



LAND MANAGEMENT

Hello,

We hope everyone in the Chilkat Valley is healthy and well.

We are happy to announce that the Land Management team has launched a new website. All of the information from the previous Haines site has been incorporated and updated. Please take note of the new website address at www.alaska.edu/ualand/haines.

Haines Timber Sale

The timber sale remains on hold. As we mentioned before, the ongoing tariffs between China and the U.S. along with the Covid-19 pandemic have caused a disruption for the industry that continues today.

As you may also know, the USDA recently announced its new Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy to help support a diverse economy. Part of the plan is to end largescale old growth timber sales in the Tongass National Forest and focus management resources to support forest restoration, recreation and resilience. Small and micro old growth sales will still be offered for community consumption and cultural uses, but these terms have not yet been defined. Although the University parcels in the Haines area are separate from federal land, this new announcement combined with Sealaska's recent departure certainly impacts the timber industry in Southeast Alaska. For the time being, it's too soon to know how these changes will impact the region, and in turn, the Haines timber sale but the buyer remains interested.

Carbon Credits

After the last update, some of you asked for an update on carbon credits. Thanks again to those who reached out. As Land Management continues to evaluate all options for monetizing its land assets, Land Management is interested in engaging in a carbon credit program for some University of Alaska lands while continuing its timber harvest program. While conducting research and reaching out to other program participants, Land Management was informed of a carbon credit program for smaller parcels of lands, which could be a potential option for UA.

Ripinski Trail Easement

In case you missed the last update, the Haines Borough Assembly recently passed a resolution to support the Alaska Division of Forestry's partnership with Haines Huts to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant to acquire easements through Mental Health Trust and University lands for the Ripinski Trail. The Land Management Team is still working with the Division of Forestry and Haines Huts on the next steps for acquiring the public easement. We know this has been an important ask of the community and we are pleased to collaborate on this effort.

As always, we promise to communicate with you as soon as we have new information. Our plan was to meet with you in person last year, and of course, with the pandemic, we have

all been on hold. Once we have more information to share, we hope to gather with you—
whether in person, or through a Zoom gathering.

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We're always happy to hear from you. Please reach out anytime to
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Sincerely,

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