

MANAGEMENT UNIT 14 – 197 MILE CREEK

MANAGEMENT INTENT

This unit is in the southwest corner of the subregion and extends south from Caswell Creek to near Little Willow Creek and east from the Susitna River approximately five miles. It is mostly public land with a small amount of private land. It also encompasses portions of Caswell Creek and the Kashwitna River, including their mouths, plus approximately five miles of the Parks Highway. The unit provides year-round moose habitat and protects especially important moose winter habitat along the Susitna River. Streams in the area support anadromous fish. The area receives a lot of hunting and fishing pressure in addition to other recreational uses. All public lands in this unit are available for oil and gas leasing. Public lands in this unit also will remain open to mineral location and be available for coal leasing.

The unit is divided into two subunits: primarily borough land (14a), and remaining state land encompassing a portion of the Kashwitna River corridor near its confluence with the Susitna River (14b). 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.

Subunit 14a has values for settlement, forestry, recreation and fish and wildlife habitat. It will be designated borough land bank. The area is accessible by means of the Parks Highway and Alaska Railroad, but it is unlikely it will be offered for sale in the near term.

Subunit 14b is mostly state land which abuts the Susitna River and encompasses a three mile stretch of the Kashwitna River. The Parks Highway and Alaska Railroad also run through this subunit. Because of the high values for fish and wildlife habitat and recreation associated with the river corridors this subunit will be retained in public ownership and managed to protect habitat, recreation and water resources. It is recommended that private land at mile 82 at the confluence of the Kashwitna and Susitna rivers be purchased to provide a public boat launch and parking facilities.

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 by subunit.

Subunits 14a and 14b (Caswell Creek and Kashwitna Corridor)

Access

Public access from the Parks Highway to fish and wildlife and recreation use areas should be improved. Purchase of private land from willing sellers should be considered.

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 Highway.

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		
14a Caswell Creek	Borough	Borough Land Bank— Values: Forestry, Public Recreation, Settlement, Wildlife Habitat		Open	Available for leasing		
14b Kashwitna Corridor	State	Public Recreation Water Resources Wildlife Habitat	Forestry	Open	Available for leasing	Remote Cabins Grazing Land Disposals	

*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.

LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

South Parks Hwy.

Designations in CAPITAL LETTERS are primary designations; those in lower case letters are secondary designations; areas shown with stars ★ are proposed for legislative or administrative designation. Statements in *italics*, indicate whether areas are open or closed to mineral location and coal leasing; all areas are available for oil and gas leasing.

MGT. UNIT 1 – GOLD CREEK

- 1a SETTLEMENT; public rec., wildlife hab.;
Closed Prior to Disposal
- 1b SETTLEMENT (past remote parcel offering);
public recreation, wildlife habitat; *Closed*
- 1c RESERVED USE; *Closed*
- 1d PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry; *Open*
- 1e SETTLEMENT; public rec., wildlife hab.;
Closed Prior to Disposal
- 1f BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values: Forestry,
Public Rec., Settlement, Wildlife Hab.; *Open*
- 1g PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Open
- 1h AK RAILROAD LAND – not available for
public use

MGT. UNIT 2 – SUSITNA/CHULITNA RIVERS

- 2 FORESTRY, PUBLIC REC., WATER
RESOURCES, WILDLIFE HAB.; *Partially Open*

MGT. UNIT 3 – WHISKERS CREEK

- 3a PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Open
- 3b BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values: Agric.,
Forestry Public Rec., Settlement, Wildlife
Hab.; *Open*
- 3c SETTLEMENT; forestry, public rec., wildlife
hab.; *Closed Prior to Disposal*

MGT. UNIT 4 – CHASE

- 4a PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Open
- 4b BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values:
Agriculture, Forestry, Public Recreation,
Settlement, Wildlife Habitat; *Open*
- 4c AGRICULTURE (past sale); forestry, wildlife
habitat; *Closed*
- 4d SETTLEMENT (past remote parcel offering);
forestry, wildlife habitat; *Closed*
- 4e SETTLEMENT; public rec., wildlife hab.;
Closed Prior to Disposal
- 4f PUBLIC REC., WATER RESOURCES,
WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry; *Closed*
- 4g MINERALS, PUBLIC REC., WATER
RESOURCES, WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry; *Open*

MGT. UNIT 5 – LARSON LAKE

- 5a SETTLEMENT (existing subdivision); forestry,
public rec., wildlife hab.; *Closed*
- ★5b PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Closed
- 5c SETTLEMENT; forestry, public recreation,
wildlife habitat; *Closed Prior to Disposal*
- 5d BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values: Agric.,
Forestry, Public Rec., Settlement, Wildlife
Habitat; *Open*

MGT. UNIT 6 – UPPER TALKEETNA RIVER

- ★6a PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Closed
- 6b PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry; *Open*

MGT. UNIT 7 – BALD MOUNTAIN

- 7a SETTLEMENT; forestry, wildlife hab.; *Closed
Prior to Disposal*
- 7b SETTLEMENT (past remote parcel and subd.
offerings); forestry, public recreation, wildlife
habitat; *Closed*
- 7c SETTLEMENT; forestry, wildlife hab.; *Closed
Prior to Disposal*
- 7d PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; *Open*
- 7e SETTLEMENT; public rec., wildlife hab.;
Closed Prior to Disposal

MGT. UNIT 8 – BARTLETT HILLS

- 8a AGRICULTURE (past sales); forestry, public
rec., wildlife hab.; *Closed*
- 8b PRIMARILY PRIVATE LAND (Native)
- 8c SETTLEMENT (existing subdivisions); forestry,
public rec., wildlife hab.; *Closed*

MGT. UNIT 9 – TALKEETNA

- 9a PRIVATE/BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values:
Agriculture, Forestry, Public Rec., Settlement,
Wildlife Habitat; *Open*
- 9b PRIMARILY PRIVATE LAND (Native)
- 9c PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Open
- 9d PRIMARILY PRIVATE LAND

MGT. UNIT 10 – MONTANA CREEK

- 10a PRIMARILY PRIVATE LAND
- 10b PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.; forestry;
Open Except along Sheep Creek

MGT. UNIT 11 – GOOSE CREEK

- 11 FORESTRY, WILDLIFE HAB.; public rec.;
Open Except along Goose Creek

MGT. UNIT 12 – KASHWITNA STATE FOREST

- ★12a FORESTRY, WILDLIFE HAB.; public rec.;
Open
- ★12b FORESTRY, PUBLIC REC., WILDLIFE HAB.;
Open
- ★12c FORESTRY, WILDLIFE HAB.; public rec.;
Open

MGT. UNIT 13 – CASWELL CREEK

- 13a PRIMARILY PRIVATE LAND (Native and
other private)
- 13b AGRICULTURE; public rec., wildlife hab.;
Closed Prior to Disposal

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- 14a BOROUGH LAND BANK – Values: Forestry,
Public Rec., Settlement, Wildlife Hab.; *Open*
- 14b PUBLIC REC., WATER RESOURCES,
WILDLIFE HABITAT; forestry; *Open*