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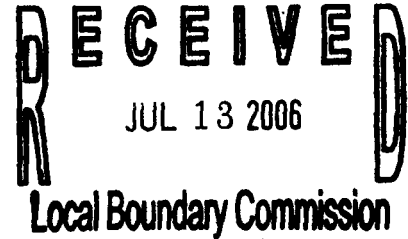
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Local Boundary Commission  
550 West Seventh Avenue  
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Re: Notice of Filing of Petition for Incorporation  
Of the City and Borough of Wrangell

I am writing in response to your Public Notice regarding the filing of a petition for the incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW). I have reviewed the notice and offer the following comments.

The boundary for the proposed CBW includes portions of the Cleveland Peninsula. As shown by the map included with your Public Notice, the proposed CBW boundary would run south down the middle of the peninsula and effectively divide it in half lengthwise. Splitting the Cleveland Peninsula in this fashion will result in a portion of the Ketchikan – Misty Fiords Ranger District (KMRD) being included within the CBW.

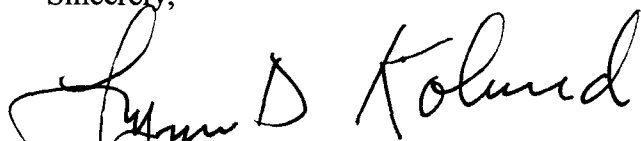
The Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) recently filed a petition to expand its boundary. The proposed KGB expansion would create a larger borough whose boundaries mirror the boundaries of the KMRD, with the exception of the temporarily excluded area near Hyder, Alaska. Exhibit C of the KGB's Annexation Petition visually depicts the KMRD boundary. I am enclosing a copy for your reference. If the KGB's proposed boundary on the Cleveland Peninsula is used, the result will be that all of the within the KMRD in that are will be in the expanded KGB and all of the land with in the Wrangell Ranger District will be within the new CBW.

From the Forest Service perspective, I believe it would facilitate administrative responsibilities if proposed borough boundaries on the Cleveland Peninsula matched those of the Tongass National Forest ranger districts. Similar management boundaries will help avoid confusion between the ranger districts of the Tongass National Forest and the proposed boroughs. Furthermore, the offices and staff of both the KMRD and the KGB are located in Ketchikan. The same is true of the Wrangell Ranger District and the proposed CBW. The proximity of these organizations to one another will result in a savings of time and travel on matters that mutually affect them.



In conclusion, we recommend that the boundary for the proposed CBW be modified to remove the portions of the Cleveland Peninsula that are within the KMRD. If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact Vernon Keller, Realty Specialist, at (907) 228-4129 or [vkeller@fs.fed.us](mailto:vkeller@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn D. Kolund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

LYNN D. KOLUND  
District Ranger

### EXHIBIT C MAPS AND PLATS

A map showing the existing boundaries of the Borough and the boundaries of the area proposed for annexation are presented in this Exhibit.

