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Hello,

We hope that everyone in the Chilkat Valley is staying healthy this spring.

UA Land Team Site Visit

We're happy to share that the UA Land team will be visiting Haines in early May. The new director [Adrienne Stolpe](#), along with new team members Tina Thomas and Patrick Foster, will be coming for the first time to get a sense of University land holdings as we evaluate the overall development approach in the Haines/Chilkat Valley area.

Let us buy you a cup of coffee!! As we've done in the past, we'll be available for coffee time at Mountain Market on:

Thursday, May 5th, 9:00–10:30am

Friday, May 6th, 9:00–10:00am

Please stop by so you can meet Adrienne, Tina, Patrick and myself. Please note that we are always happy to wear masks if we do see you in person. And, if you aren't available to stop by during our coffee time, feel free to reach out anytime so we can set up a phone or Zoom meeting. Just reply to this email or contact me directly at UALandHaines@gmail.com. We are always happy to hear from you.

Unfortunately we won't be hosting a community meeting during this visit as the team will be spending more time out in the field looking at University parcels. If the weather permits us, we hope to get boots on the ground for all of our parcels and capture supporting drone footage. We'll send out another courtesy email as a reminder.

Re-evaluating University Land Holdings

We want to make sure that everyone on our list saw the information in our last newsletter.

As we mentioned before, the timber industry in Southeast Alaska continues to experience disruptions. The ongoing tariffs between the US and China, combined with Sealaska and the US Forest Service's departure from old growth logging, have all contributed to a shifting economic landscape in the region. As a result, the University is re-evaluating all of its land holdings in the Haines area, as announced at the November 4, 2021 Board of Regents meeting. As a land grant university, our primary role is to generate revenue from University lands to support our

educational mission. Although the University remains committed to some timber development, we are looking at other development options to monetize [University property](#).

We appreciate all of the feedback we have received from you and other community members over the last few years and in the last few months. Thank you for making time to let us know your perspectives. We have heard about your needs for firewood, requests for small timber cuts, interest in carbon credits, hunting and recreational needs, local biomass supplies, and desire to see logs supplied to Alaskan buyers and small mills, and much more.

The Land Management team continues to look for best ways to monetize our lands, and carbon banking has been on our radar for some time now. 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 still be a potential option for us.

If there are other opportunities or ideas you may have, please reach out, as we continue the process of re-evaluating University land holdings. We hope to see you in early May.

Sincerely,

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Liaison for the UA Land Management Office

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