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I can appreciate the desire of the City of Hoonah to provide additional services for their residents and that a geographic expansion by establishing a Borough may be the best way to provide an additional tax base to pay for those services. The City of Hoonah should expand the boundaries of their city limits within their roaded area so they can provide the necessary services to their residents.

The vast area to be included in this proposal with is mostly under the Federal governments control and will recieve no benefit to being included in the new Borough, nor provide much, if any, revenue to the proposed Xunaa Borough. Those residents and businesses in the proposed expansion area will very likely receive no services for their taxes.

I am a property owner (Idaho Inlet) in the area proposed to be included in the new Xunaa Borough and have been a part-time, seasonal "resident" there for over 55 years. Since retirement, I have begun spending even more time at this remote, isolated area.

As proposed, the new Borough will have little effect on me. However, I have been around government for decades and understand the tendency of government and programs to grow. Once new services exceed sales tax revenue, the governing body will look to existing property owners to support paying for services.

In reviewing the boundaries of the current proposed Xunaa Borough I would like to highlight the carve outs of Pelican, Tenekee and Gustavus but not Elfin Cove. I am opposed to Elfin Cove being included in the Xunaa Borough.

I'm not sure what services the proposed Borough could provide me in Idaho Inlet that wouldn't be extremely costly and a low priority for the Xunaa Borough. Considering the vast area proposed to be include in the new borough, providing any services outside of the existing road system would be impractical.

The City of Hoonah should expand the boundaries of their city limits within their roaded area and leave boroughization to the state legislature.

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