

Alaska Lands Update

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The CACFA Meeting scheduled for **FAIRBANKS** on **May 18 and 19, 2011** **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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UPDATE: USFS Proposed Planning Rule - Groups Request Extension

There is overwhelming support from Congress and users groups alike who are calling for the Department of Agriculture to extend its Planning Rule public comment period deadline by at least another 60 days. On February 14, 2011 the Department of Agriculture published, in the Federal Register, its proposed rule for the National Forest System Land Management Planning. The

90-day public comment period is scheduled to end on May 16, 2011. The most compelling reason for the request is the release of a supporting document just 20 days before the close of public comment. The document is entitled "Science Review of the United States Forest Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement for National Forest System Land Management Summary

Report". The 108 page document, dated April 2011 and, was released to the public for review on or around April 27, 2011. There is no information on whether the extension request has been granted. The following links provide more information:

[USFS Proposed Planning Rule.](#)
[USFS Science Review Webpage.](#)
[FS Planning Rule BLOG](#)