

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 – SUSITNA-CHULITNA RIVERS

MANAGEMENT INTENT

This unit is completely in public ownership and consists of those portions of the Susitna and Chulitna Rivers and immediately adjacent land within the South Parks Highway Subregion. All private land immediately surrounding Talkeetna is excluded from this unit; the private land is included in subunit 9d. Two small sites adjacent to the corridor are included in the unit to provide public access points—one encompasses a portion of Sheep Creek Slough, and the other is approximately two miles northwest of the Talkeetna Spur Road and provides access to the river from the Parks Highway. This management unit has not been divided into subunits because the entire area will be managed similarly. It will be retained in public ownership and managed for forestry, recreation, and protection of fish and wildlife and water resources. 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, except along Sheep, Goose, and Montana Creeks, and be available for coal leasing. See the maps at the end of this section for boundaries of the unit and the accompanying chart for a summary of land uses.

Mining

Public lands within 300' of Sheep, Goose, or Montana Creek will be closed to mineral location. The closure is intended to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in some of the most important tributaries to 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
- *Instream Flow
- *Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- Lakeshore Management
- *Forestry
- Public Access
- *Recreation
- Remote Cabin Permits
- Settlement
- *Stream Corridors
- Subsurface
- Trail Management
- Transportation
- Wetlands Management
- Resource Management

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

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		
2 Susitna/ Chulitna Rivers	State/ Borough	Forestry Water Resources Wildlife Habitat Public Recreation	—	Open except along Sheep, Goose, and Montana Cks. (see mgmt. guidelines)	Available for leasing	Trapper Cabins Remote Cabins Land Disposals Grazing	

*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.