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UA Lands Spring Update

I hope everyone in Haines is doing well and enjoying the spring season. It's been a few weeks since our last update. Just as a reminder, the intent of our emails is to inform you first in regard to any information we can share with the public. You will always read it here first. Also, remember as the liaison for UA Land for all community engagement efforts, please contact me with any questions.

Update on the timeline
The UA Land Management team is still in negotiations with a potential contractor. As we have stated in previous emails, more fieldwork and analysis was still needed. As this thorough review continues, we anticipate the results will affect our initial proposed harvest of timber volume and therefore the life of the project as well.

Many factors are affecting the review and finalization of the contract such as potential tariffs and lack of necessary infrastructure to harvest the timber.

We'll provide more information as we move forward.

Local caretaker / forester position
At this time, the Land Management office has suspended the hiring of this job position until a thorough determination of the sale area is completed. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us about this potential job, we'll let you know as soon as the situation changes.

Carbon credits
If you remember from the February 22nd email, the land management team has been "*consulting experts to fully understand carbon credits as it may pertain to University Lands.*"

The UA Land team continues this process of analyzing the potential of engaging in a carbon credit program on all University of Alaska Lands, which includes the proposed Haines 10-year Timber Sale. The carbon credit program is complex and evolving with a variety of factors that may affect University lands and future development.

The team will continue to review all University lands that best fit the carbon credit program and then proceed with an RFP for a project team/advisor to help facilitate their participation in the program.