

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service****[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0021]****National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee: Intent To Reestablish****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to reestablish the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 10) notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) intends to reestablish the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

**DATES:** Once approved by the Secretary, the charter will be valid on the date of filing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Committee Management Officer and once the filing requirements are met.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carrie Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, Wildlife Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3999; [carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov](mailto:carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program’s policies. The duration of the NWSAC is for 2 years unless renewed by the Secretary, USDA.

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Dated: April 18, 2024.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Tongass National Forest; Alaska; Assessment Phase of Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Tongass National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to initiate the assessment phase of the Land Management Plan revision for the Tongass National Forest.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is initiating the assessment phase of the Land Management Plan revision process for the Tongass National Forest, located in Southeast Alaska. The assessment supports the subsequent planning phase, which will result in a revised land management plan to guide resource management activities on the Tongass National Forest. The assessment will identify and consider relevant and readily accessible material about ecological, social, and economic conditions and trends in the planning area, and will identify best available scientific information including Native or Indigenous knowledge. Trends and conditions identified in the assessment will inform the need to change the existing plan as well as the subsequent revision process.

**DATES:** The public will be invited to engage and participate in the assessment

phase of the revision process beginning in the spring of 2024 through winter of 2025. Engagement opportunities are posted on the Tongass National Forest Plan Revision website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd1105492>. A draft assessment, which will reflect input received, is anticipated to be available for review and comment, in January 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** For questions about Land Management Plan revision or comments on initiating the assessment phase of plan revision, please address mail to: Tongass National Forest Supervisor’s Office, Attn: Erin Mathews—Tongass Plan Revision Coordinator, 648 Mission Street, Suite 110, Ketchikan, AK 99901–6591, or via email to [SM.FS.TNFRevision@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.TNFRevision@usda.gov). All correspondence, including names and addresses, will be part of the public record. More information on the planning process can also be found on the Tongass Plan Revision website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd1105492>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Mathews, Plan Revision Coordinator, at [erin.eathews@usda.gov](mailto:erin.eathews@usda.gov) or by phone at 907–419–8347. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

Information will be shared through electronic mailing lists, social media, and media outlets. If members of the public are interested in learning more, please visit the website listed above and select the link to subscribe to updates on the Tongass Plan Revision. The public can also sign up to receive regular updates by sending an email to [SM.FS.TNFRevision@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.TNFRevision@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219), which implements the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976, provides that the Forest Service develop, maintain and revise land management plans, often called a Forest Plan, for all national forests and grasslands. Land Management Plans provide a programmatic framework for management of forest resources and are amended as conditions change over time. The Tongass Land Management Plan was first approved in 1979, revised in 1997, and later amended in 2003, 2008, 2016, and 2020. The 2016 Land Management Plan amends the 2008 Tongass Land and Resource