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Comments on the POW LLA

Things I would like to see considered:

Recreation

Development of recreation access for winter sports. This could potentially be done at places like Upper Steelhead, One Duck, Barron Mountain, Baird Peak, Sunnahae and near Control Lake. The issue is that these mountains often have snow suitable for winter sports but the access is impossible or very difficult unless the snow line is low enough. What is needed is a way to access the snow line either by road or improved trail wide enough for motorized use.

Development of improved boat launches and docks. There are a number of places on the island that would benefit from an improved boat launch and dock to compliment the recreation opportunities the road system offers. Consider El Cap, Red Bay, West Arm, Sultzer Portage and Port Protection/ Lab Bay.

Development of cabins that complement the recreation activities occurring on the outer coast of POW.

Consider a cabin at Cape Ulitka and trail to Roller Bay. Consider a dock in Port San Antonio on Baker Island and a trail over to a cabin or three sided shelter in Little Veta Bay. Add a dock in Port Refugio that is suitable for off-loading 4 wheelers and an ATV trail into Arena Cove to a cabin or three sided shelter.

Old Growth Timber Management

Emphasize small sales. Conserve quality old growth spruce and cedar along the road system for small sale operators. Salvage dying yellow cedar where possible. Reinvest timber receipts in the island's recreation and road infrastructure. Schedule and design timber sales to meet infrastructure investment needs.

Young Growth Management

Continue emphasis on the transition. Require a proportional amount of young growth be included in every large sale. Allow 100% export of young growth over the next 15 years with a phase out period to begin at that time.

Thanks for the chance to comment