

# Forest Service seeks comments

Chugach National Forest Supervisor Dalton Du Lac is requesting public comments on issues associated with planning land and resource management projects in eastern and southern Prince William Sound.

After a delay to work on the Kenai beetle epidemic, the Forest Service is refocusing its attention on proposed activities within the 270,000 acres between Valdez and Cordova, known as the Gravina Management Area, concurrent with planning for the 370,000-acre Big Islands Management Area. The Big Islands include Montague, Hinchinbrook, Hawkins and Green Islands.

"Many people provided valuable comments to help us with the Gravina Management Area Analysis in 1986," Du Lac said. "We are now seeking new local issues that will help us get

back on schedule."

Du Lac is asking the public to comment on projects such as construction of a total of seven anchor buoys or tent platforms, 20 fisheries habitat improvement structures, construction of two cabins and a timber sale offer of up to 36 million boardfeet in the Big Islands and on offer of up to 20 million boardfeet in the Gravina area. Coordination with adjacent landowners and other resource managers in these areas will be a major consideration.

Comments, concerns or opportunities for management activities within the Gravina area and the Big Islands area should be mailed to USDA Forest Service, Chugach National Forest employees Kurt Nelson, P.O. Box 280, Cordova 99574, or Erin Bronk, 201 East Ninth Ave., Suite 206, Anchorage 99501.