

# USE OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND BOROUGH LAND BANK DESIGNATIONS

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## 1. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**A. Resource Management – High Value** This designation is used when land has all four of the following characteristics:

1. Significant existing or potential value for more than one land use when the uses are not compatible and one or more of the potential uses requires land disposal (i.e., settlement or agriculture);
2. Inadequate existing information to establish the highest values of the land for the long term;
3. No existing road access, nor likelihood of access being developed in the next 5 to 10 years. Accessible lands are defined as those within 5 miles of roads that can be traveled by 4-wheel drive vehicles; and
4. Resource development (e.g., farm development, timber harvests, habitat enhancement) is unlikely in the next 5 to 10 years.

**B. Resource Management – Low Value** This designation is used for lands with no significant existing or potential resource values for either public use or private development. Examples of this category include mountaintops, ice fields and large wetlands with little hydrological or habitat values.

Under a resource management designation, lands will be available for public use in the near term, provided that the uses are not detrimental to the potential long term uses identified when the resource management classification was established. For example, timber may be harvested from potential agricultural areas designated resource management as long as the agricultural potential is not diminished.

Resource management designations will be reevaluated either:

- 1) When plans are reviewed (at least every 5 years); or,
- 2) When conditions affecting the potential use of the area change, for example, when road access is improved or when better information is available on the benefits/costs of a possible use.

Reevaluation will be done through an interagency planning team, and with public review.

NOTE: in areas where retention values are high and where there is low potential for settlement or agricultural use, or where retention values are known to be greater than potential disposal values, land generally is designated for retention rather than resource management.

## 2. BOROUGH LAND BANK

Most Matanuska-Susitna or Kenai Peninsula Borough lands will be designated by the plan "borough land bank." This category signifies that an area will be retained in borough ownership at least in the near term and managed for various public uses (public recreation, forestry, etc.). In the long term, however, many of these areas may be used for settlement or agriculture. Lands in this category are not committed to either long term retention or near term sales.