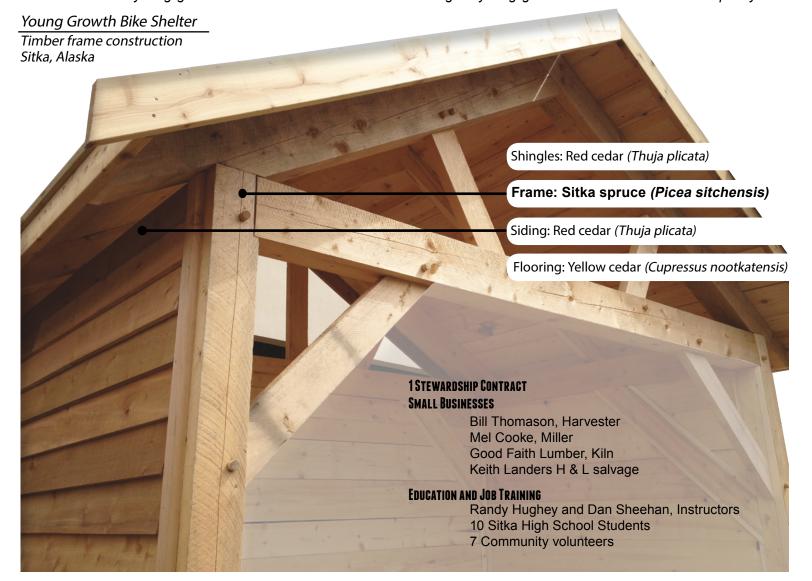


TONGASS YOUNG TRANSITION FRAMEWORK IN ACTION

Tongass young-growth timber has the opportunity to provide quality wood products while improving the social, economic and environmental sustainability of our region. As local knowledge, infrastructure, and capacity adapt and grow, the key to successfully developing this market is striking a balance between what an environmentally healthy, sustainable harvest rotation can supply, and in finding markets for 2nd growth products.

> The focus on Tongass young-growth is a key tenet of the Tongass Transition, a management framework put forward by the US Forest Service to develop and diversify the Southeast Alaska economy. This means creating access to, evaluating, and promoting young-growth timber an effort to rapidly transition away from old growth. The transition also seeks to grow a local, appropriately scaled timber industry that is sustainable, fosters local capacity, creates jobs, and keeps regional dollars in the Southeast.

SCS has partnered with multiple community groups and volunteers to make use of the National Forest Foundation's (NFF) Community Capacity and Land Stewardship (CCLS) program and develop community projects that highlight young-growth timber. In 2013, a bike shelter was constructed with younggrowth Sitka spruce as the framing material. This project allowed participants to be innovative and explore various use of young-growth timber and is one the first times Tongass young-growth has been used in this capacity.



TONGASS YOUNG GROWTH

