



The Trust Land Exchange

The Alaska Mental Health Trust / US Forest Service Land Exchange has been pursued since 2005. An Agreement to Initiate (ATI), for the exchange, was signed in June of 2015. Maps of the proposal are available by clicking on the link below. The September 4, 2012, land exchange package, including land selections, is the result of a collaborative effort facilitated by the Tongass Futures Roundtable. The exchange will be a value for value land exchange based on appraised values (not based on acreage). The signing of the ATI was the beginning of a Federal process which will take several years to accomplish. This process includes review by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), title and survey work, public notice, and the appraisal process. All these steps are outlined in Federal Statute.



The proposed exchange involves 18,000 acres of Trust land surrounding seven Southeast Alaska communities and offers a solution regarding use of these lands that is favorable to the communities, the State of Alaska, the federal government and The Trust.

Benefits

- Preserve old growth timber along the Inside Passage
- Protect recreational and tourism opportunities near local communities
- Preserve watersheds adjacent to communities
- Create opportunity for The Trust to generate revenue to support its mission and serve its beneficiaries

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