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Thank you for including me in your updates. I won't be able to attend, I will try to catch up soon. There are some important pressing issues that the State and AK Mental Health Trust are working on. We are working with Senator Murkowski to move S.3006, the AK Mental Health Trust Land Exchange of 2016 through. We are in final negotiations with Viking Lumber for purchase of all timber on POW associated with this proposed exchange. Viking has said he will be unable to continue operations without this wood. So this legislation looks critical for that portion of the POW economy. It is hoped that the USFS is able to at least fulfill their commitment to keep the small mills in wood.

Thank you,  
Paul