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Local Boundary Commission
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Re: Notice of proposed amendment to Wrangell Borough Incorporation Petition

I am writing in support of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development findings and recommendations to include a 191-square-mile area encompassing Meyers Chuck and Union Bay in Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) rather than the proposed Wrangell borough. I understand the proposed amendment to the City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) petition excludes this 191-square-mile area.

As noted in my comment letter to the initial petition, the inclusion of this area to KGB will better facilitate administrative responsibilities since the boundaries would follow Tongass National Forest ranger district boundaries. Staff offices for both KGB and Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District and CBW and Wrangell Ranger District are located in the same town resulting in more efficient and economical benefits.

I fully support this amendment. If you have any questions or comment, please feel free to contact Jeannie Blackmore, Natural Resource Specialist-Lands, at (907) 228-4120 or jblackmore@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

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