Trust
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HB 155 - Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange with the USFS

The Alaska Mental Health Trust

- A perpetual trust using its resources to ensure a comprehensive integrated mental health program in Alaska.
- Funding programs that serve Alaska's most vulnerable populations for the past two decades.
- Providing programs for mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, traumatic brain injuries & substance abuse disorders.

Their Mission: *to improve the lives of beneficiaries.*

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The Trust Land Office

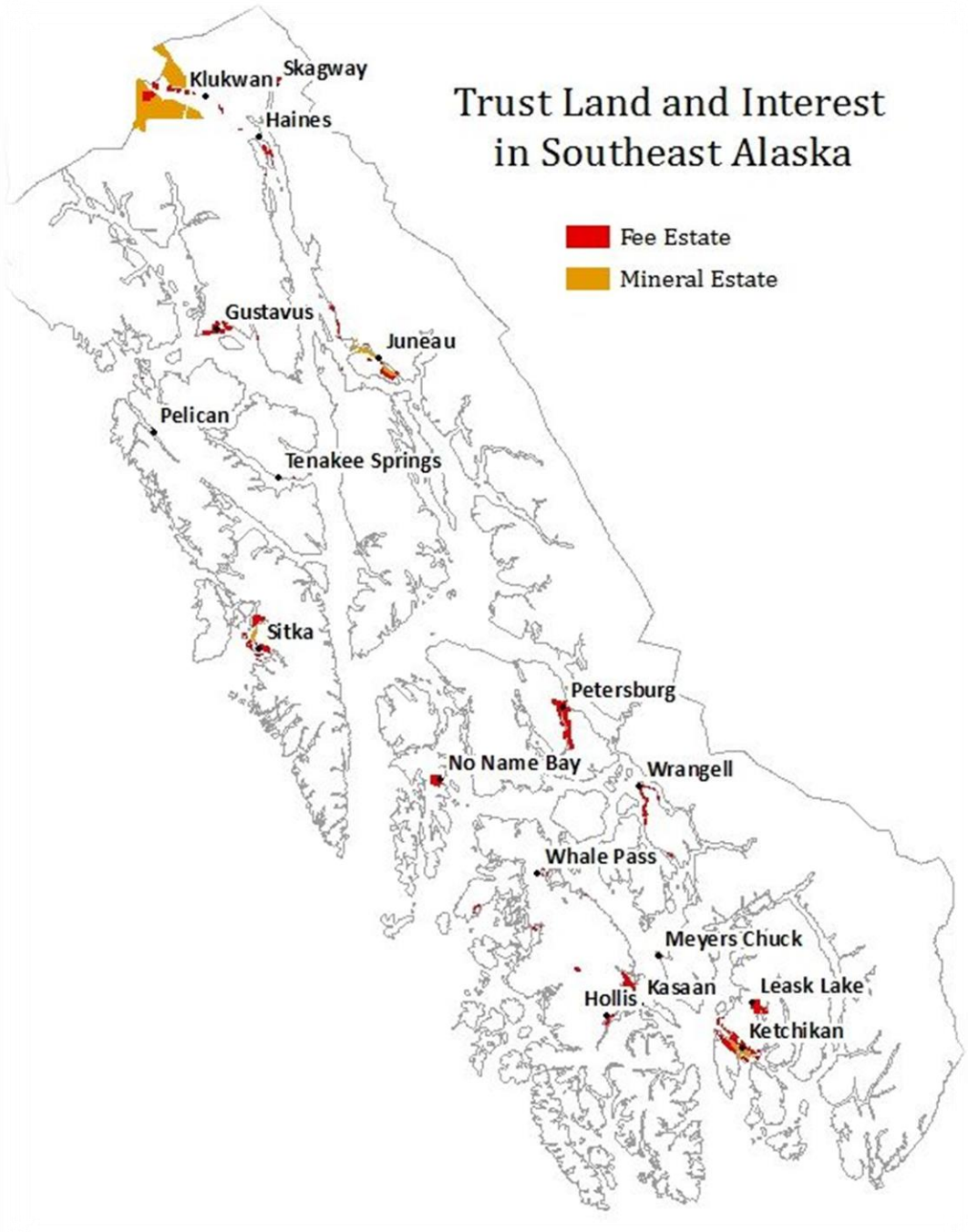
Manages the Trust owned land and resources to generate revenue, used by the Trust to improve the lives of the beneficiaries.

