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United States Forest Service

Tongass and Chugach National Forests Land Classification Reports and
Related Maps and Plats Bound in Atlases, 1903-1958

MS 155

26 volumes
21.5" x 18.5"

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PROVENANCE: U.S. Forest Service: atlases received from the Forestry Sciences Library in Juneau, Alaska - November 1996. Accession no. 96-45.

ARRANGEMENT: Since there was no obvious arrangement when received, these atlases were sorted by the name of National Forest (Chugach and Tongass) and then by the type of information in each volume.

DESCRIPTION: Twenty-six (26) atlases: some containing typescript reports sometimes accompanied by hand-drawn maps, others with blue-line or blue-print maps or facsimiles of U.S. survey plats, some with handwritten notations or lists. All atlases are bound with cardboard or cloth covers held together with various types of fasteners.

RESTRICTIONS: No copyright restrictions. Photocopying and duplication not recommended.

CONDITION: Fair to poor, with some brittleness, fraying and tears. Placed in archival boxes for their protection.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Twenty-six (26) atlases (*Located in MS Oversize*): Maps and reports and lists bound together, covering the following:

National Forest Examiners land classification reports of the Tongass and Chugach National Forests comprise the first nine volumes of this collection. The land classifications date from approximately 1920 through 1928. Three deal with the Chugach National Forest (volumes 1-3), the remainder with the Tongass National Forest (volumes 4-9). Each report contains a written description of the area plus hand-drawn maps of the geography and vegetation. A few also include black and white photographs of the terrain and/or the project staff.

Homestead Entry Surveys (volumes 10-11) contain individual plats of U.S. Surveys of homesteads in the Tongass National Forest, 1903-1958. Volume 11 also has several loose reports tucked inside the front cover for individual homestead claims.

Status and Settlement Atlases are for the Tongass National Forest only, date from 1920. They contain marked maps showing land status. Most of the maps are blue print or blue line. Three (volumes 12, 13, and 17) have lists inserted in the front that note the settlement applications (usually of homesteads, but also including other users) and note the status of the applications.

“U [Unit] Plans.” Each seems to be for one geographic unit and have a specific focus. Volumes 19-21 relate to recreation and the Glacier Highway in the Juneau unit, 1935-1958. Volumes 22-23 are status and sales sheets relating to the Cameron Zellerbach Pulp Timber Sale Areas in the early 1930s.

Miscellaneous: Three unclassified atlases (volumes 24-26) consist of a three volume set of maps relating to the Tongass, but their significance is unclear.

The following descriptions are taken from the cover titles and from some contents notes found inside the volumes:

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

1. Chugach National Forest : Examination for Eliminations and Additions: Kachemak Bay, Resurrection Bay, Matanuska & Knik Rivers, Ship Creek [1917-1925]
Project reports by L. Wernstedt, Wellman Holbrook, and A. Nilsson, Asher Ireland, National Forest Examiners. Contains maps, narrative, photographs [8 leaves: photographs :26 + duplicates (loose pages inside front cover)]
2. Chugach Extensive Land Classification, Supervisor's Copy
Extensive Land Classification Report: Chugach National Forest, Alaska. Submitted by Wellman Holbrook, National Forest Examiner, August 6, 1928
Afognak, Anchorage, Bering, College, Cordova, Hinchinbrook, Katalla, Kayak, Knight, Knik, Montague, Port Wells, Puget, Seward, Shelikof, Suckling, Valdez
3. Miscellaneous Litho Maps: Chugach
Quadrangle and Topographic Maps, 1900s-1930s: 88 maps, folded to fit into binder

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

4. Land Classification Sitka District Intensive Land Classification Reports by Wellman Holbrook, 1925
Wachusett Cove, Bay of Pillars, White Rock, Freshwater Bay, Saltery Cove, Crab Bay, Long Bay, Seal Bay, Big Bay, Tenakee Inlet, South Arm Kelp Bay, Sitkoh Bay, Saook Bay, Portage Arm, Peschani Point, Rodman Bay, Appleton Cove, Hooniah Sound, False Island, Ushk Bay, Fick Cove, Patterson Bay, Deep Bay, Peril Strait, Pogibshi Point, Poison Cove, St. John Baptist, Fish Bay, Nakwasina, Katlian Bay, Old Sitka Harbor, Camp Coogan, Silver Bay, Tebenkoff Lagoon,
5. Tongass: Classification: Juneau Division; Volume 1, L, Boundaries, Tongass Proposed Addition; Icy Strait Addition, by Asher Ireland, National Forest Examiner, [1920] : includes maps, narrative, photographs (some missing)
Admiralty, Chilkat, Endicott, Hooniah[Hoonah], Juneau, Sumdum, Tagish, Taku, Wrangell
6. Tongass: 2: [1920-1925] : Scattered Tracts Extensive;
Icy Strait Addition Intensive;
Ketchikan Division Intensive; Yakutat Area Extensive
Land Classification Reports by Wellman Holbrook, National Forest Examiner;
photographs
Castle River, Blind River, Duncan Canal, Le Conte, Ideal Cove, Sumdum, Port Walter, Sumner, Wrangell, Kasaan, Ketchikan, Chacon, Duke, Unuk, Rudyerd, Tongass
7. Land Classification Tongass Intensive, 1924, by Forest Examiner Wellman Holbrook and Supervisor R. A. Zeller
Berners Bay, Cowee Creek, Taku River, Holkham Bay, Farragut Bay, Muddy River, Point McCartney, Eagle River, Lemon Creek
8. Land Classification: Petersburg District: 5: Intensive Classification Reports by Wellman Holbrook, 1924-1926.
Farragut Bay, Muddy River, Point McCartney, Security Bay Lagoon, Castle River, Blind River, Duncan Canal, Seclusion Harbor, Le Conte, Ideal Cove, Berg Bay, Bradfield Canal, Eagle River, Exchange Cove, Port Protection, Salmon Bay
9. Land Classification Report on Sitka Division of the Tongass National Forest -- Alaska by Wellman Holbrook, National Forest Examiner, 1922; photographs
Spencer, Hooniah [Hoonah], Juneau, Klag Bay, Sitka, Admiralty, Whale Bay, Pt. Walter, Sumner, Coronation, Craig, Kasaan, Forrester, Chacon, Yakutat, Alsek

