

Tongass Forest planning guide available to public



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John A. Sandor, regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service, and Judy Mitchell, aide, check out the first copies of the new Public Review Draft of the Tongass National Forest Guide. The illustrated, 298-page draft is the work of the newly-formed Tongass Planning Team whose members include representatives from the State of Alaska, conservation groups, industry community and native associations and the Forest Service. K.J. Metcalf is team coordinator.

The "Guide," as a preliminary document, establishes common goals and objectives upon which future land management decisions will be made. It is the first step in a two-year program to update and improve land management planning for the Tongass National Forest.

"We hope to reach a land use pattern that will reflect the needs of all concerned Alaskans," commented Sandor. "With enough comments from the people who use the forest,

we can find the balance that is needed. We can't please everyone with a special interest, but we can make sure we recognize those different view points and work toward agreeable compromises."

Mr. Sandor encourages comments upon the guide from all segments of the public by Sept. 15. For convenience, a response form is enclosed with each guide. The "Guide" has been mailed to various interest groups, libraries, agencies and interested individuals across the state. Copies may also be

obtained at the regional office in Juneau or Forest Service area offices in Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell and Yakutat.

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Delta moose permit hunt scheduled

Persons who plan to hunt moose in part of Game Management Unit 20D in the Delta area must first obtain a moose hunting permit, the Department of Fish and Game reminded hunters today.

Delta Area Biologist Bob Larson said the permits would be available at the Fish and Game office in Delta beginning August 27. The permits are available on request, but will not be issued through the mail or to a person other than the hunter.

Larson said the season will be closed when the quota of 15 antlered moose is reached. Announcement of the season closure will be made by radio station AFRN, 980 KHz at Fort Greely; and KNJP, 1180 KHz in Fairbanks during the evening newscasts. The evening announcement will close the

season beginning the following day. Permittees who will be afield during the evening should have access to a radio to keep informed about a closure.

As has been the case for the past several years, there will be an area in Unit 20D that is closed to moose hunting, Larson said. Maps of the closed area will be issued with the permits, but generally the closed area includes the Clearwater farming area and the Richardson Highway. The eastern part of the unit is open to hunting, and no permit is required.

Larson said the permit hunt is on a registration basis and no permit drawing will be held.

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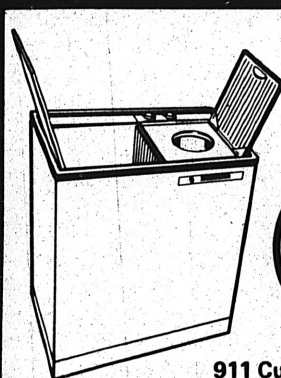
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Native Corporation at 445 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage, or P.O. Box 198, Dillingham, Alaska or by calling Anchorage (907)277-9511, or Dillingham (907) 842-3070.

Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on September 25th. Please show up to register as early as possible so the meeting can start on schedule.