Our Mission: *to protect & enhance the value of Alaska Mental Health Trust lands.*

Trust Management Principles

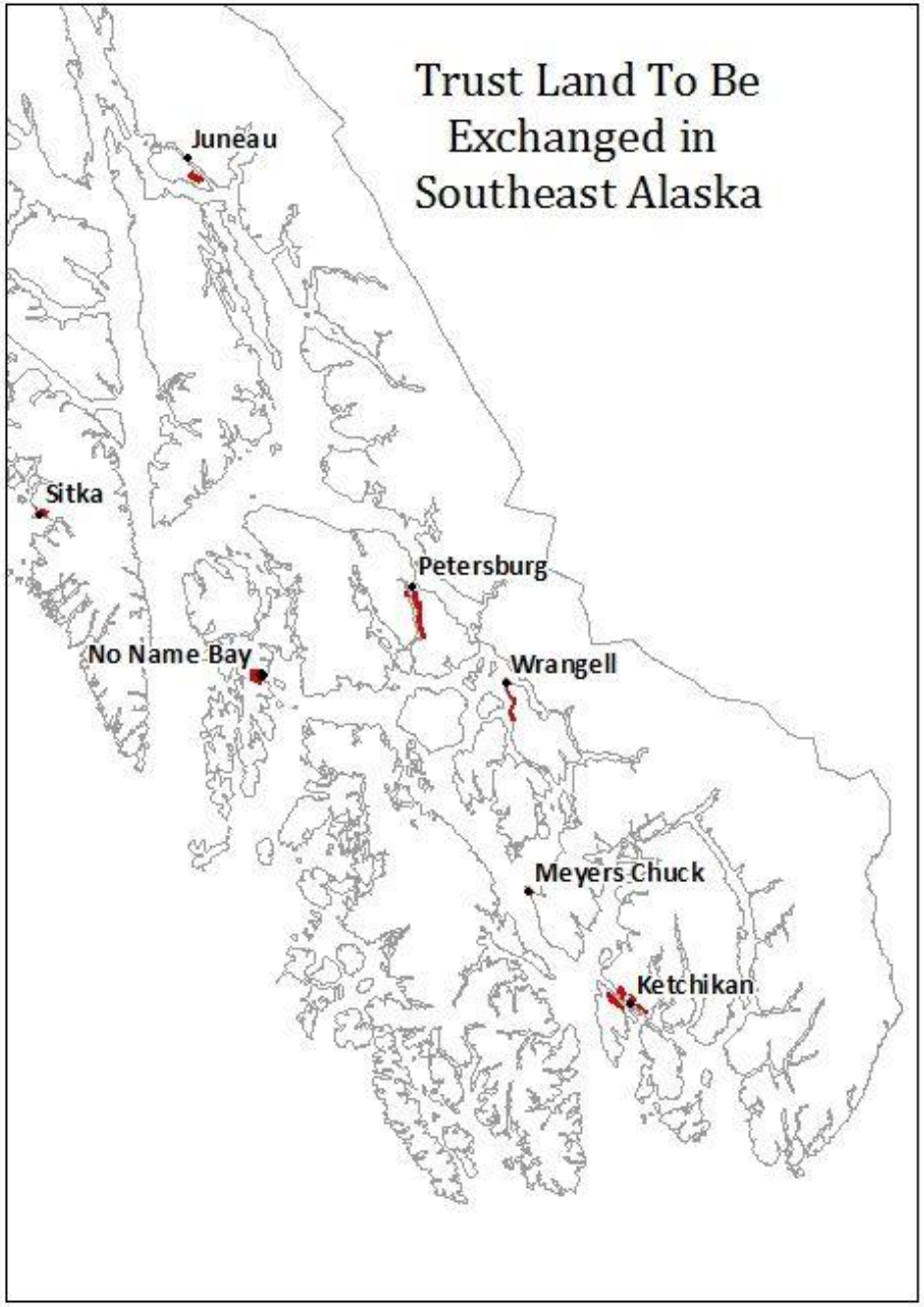
1. Maximize long-term revenue & productivity from trust land
2. Protect corpus
3. Encourage diverse revenue-producing uses of trust land
4. Manage trust land prudently, efficiently & with accountability to the trust and its beneficiaries

