

MOTION

The motion is that:

The Tongass Futures Roundtable adopts the recommendations of its Young Growth Committee Technical Work Group to:

1. Complete the timber typing from low elevation aerial photography of all Tongass National Forest, State and Private young growth stands, excluding those now in Wilderness designations or other land classes that prohibit implementation of silviculture management prescriptions;
2. Pursue a stand based inventory sufficiently robust to address timber questions regarding age class, site class, how much timber, what kind of timber (species and grade), and the location in order to predict when the timber will mature to facilitate:
 - timber sale planning,
 - forest ecosystem planning and restoration,
 - other natural resource inventory needs
 - potential climate change adaptation management alternatives, and
 - other forecast needs.
3. Prioritize the timber typing and inventory to complete stands according to availability for timber harvest first but all stands should be typed and inventoried for sustained yield analysis; and
4. Plan and accomplish the project within the next 12 to 18 months.

The Roundtable strongly supports appropriation of new funds-- public and private--necessary to complete the above tasks.

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