analysis began November 2002. CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Memo April 2003. District Ranger	Ken Hodges (907) 424-4738
Mile 22 Boat ramp. Categorical Exclusion.	Mile 22, Copper River Highway, at recreation site.	Improve (harden) existing boat ramp, place rip-rap (boulders) or other structure upstream to protect ramp from erosion.	Scoping began November 2002.	Analysis began November 2002. CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision date open. District Ranger	Deyna Kuntzsch (907) 424-7661
Million Dollar Bridge Recreation Site Plan. Environmental Assessment.	Milepost 48, Copper River Highway.	A recreation site plan for Childs Glacier and Million Dollar Bridge is being developed to incorporate and facilitate changes due to increasing tourism use.	Began 1/99.	Analysis was conducted winter 1999 through summer 2000 CZMA-FAA (1)	January 2003 District Ranger	Bob Behrends Dixon Sherman (907)-424-7661
Issue and Reissue a Variety of Outfitter-Guide and other Special Use Permits.	Lands administered by the Cordova Ranger District, at various locations in eastern Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta.	Numerous special use permit applications and permit renewals such as commercial videography, temporary installations of monitoring equipment, navigational aids, geologic survey work, encampments, and outfitter and guide services.	As needed.	A "Recreation Use Carrying Capacity Analysis" (completed August 1994) is used to evaluate hunting outfitter and guide permit requests. CZMA class dependent on permit.	Decisions are made through the year as each application or request is evaluated. CZMA class dependent on permit.	Bruce Campbell (907) 424-7661

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GLACIER RANGER DISTRICT

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1st Quarter 2003

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SCOPING STATUS	ANALYSIS STATUS AND CZMA CATEGORY*	DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	CONTACT PERSON
Turnagain Pass Recreation Area, West Parking Area Upgrade Categorical Exclusion	Milepost 68, Seward Highway, (west side.)	Upgrade of the west parking area, which includes laying asphalt on an area less than 7,000 square feet in size.	Complete	Complete CZMA-FAA (3)	DECISION Signed September 30, 2002 District Ranger	Teresa Paquet (907) 754-2314
Shotgun Cove Environmental Assessment.	Private lands adjacent to City of Whittier	Proposed action is to upgrade an existing roadway location.	Begin October 2002.	In Progress. CZMA-FL/P(1)	Winter 2003 Forest Supervisor	Chuck Frey (907) 743-9557
Helicopter Skiing Environmental Assessment.	Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts.	The proposed action would authorize a permit term up to 5 years for helicopter skiing in the following core zones: Glacier/ Winner Creek, 3 Twentymile River zones, Placer River/Skookum Glacier, Bench Peak, Grandview and Moose Ck. Exploratory zones include Seattle Ck./Alpenglow, Ptarmigan, Snow River, and Resurrection Peaks and Mount Ascension areas.	Begin in July	In progress. CZMA-FL/P (2)	January 2003 District Ranger	Teresa Paquet (907) 754-2314
Fish and Wildlife Projects.	District-wide on Glacier Ranger District.	Various enhancement and restoration projects primarily focused on fisheries.	Ongoing.	Ongoing. CZMA-FAA (1)	Decisions will be made at various times by the District Ranger.	Cliff Fox (907) 783-3242
Issue and reissue a variety of outfitter-guide and other special use permits.	Lands administered by the Glacier Ranger District.	Numerous special use permit applications and permit renewals such as commercial filming, recreation events, and outfitter-guides.	Ongoing, as applications are received.	Ongoing. CZMA-FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the District Ranger.	Teresa Paquet (907) 754-2317

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***Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) categories.**

FL/P = Federal License or Permit (15 CFR 930.50):

- (1) Applicant must provide a consistency certification to the Alaska Division of Governmental Coordination (DGC) and obtain DGC approval before FS can issue permit.
- (2) ACMP consistency certification normally not required.

FAA = Federal Agency Activity (15 CFR 930.30):

- (1) FS will provide either a consistency determination or negative determination to DGC.
- (2) The project is generally consistent with the Alaska Coastal Mgt. Program (ACMP).
- (3) FS does not expect to provide a consistency determination or a negative determination.
- (4) FS has not decided whether it intends to provide a consistency determination.