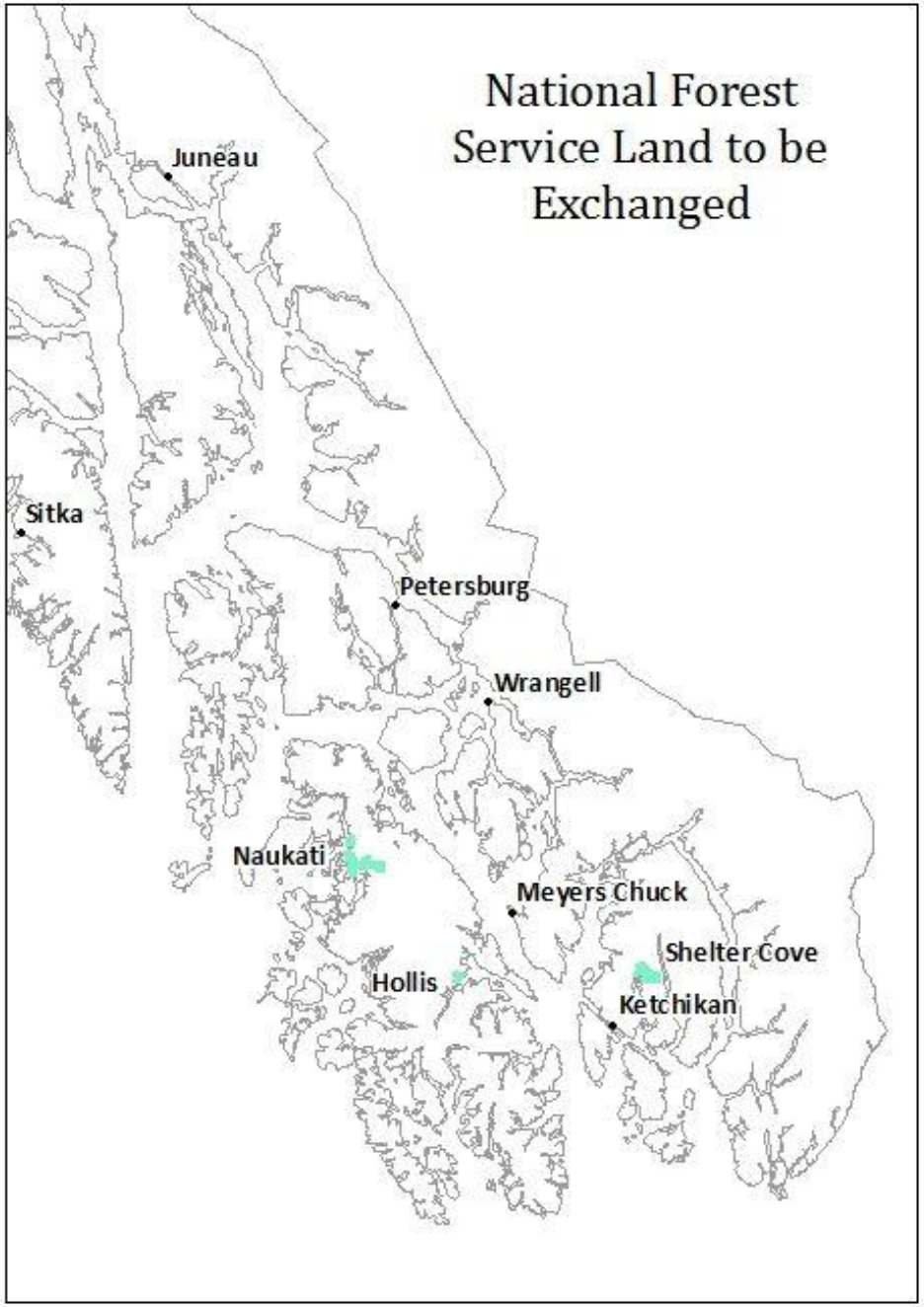
Land Distribution



Land Exchange Details

- 18,313 acres of Trust lands adjacent to the communities of Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka & Juneau would be transferred to the USFS
- 20,645 acres of remote land on Prince of Wales Island & Shelter Cove would be transferred to the Trust for development and timber harvest
- Equal value exchange
- Phase I complete in 1 year and Phase II in 2 years


