

## MANAGEMENT UNIT 11 – GOOSE CREEK

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### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**Management Unit 11** encompasses land from the Parks Highway near Goose Creek north and east approximately six miles and includes portions of Goose Creek. The unit is primarily public land and will be managed to support a variety of public uses. All public lands in this unit are available for oil and gas leasing. It will remain open to mineral location except along Goose Creek and be available for coal leasing.

This management unit has not been divided into subunits. See the maps at the end of this section for boundaries of these areas and the accompanying chart for a summary of land uses in each subunit.

Land in the west of the management unit near Goose Creek is fairly wet, whereas land upland and to the east has potential for forestry and settlement in addition to recreation and fish and wildlife. All land will be retained in public ownership and managed to protect public values, primarily forestry and wildlife habitat. This unit is an important part of the east-west corridor of public land (described previously in the management summary section of this subregion) between the Talkeetna Mountains and the Susitna River.

### MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The complete set of areawide management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2 of this plan. All of the guidelines potentially apply to uses within the management unit; however, those that are most likely to be applicable in this unit are indicated with asterisks in the list below.

- \*Agriculture
- \*Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- \*Forestry
- \*Recreation
  - Settlement
  - Subsurface
  - Transportation
- \*Instream Flow
  - Lakeshore Management
- \*Public Access
  - Remote Cabin Permits
- \*Stream Corridors
- \*Trail Management
- \*Wetlands Management
  - Resource Management

Management guidelines that apply to this management unit only are presented below.

### Grazing

The majority of this unit is closed to grazing to protect important moose habitat areas. The two sections in the eastern portion which remain open to grazing are T23N R4W S.M. section 1, and T24N R4W S.M. section 36.

### Scenic Highways

The study *Scenic Resources along the Parks Highway* (ADNR, 1981) should be consulted for additional information on scenic resources whenever planning occurs for management activities which are likely to significantly affect visual quality along the Parks Highways.

### Mining

Public lands within 300' of Goose Creek will be closed to mineral entry. The closure is intended to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in Goose Creek.

# LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

SUBREGION South Parks Highway

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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		
11 Goose Creek	State/ Borough	Forestry Wildlife Habitat	Public Rec.	Open except along Goose Creek (see mgmt. guide- lines)	Available for leasing	Land Disposals Remote Cabins Portions closed to grazing-- see guidelines	

\*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.