

MANAGEMENT UNIT 21: Tazlina

Background

This management unit consists of state-owned land near Tazlina. Management subunit 21A lies west of the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Management subunit 21C includes numerous past state land offerings. Subunit 21D lies east of the Copper River and is within the boundary of the Wrangell - St. Elias National Preserve.

Management Intent

Management Subunit 21A. This area may be offered for private ownership under agricultural homestead or small project agriculture programs. If all or part of the area is not suitable for agriculture, land can be offered under the nonagricultural settlement programs. The land offering will require that public access across the pipeline be allowed and a suitable crossing constructed. Estimated net land offering in subunit 21A would be 3,000 acres.

Management Subunit 21B. The state land along the Tazlina River will be retained in public ownership for multiple use. Primary surface uses to be managed for are public recreation, wildlife habitat, and forestry. Most of the subunit will remain open to mineral entry except the TAPS line right-of-way.

Management Subunit 21C. This subunit includes areas of past state land offerings. Lots that were previously offered, but are unsold, or lots that revert to state ownership (such as through foreclosure) can be reoffered for private ownership. The remaining small parcels previously classified for retention will not change and will be managed according to the guidelines of the Copper River Basin Area Plan.

Management Unit 21D. This subunit is state-owned land across the Copper River from Tazlina that will be retained in state ownership and managed for multiple use. The area remains open to mineral entry. The land in this subunit has potential for agriculture, settlement, forestry, and wildlife habitat. Resource Management has been designated the subunit's primary use because of the difficulty of access across the river for any resource development and the lack of demand for these resources in the foreseeable future. Under this designation, the land will be retained and managed for multiple use in the near term and be evaluated for more intensive management or land offering in the future. Land adjacent to the Copper River will be retained in public ownership and managed for public recreation (including camping) and wildlife habitat. This is the largest of two parcels of public land that abut the Copper River from Indian River to below Chitina.

Management Guidelines

Gravel Pits. Existing gravel pits and areas identified on the management unit map as having high potential will be retained in public ownership.

The complete set of management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2. Any of the guidelines could apply to uses within this management unit; however, guidelines that are most likely to apply are:

- Agriculture
- Fish and wildlife habitat
- Settlement

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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SUBUNIT	LAND OWNERSHIP (GENERALIZED)	LAND USE DESIGNATIONS				PROHIBITED SURFACE USE(S)*	COMMENTS
		SURFACE		SUBSURFACE			
		PRIMARY USE(S)	SECONDARY USE(S)	LOCATABLE MINERALS	LEASEABLE MINERALS		
21A	State	Agriculture	Forestry Settlement	Open to mineral entry, disposal area closed before offering	Available for leasing	Remote cabins Trapping cabins	Estimated net land offerings - 3,000 acres
21B	State	Forestry, Public recreation, Wildlife habitat		Open to mineral entry except TAPS right-of-way	Available for leasing	Land offerings Remote cabins	
21C	Past state disposals, private	Settlement	Forestry	Closed to mineral entry	Available for leasing	Remote cabins Trapping cabins	
21D	State	Resource management, high value		Open to mineral entry	Available for leasing	Land offerings Remote cabins	Across Copper River

* Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits, that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management intent statement, the management guidelines of this unit, and the relevant management guidelines listed in Chapter 2.

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RESOURCE INFORMATION SUMMARY

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RESOURCE	SUBUNIT			
	21A	21B	21C	21D
Agriculture	moderate	moderate	unsuitable	variable low - high
Fish	none docum.	salmon - s/r steelhead - s	salmon - s/r steelhead - s	salmon - s/r steelhead - s
Forestry	high to moderate conif.	high to moderate conif.	high to moderate conif.	high
Historic-Cultural	unknown	unknown	high at confluence of Tazlina & Copper Rivers	high in area of confluence of Tazlina & Copper Rivers
Minerals	outside of known mineral terranes	outside of known mineral terranes	outside of known mineral terranes	outside of known mineral terranes
Oil and Gas	low	low	low	low
Recreation	low	high at Tazlina River; floating	high along Copper River; floating	high along Copper River
Sand and Gravel	none ident.	none ident.	existing site and potential areas	none ident.
Settlement Suitability	low to moderate	low to moderate	variable	low, high
Transportation	none - west of TAPS line	Tazlina River, navigable	Tazlina River and Copper River navigable. Richardson Hwy.	land is east of Copper River, navigable
Wildlife	B-2 habitat	A-2 habitat - moose, caribou; B-1 - habitat	A-2 habitat - moose, caribou	A-2 habitat - moose, caribou; B-2 habitat

