

2g. Lower Moose Creek Subunit

Background

MILES OF RIVER/RIVER CHARACTERISTICS, RM 29.8 to RM 54.2

This subunit extends from the junction of Moose and Kroto creeks to the southern-most private parcel on Moose Creek. The water column is 40 to 125 feet wide. The terrain is rolling, contiguous wetlands cover about half of the subunit.

LAND OWNERSHIP

State	12,055 acres
Total	12,055 acres

WILDLIFE

Neither active bald eagle nor trumpeter swan nests have been sighted in recent surveys of this subunit.

CAMPING

The following undeveloped campsites were identified in the subunit:

Primary campsites	none
Secondary campsites	80
Marginal campsites	8

DEVELOPMENT

There is no private land within this subunit. There is one unauthorized A-frame cabin along the river.

ACCESS

Several off-road vehicle trails access the upper subunit from Oilwell Road. Other off-road vehicle trails near RM 25 link up with seismic lines crossing Kroto Creek. Several seismic lines on Moose Creek are used in the winter. Most of the boat traffic is from canoes or rafts, although small powerboats are occasionally used.

Management Intent

Class I. Because of extensive wetlands and the relatively remote location of this subunit, it is visited primarily by floaters in summer and snow travelers in winter. This subunit also features fishing, hunting, and camping opportunities. Although the subunit contains salmon spawning habitat, fishing for king salmon is prohibited. Rainbow trout fishing is catch-and-release only. Powerboat navigation becomes marginal due to low water levels later in the summer. In winter, the subunit features snowmachine and dogmushing trails. There is no private land in the subunit

The subunit will be managed to provide and enhance these recreation opportunities, the primitive quality of the area, and fish and wildlife habitat. Maintaining an essentially unmodified natural environment will be the focus of management. Maintaining public use sites is a high priority. The lower part of the subunit will be managed to provide non-motorized opportunities during the fishing season. Opportunities for harvesting king salmon should be provided by the Board of Fisheries in the lower part of this subunit.

Management Guidelines

Boating Restrictions. See management guidelines for the Deshka River Management Unit in this chapter.

Unauthorized Cabins. There is one unauthorized cabin on the river in this subunit. It was built by the US Air Force, is visible from the

river, and is in poor condition. DNR should take appropriate actions to have it removed. Also see Chapter 2, Unauthorized Cabins.

Fishing Regulations. See *Other Recommendations, Fishing Regulations* in Chapter 4.