SEWARD RANGER DISTRICT
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MICHAEL R. KANIA
District Ranger

1st Quarter 2003

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SCOPING STATUS	ANALYSIS STATUS AND CZMA CATEGORY*	DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	CONTACT PERSON
Godwin Glacier Dog Sledding and other Guided Tours. Outfitter/Guide One year Special Use permit (changed from 5-year permit term). Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo	Godwin Glacier near Seward, Sec. 3, T1S, R1E, S.M.	Permit issuance for guided dog sled tours, overnight camping, and glacier walks on Godwin Glacier. This would involve a summer base camp on Godwin Glacier, dog sled tours, and helicopter trips providing transportation to and from the base camp and Seward Airport.	Begin in October 2002	Begin Fall 2002 CZMA – FL/P (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Guided ATV Tours. Outfitter/Guide One year Special Use Permit for 2003 season. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Crown Point Mining Road and Falls Creek Mining Road, near Moose Pass. Sec 13, 24, T4N, R1W. Sec 17, 18, 19, 20, T4N, R1E, S.M..	Decision whether to re-issue a special use permit for guided ATV rides on these two roads.	Begin in October 2002	Begin Fall 2002 CZMA – FL/P (2)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374

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Grouse Lake Clean-up. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Old Mill Subdivision, 7 miles north of Seward off Seward Highway, NW 1/4, Sec. 12 T1N, R1W.	Develop a management plan for EVOS acquired National Forest System lands (1996) incorporating cleanup of old cars, hazmat, as well as evaluating permitting needs for flood plain control. Evaluation of restoration, development, and education/interpretation opportunity in various resources	Begin September 2002.	Begin Fall 2002. CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Elizabeth Bella (907) 224-4130
Gull Rock Prescribed Burn. Environmental Analysis.	Hope area, T10N R3W, S.M.	Burn approximately 300-500 acres of beetle infested and dead spruce to reduce wild fire potential and improve wildlife habitat. Unit may be pre-felled before burning.	Begin Spring/Summer 2003.	Begin spring/Summer 2003 CZMA-FAA (3)	Summer/Fall 2003. District Ranger	Mary Ann Benoit (907)224-3374
Resurrection River Weed Control District. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Exit Glacier Road, Forest Service and Park Service lands. Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, T1N, R2W; Section 18, T1N R1W.	Organize nonnative species and exotic species weed pulls in cooperation with Kenai Fjords National Park with public participation; initiate an education and prevention program, establish protocol for programmatic management of nonnative plants on the District.	Begin September 2002.	Begin Fall 2002. CZMA – FAA (3)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Elizabeth Bella (907) 224-4130
Russian River Land Withdrawal. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Russian River Corridor, from the Russian River Falls to the Upper Russian Lake Cabin.	Withdraw 2,998 acres of land from location and entry under the public land and general mining laws. There are no known metallic or leaseable (oil & gas) deposits. Small travertine (limestone) deposits are known to occur.	Began January 2002.	Began winter 2002 CZMA FL/P(2)	DECISION Notice signed 11/1/2002. Bureau of Land Management Peter Ditton, District Manager	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374
Iditarod Recreation Trail-- Re-establishment. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	From Seward to Girdwood.	Establish a recreation trail connecting established trails that generally parallel the Highway/Railroad between Seward and Girdwood.	Beginning August 2002.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2003 Forest Supervisor	Dan Golden (907) 224-4114

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Palmer Creek Road Upgrade. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice (accomplished by contract).	Palmer Creek Road, starting at Mile 15 of the Hope Highway near the town of Hope. T10N, R2W; T9N, R2W; T9N, R1W; T8N, R2W.	Upgrade Palmer Creek Road to engineering standards for width, passing areas, and gravel surfacing.	Beginning in Summer of 2002.	Beginning Summer 2002. CZMA – FAA (1)	Summer 2003 District Ranger	Sam Grimes (907) 743-9552
Removal of mineral material from existing community pits and common use areas. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Mile 38 Sterling Hwy Sec 1, T.5N. R.2W. Mile 33 Sand Pit - Sec 21, T25N. R1W. Mile 35 Gravel Pit - Sec 17,20 T.25N. R.1E. Mile 2 Hope Road, Sec 3 T8N. R1W.	Issue permits authorizing the removal of mineral material from existing pits to both commercial and non-commercial requesters.	Began August 2001	Began Fall 2001. CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374
Victor Creek Fuel Reduction Project. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Seward Highway, Sec 31, T4N. R1E.; Sec 8,9,17,18,19, T3N. R1E.	Reduce fire hazard to federal and private property in the urban/wildland interface by removing fuels (dead spruce trees) adjacent to and above private property along the Seward Highway in the vicinity of Victor Creek.	Begin August 2002.	Begin Fall 2002. CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Elizabeth Bella (907) 224-4130
Primrose Fuel Reduction Project. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Primrose Road Sec. 24,25,36 T3N. R1W.	Reduce fire hazard to federal and private property in the urban/wildland interface by removing fuels (dead spruce trees) adjacent to and above private property along Primrose Road, Primrose Creek Campground and the Seward Highway.	Begin November 2002.	Begin Fall 2002 CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Elizabeth Bella (907) 224-4130
Russian River Access Trails. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo or EA/ Decision Notice.	Access from Russian River Campground to the Angler's trail.	Revisit the 1996 Russian River Angler's Trail Decision Notice to construct a Tram from the Grayling Parking Area, and evaluate closure of two sections of the Angler's trail near the Pink and Red Salmon accesses.	Began November 2001.	In Progress CZMA – FAA (4)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374

