

Appendix D

FOREST LAND USE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

AS 38.05.112 requires that a forest land use plan be prepared prior to harvesting. Statutory requirements are quoted below.

Sec. 38.05.112 FOREST LAND USE PLANS.

(a) The department may not sell or harvest timber, except for isolated personal use timber harvest, until a site-specific forest land use plan has been adopted. A forest land use plan is required whether or not a regional or area land use plan under AS 38.04.065(a) or a forest management plan under AS 41.17.230 has been adopted.

(b) The commissioner shall base a forest land use plan on the best available data, including information provided by other agencies describing the immediate and long-term effects of individual and collective forest activities on the timber base and on other resources and uses.

(c) In addition to the requirements of AS 38.04.065 (b), a forest land use plan shall consider:

- (1) commercial timber, including related activities;
- (2) harvesting of forest products for personal use;
- (3) fish and wildlife habitat, including:
 - (A) identification and protection of important wildlife habitat;
 - (B) retention of riparian, wetland, and ocean-shoreline vegetation critical for fish and wildlife habitat; and
 - (C) classification of water bodies according to physical characteristics;
- (4) uses of forest land for nontimber purposes, including:
 - (A) recreation, tourism, and related activities;
 - (B) mining, mining claims, mineral leaseholds, and material extraction;
 - (C) uses of fish and wildlife;
 - (D) agriculture, including grazing; and
 - (E) other resources and uses appropriate to the area, including compatible traditional uses;
- (5) soil characteristics and productivity;
- (6) water quality; and
- (7) watershed management.