Trust Land To Be Exchanged in Southeast Alaska
Juneau
Sitka
Petersburg
No Name Bay
Wrangell
Meyers Chuck
Ketchikan


National Forest Service Land to be Exchanged
Juneau
Sitka
Petersburg
Wrangell
Naukati
Meyers Chuck
Shelter Cove
Hollis
Ketchikan

Land Exchange Benefits

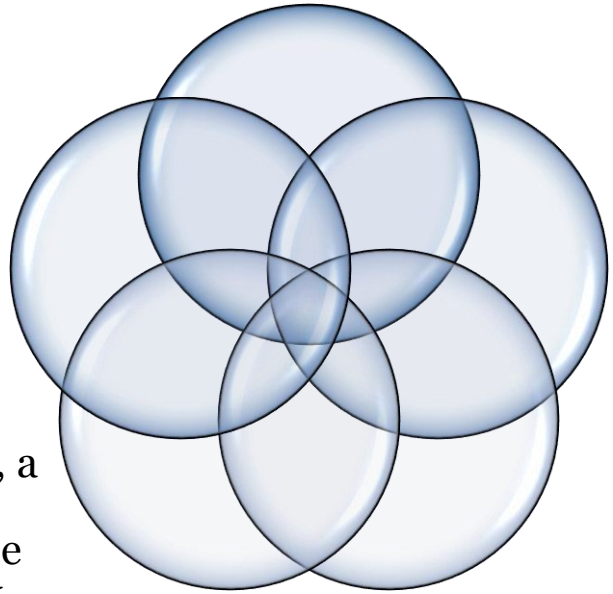
- Consolidates Trust land ownership
- Replaces lands adjacent to communities with lands that are more conducive to revenue production such as from timber harvest
- Protects timber and tourism industries
- Protects jobs and economies in SE Alaska
- Protects viewsheds, watersheds, and certain old growth timber stands

Why Now?