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Kenai Lake Work Center Employee Housing Complex. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Forest Service Administrative Site at Kenai Lake Work Center, Mile 23.5 Seward Hwy, near Moose Pass; Sec 25, T4N, R1W. Schooner Bend site, near Cooper Landing, Mile 53.5 Sterling Hwy; Sec 34, T5N, R4W. Mile 9, Hope Hwy.	Replace or build 8 buildings within the Kenai Lake Work Center Facility including replacing Hazardous Material Storage building, replacing one or both dorms and the Crew House, moving petroleum storage tanks, etc. Decommission current Schooner Bend Administrative Site. Decommission Hope Guard Station and build two trailer pads. Replace bunkhouse and analyze waste water system at Broadview Guardstation.	Beginning in Summer of 2002.	Beginning Summer 2002. CZMA – FAA (1) Project delayed until Fall 2003	Winter 2003 District Ranger	William Shuster (907) 224-3374
Snow River Private Road Special Use Permit. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Snow River, Sec 19, and 30, T3N, R1E, S.M.	Landowner proposes to construct a road to access private property. The year round road would parallel the railroad for about 1 mile. Driving surface would be 12 feet with 18-foot clearing limit. It would traverse backwater streams, sloughs, and silt deposits along the lower Snow River.	Began August 2000.	On hold pending proponent action. CZMA – FL/P (1)	Winter 2003 Forest Supervisor	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
District Campgrounds Rehabilitation and Upgrade. Categorical Exclusion or EA, depending on scoping results.	Ptarmigan Creek, Trail River, Tenderfoot Creek.	The 30+ years old facilities will be evaluated for improvements including upgrades for accessibility, expansions to increase available sites on the Kenai Peninsula, and to accommodate larger camping vehicles.	Began January 2000.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (4)	Spring 2003. District Ranger	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Reconstruct Rainbow Lake Trail. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo or EA/Decision Notice, depending on scoping results.	Cooper Lake/ Snug Harbor Road.	Reconstruct trail to meet current standards for accessibility.	Began January 2001.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (4)	Spring 2003. District Ranger	Pat O’Leary (907) 224-3374

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Implementing Resurrection Pass Carrying Capacity. Categorical Exclusion or Environmental Assessment, depending on scoping results.	Resurrection Pass, Devil's Pass, and Summit Creek Trails.	Decide whether to authorize additional guided use, including hiking, mountain bike riding, horses, and llamas. If decision is made to authorize additional use, interested outfitter guides will compete for limited permits.	Scoping on previous capacity study began 1/19/99 and was completed 3/10/99. Scoping on revised capacity study will begin in Fall 2002.	In Progress. CZMA – FL/P (2)	Summer 2003. District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Turnagain Slate Rock Lease Site. Decision Memo or Environmental Assessment depending on scoping results.	Slate Deposit at Mile 11.5 of the Hope Highway.	District is exploring the possibility of issuing a lease for the removal of slate for use in the decorative stone market.	Began January 2001.	In Progress. CZMA – FL/P (1)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374
Cooper Creek Erosion Control. Categorical Exclusion.	East of confluence of Cooper Creek and Kenai River. Sec 31, T5N, R3W.	Reduce sediment movement from cut bank to Cooper Creek and Kenai River.	Began Summer 2000.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (4)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	William Shuster (907) 224-3374
Re-issue Special Use Permits. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Power line distribution system on Kenai Peninsula.	Chugach Electric Power line permit, an existing use, on Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts will be renewed.	In Progress.	In Progress. CZMA – FL/P (1)	Spring 2003 Forest Supervisor	Karen O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Communication Site leases – issue/renewal. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass areas.	Issue or renew communication site leases on existing communication sites.	Began April 2001.	In Progress. CZMA – FL/P (2)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Karen O'Leary (907) 224-3374

