

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY24-08**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS REGARDING THE UPDATING OF THE U.S.
FOREST SERVICE'S TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, Gustavus is situated proximate to the Tongass National Forest; and,

WHEREAS, Gustavus residents utilize Tongass National Forest lands and waters for recreation, subsistence, and for lumber; and,

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest provides valuable ecosystem services, among them helping maintain our clean air, purifying our water, and sequestering carbon; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Forest Service is required to update the current forest management plan, which dates from 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the revised plan will be, in the words of the U.S. Forest Service, the “overall guiding framework and foundation document that will guide resource management, decision-making and the vision of the Tongass National Forest into the future.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska, urges the U.S. Forest Service to continue implementing its 2012 planning rule, which, in the words of the U.S. Forest Service, “requires incorporation of adaptive management, scientific basis on planning components, while acknowledging the need for flexibility and agility during times of change.”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska, urges the U.S. Forest Service to continue its efforts to conserve mature and old-growth forests.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska, urges the U.S. Forest Service to maintain the 2001 Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 11th day of March 2024, and effective upon adoption.



Shelley K. Owens, Mayor



Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

