
2. MANAGEMENT INTENT AND GUIDELINES BY MANAGEMENT UNIT

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1 – SUSITNA GAME FLATS

MANAGEMENT INTENT

Management Unit 1 is made up entirely of land within the Susitna Game Flats which was legislatively established as a state game refuge in 1976. Fish and wildlife habitat and activities such as waterfowl nesting, feeding and migration; moose calving areas; spring and fall bear feeding areas; and salmon spawning and rearing habitats all are protected under the refuge designation. Public uses such as waterfowl, moose and bear hunting; wildlife viewing; photography; and general public recreation are permitted. Access into the game flats is by boat or plane or from the east via a winter ice road which crosses the Susitna River and traverses the southern portion of the refuge. Access from the southeast is provided by a four-season gravel road which runs from an airstrip near the Beluga Power Plant across the Beluga and Theodore rivers to the edge of the Lewis River. The Game Flats are open to mineral entry under leasehold location.

Although there are no plans for construction, a right-of-way has been established for a road or rail extension from the railbelt east of the Susitna River through this management unit into the Beluga subregion. The right-of-way travels along the northern boundary of the management unit and would link the existing road system with potential coal development in the Beluga area. This route is intended to link the townsite or work camp that would accompany coal development with the Palmer-Anchorage area. It would not be used to transport coal. Coal would be shipped to markets directly from the Beluga area.

For specific allowable uses within the game refuge boundary, see "The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge Management Plan," Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 1980, and Alaska Statutes 16.20.036(a).

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

SUBREGION Mt. Susitna

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1 - Susitna Game Flats

SUBUNIT	LAND OWNERSHIP (GENERALIZED)	LAND USE DESIGNATIONS				PROHIBITED SURFACE USE(S)*	COMMENTS
		SURFACE		SUBSURFACE			
		PRIMARY USE(S)	SECONDARY USE(S)	LOCATABLE MINERALS	LEASEABLE MINERALS		
1 Susitna Game Flats	State	See management plan (reference at right.)		Leasehold Location	Not available for coal leasing or prospecting	Land Disposals Remote Cabins	Legislatively designated state game refuge (AS. 16.20.036(a)). For additional information see "The Susitna Game Flats State Refuge Management Plan," ADF&G) 1980

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