Result of 10 years of planning and public input

USFS timber supplies have dwindled

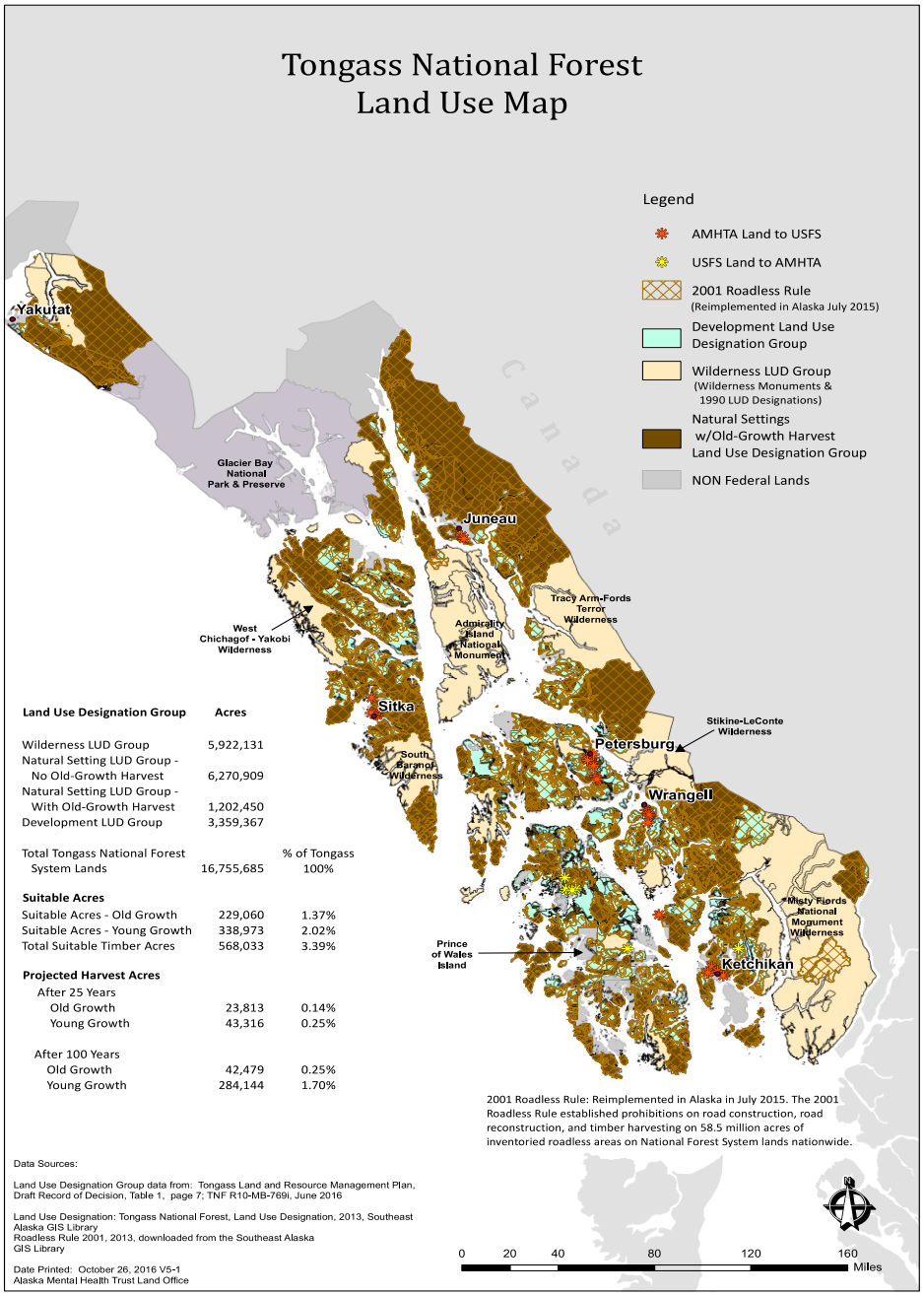
Extensive negotiations with USFS



Timber industry, a key revenue generator for the Trust, is at risk because of low timber supply

Addressing concerns from conservation groups and other interests

USFS Forest Plan



Land Use Designation Group	Acres	
Wilderness LUD Group	5,922,131	
Natural Setting LUD Group - No Old-Growth Harvest	6,270,909	
Natural Setting LUD Group - With Old-Growth Harvest	1,202,450	
Development LUD Group	3,359,367	
Total Tongass National Forest System Lands	16,755,685	% of Tongass 100%
Suitable Acres		
Suitable Acres - Old Growth	229,060	1.37%
Suitable Acres - Young Growth	338,973	2.02%
Total Suitable Timber Acres	568,033	3.39%
Projected Harvest Acres		
After 25 Years		
Old Growth	23,813	0.14%
Young Growth	43,316	0.25%
After 100 Years		
Old Growth	42,479	0.25%
Young Growth	284,144	1.70%

Federal Legislation

- S. 131 introduced by Senator Murkowski and Sullivan in January 2017
- HR. 513 introduced by Representative Young in January 2017
- Language compatible with SB 88 and HB 155
- Directs the USFS to complete the exchange

Thank You to Our Supporters

We are grateful to all of the organizations, leaders & individual community members who support the Trust land exchange legislation.

Resolutions

Southeast Conference
City & Borough of Wrangell
Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Supporters

Dan Bockhorst – Ketchikan Gateway Borough
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Cindi Lagoudakis – Petersburg Borough
Julie Decker – City & Borough of Wrangell
David L. Jack – City & Borough of Wrangell
Kim Lane – City & Borough of Wrangell
Curtis Thayer – Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
Clare Doig – Alaska Council of Foresters
Owen Graham – Alaska Forest Association
Senator Bert Stedman – Alaska State Legislature
Representative Dan Ortiz – Alaska State Legislature

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Randy Ruaro – Alaska State Legislature
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Eric Nichols – Alcan Forest Products
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Russ Webb – Alaska Mental Health Trust
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Kirk Dahlstrom – Viking Lumber Co., Inc.
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Jerry Jenkins – Anchorage Community Mental Health Services
Adam Molenda – Timber Products Manufacturers Association
Joan O'Keefe – Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)
Mike Barton– Past Chair of the Alaska Mental Health Trust
Bob Sivertsen
Kristina Woolston
Petersburg Mental Health Services
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Juneau