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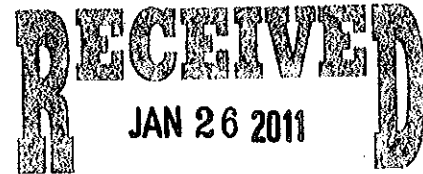
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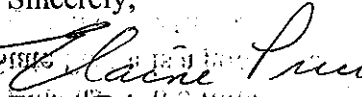
Dear Chris:

The City of Coffman Cove fully supports the inclusion of additional lands to the State Forest. The addition of 23,181 acres will ensure the future of a small timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The concept of a State Forest is a good management tool to help Southeast Alaska diversify its economy to include timber harvest along with tourism and fishing.

Coffman Cove has a long history as a logging community. While we are trying to incorporate other industries, timber is still an important part of our lifestyle and economy. Other communities in Southeast Alaska find themselves in similar situations. With the shift in US Forest Service management of the Tongass National Forest we find ourselves in a situation where planning for the future is impossible. The establishment of the State Forest will allow some sensible management practices. The additional acreage will ensure there is enough land base to provide some stability.

Please feel free to copy this letter to use in any capacity to support the State Forest. I will write a similar letter to Senator Stedman and Representative Johansen.

Sincerely,

  
Elaine Price  
City Administrator