



## **MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

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Talkeetna Community Council  
Attn: Cary Birdsall  
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Ref: MSB006805 FYTHS

Dear Cary,

We received many comments in regard to the Proposed Five Year Timber Harvest Schedule (FYTHS) recently sent out for public notice. We appreciate your comments and concerns expressed via telephone, email, mail and in person. I'm referring specifically to the comments we received regarding the "Beaver Lake Loop Road" Personal Use Firewood Area. There was confusion amongst residents regarding the name used in the FYTHS. The correct name is South Beaver Lake Road. Some comments were in favor as proposed, some comments were in favor of the area excluding the trails; and some were not in favor at all. I've attached a more detailed map indicating the areas set aside for Personal Use Firewood and the order in which we plan to implement the harvest if and when approved by the Assembly. I've also enclosed some bullet points to ensure our management intent for the area is clear. So, referring to the attached map:

1. Unit 1, Subunit 1 will be flagged for harvest in year one (2013) of the FYTHS;
2. Unit 1, Subunit 2 will be flagged for harvest in year two (2014) of the FYTHS;
3. Unit 1, Subunit 3 will be flagged for harvest in year three (2015) of the FYTHS;
4. Unit 1, Subunit 4 will be flagged for harvest in year four (2016) of the FYTHS; and
5. Unit 2, Subunits 1 and 2 will not be used for personal use firewood harvest but may be needed for gravel extraction; and
6. Unit 3, that portion north of the pit access road will have a buffer of 200' from the property owners to the north, however harvest is not anticipated until 2017 or beyond.

The trails indicated on the map will all have a 250' (no cut/no access) buffer.

This is not a clear cut. The harvest would be for spruce greater than 9" diameter at breast height (dbh) and birch greater than 11" dbh. Seed trees will be identified and flagged whenever necessary. In addition, all dead down and/or dead standing will be available for harvest. Each area will be flagged on the ground. The permit will contain additional restrictions regarding access and hours of operation. I've enclosed a copy of a sample permit

Please contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Best Regards,



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cc: Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, Matanuska Susitna Borough

Encl: Map of South Beaver Road Pit