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Manitoba Cabin Replacement. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Manitoba Mountain Area near Lower Summit Lake.	Replace the existing cabin and potentially relocate it farther up the mountain.	Began January 2002.	In Progress CZMA – FAA (4)	Summer 2003 District Ranger	Sharon Randall (907) 743-9497
Stream Bank Restoration Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo	Russian River above power line to Russian Falls Sec 4,9, T4N,R4W; Sec 33, T5N,R4W.	Identify streamside areas needing stream bank stabilization due to angler trampling.	Began July 2002	In progress. CZMA – FAA(4)	Spring 2003 District Ranger	Eric Johansen (907) 224-4124
Hope Point Trail Reconstruction. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Beginning in Porcupine Campground near Hope, AK.	Reconstruct and/or relocate approximately 2 miles of trail into the alpine above Porcupine Campground.	Beginning Summer 2002.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (3)	Fall 2003 District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Trail Bridge Replacement Project. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Various locations on backcountry trails on the Seward Ranger District.	Replacing and maintaining various trail bridges.	Beginning in Spring of 2002.	Beginning Spring of 2002. CZMA-FAA(3)	Winter 2003 District Ranger	Pat O’Leary (907) 225-3101
Upper Russian Lake Cabin Relocation or Replacement. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	East Side of Upper Russian Lake.	Evaluate the cabin for historic significance. Relocate or replace the cabin away from the adjacent stream.	Beginning Summer 2002.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (4)	Summer 2003 District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Resurrection Creek 10-11 Prescribed Burn. Categorical Exclusion Action, with Decision Memo.	Hope area, Sec 9 and 16, T9N, R2W, S.M.	Burn approximately 700 acres of beetle infested and dead spruce to reduce wild fire potential and improve wildlife habitat. 300 acres of mixed spruce/hemlock may also be burned within the project area. Unit may be pre-felled before burning.	Began January 2002.	In progress CZMA-FAA (3)	Spring/Summer 2003. District Ranger	Mary Ann Benoit (907) 224-3374

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Gulch Creek Trail and Trailhead Reconstruction. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo.	Beginning at Mile 57.5 of the Seward Highway.	Reconstruct the old mining access trail that parallels Gulch Creek, and provide parking adjacent to the highway.	Beginning Summer 2002.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (3)	Winter 2004 District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Timber Stand Thinning Projects. Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Mile 39-41 Seward Hwy; Sec 2, T5N, R2W; Sec 35, T6N, R2W.	Thin small diameter conifer and hardwood trees to improve the vigor of remaining trees. Harvested poles and fuel wood would be made available to the public.	Ongoing as opportunities arise.	In progress. CZMA – FAA(3)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Mark Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Hardwood Regeneration Project. Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Snow River Bridge, Sec 19,30,31, T3N, R1E. Cooper Landing, Sec 25,30, T5N, R4W; Hope, Sec 34,T10N, R2W; & Sec 3 T9N, R2W.	Mature stands of birch, willow, and aspen up to 10 acres in size, will be felled to improve habitat for bald eagles, northern goshawks, snowshoe hares and moose. Sites may be scarified, planted, or burned after felling.	Ongoing as opportunities arise.	In Progress. CZMA – FAA (3)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Mary Ann Benoit (907) 224-3374
Special Use Permits. Categorical Exclusion.	Various locations on the Seward Ranger District.	Several new and existing special use permit applications for such activities as log storage sites, outfitter/guide operations and recreation events will be evaluated.	Ongoing, as applications are received.	Ongoing. CZMA – FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Mining Plans of Operation. Categorical Excluded with Project File or Decision Memo. Type of document depends on scoping results.	Various locations on the Seward Ranger District.	Evaluation of mining plans for small placer and hardrock operations. The activity usually occurs in the following drainages: Quartz, Canyon, Mills, Juneau, John’s, Primrose, Porcupine, Victor, Falls, Sixmile, Crescent, Stetson, Bear, Gulch, Diane, Cooper, Silvertip, Palmer, Pass Fresno, Resurrection Creek, and Lynx.	Scoping is continuous as plans are received.	Ongoing. CZMA – FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374.

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