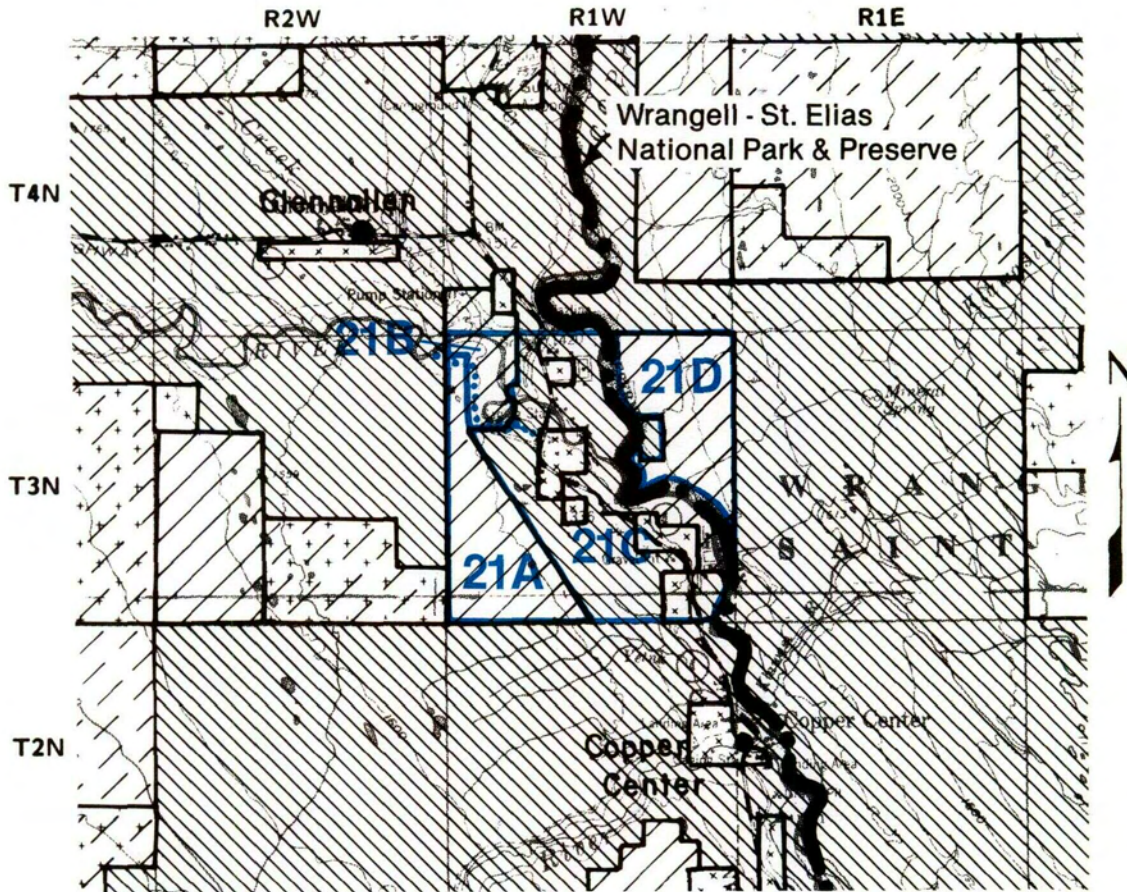
Important trails:

Subunit 21A and B: road [with 17(b) easement reserved] runs from Richardson Hwy. to TAPS line and Tazlina River; pipeline can only be crossed by snowmachines, pedestrians

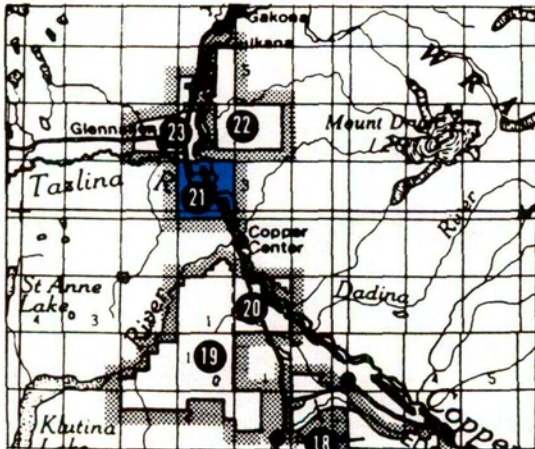
For definitions of ratings, see glossary. For more detailed information on any resources, see resource elements published under separate cover.

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





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Location Map



U.S.G.S. Quads:
Gulkana
Valdez
Map scale:
1:250,000

-  State Owned
-  State Selected
-  Native/Private Owned
-  Native Selected
-  Federal
-  Public easements to state land - ANCSA 17(b)

Map shows approximate location of easements to state land and major trails across state land. Portions of trails may cross private lands. See appendix D.