HOMESTEAD ENTRY SURVEYS

10. Homestead Entry Surveys - 6 : Plats of U. S. Surveys: 1903-1958
Includes homestead claims of: Pacific Cold Storage Company, other claims have names written in pencil – mostly illegible.

11. [Sitka District] Homestead Entry Survey Plats; T. & M Act [1915-1929].
Plats of U. S. Surveys: 20 leaves
Field Notes of Surveys: 10 (loose reports inside front cover)
Includes homestead claims of: Martin M. Ravenkilde, Trade and Manufacturing – Buchan & Heinen Packing Company, Deep Sea Salmon Company, Thomas Riley, Vincent Soboleff, D. J. Hardin, Joseph Toy, Shorty Hopson, Joe Neidermyer, Gustaf Marth (Mark), R.H. Abbott, Ira F.M. Bailey, Frank F. Wheeler, Charles Anderson, Nels Knudsen

STATUS AND SETTLEMENT ATLASES

12. Status Office Copy: 4 : Land Status Maps of Tongass; includes one list of Special Use Cases (status)
13. Tongass June 11 Applications : Craig Atlas and District Sheets
Status and settlement of the Craig Ranger District [1909 - 1931]
Chacon, Coronation, Craig, Forrester, Port Walter, Sumner, Kasaan, Dist. Sheets.
14. Craig Atlas and District Sheets contents: blue line copies of charts, 1919-1921
Admiralty, Alek, Bradfield, Chilkat, Duke, Endicott, Hooniah, Juneau, Kasaan, Ketchikan, Klag Bay, Pt. Walters, Rudyerd, Sitka, Spencer, Sumdum, Sumner, Tagish, Taku, Tongass, Unuk, Whale Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat
15. Settlements : contents: blue line copies of charts, 1919-1922
Admiralty, Bradfield, Chilkat, Endicott, Hooniah [Hoonah], Juneau, Klag Bay, Lituya, Pt. Walter, Sitka, Spencer, Sumdum, Sumner, Tagish, Taku, Whale Bay, Wrangell
16. Status : contents: blue line copies of charts, 1919-1922
Admiralty, Alek, Bradfield, Chacon, Chilkat, Coronation, Craig, Duke, Endicott, Forrester, Hooniah, Juneau, Kasaan, Ketchikan, Klag Bay, Pt. Walter, Rudyerd, Sitka, Spencer, Sumdum, Sumner, Tagish, Taku, Tongass, Unuk, Whale Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat
17. Settlement and Status Record: Sitka District : Settlement Application records: list and maps [1912 – 1930]
Admiralty, Klag Bay, Pt. Walter, Sitka, Whale Bay, District Sheets
18. [no cover title] [“Status” A-Z]
contents: blue line copies of charts, 1919-1930
Admiralty, Bradfield, Chilkat, Endicott, Hooniah [Hoonah], Juneau, Klag Bay, Lituya, Pt. Walter, Sitka, Spencer, Sumdum, Sumner, Tagish, Taku, Whale Bay, Wrangell

“U PLANS”

19. U Plans, North Tongass (C) Recreation; Juneau Unit Plan, 1958
20. Petersburg Division Recreation Plan; U Plans, Tongass (P), Recreation Plan; 1929 - 1950
21. Glacier Highway Development Plan - 1 1935

22. Status Sheets for Cameron-Zellerbach Pulp Timber Sales Areas: [1932 latest entry]
23. Sales - R-8 - Tongass; Ketchikan Pulp Timber Unit, Zellerbach Corporation, Application (MAPs), Received December 4, 1930; blue-line maps with notations

MISCELLANEOUS ATLASES

- 24-26. [no notes on cover] : 3 v. map set in soft black covers: show Allotments A, E and F