

Welcome to



Northern Area Alaska State Parks Citizens Advisory Board

23rd Annual
INTERIOR ALASKA
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION BRIEFING

Jeremy Douse, Chair

AGENDA



- ◆ Overview of Northern Area
- ◆ Accomplishments 2013
- ◆ Challenges
- ◆ Board Recommendations (top 10)
- ◆ Comments & Discussion

ALASKA STATE PARKS NORTHERN AREA



OVERVIEW
2013

NORTHERN AREA STATE PARKS

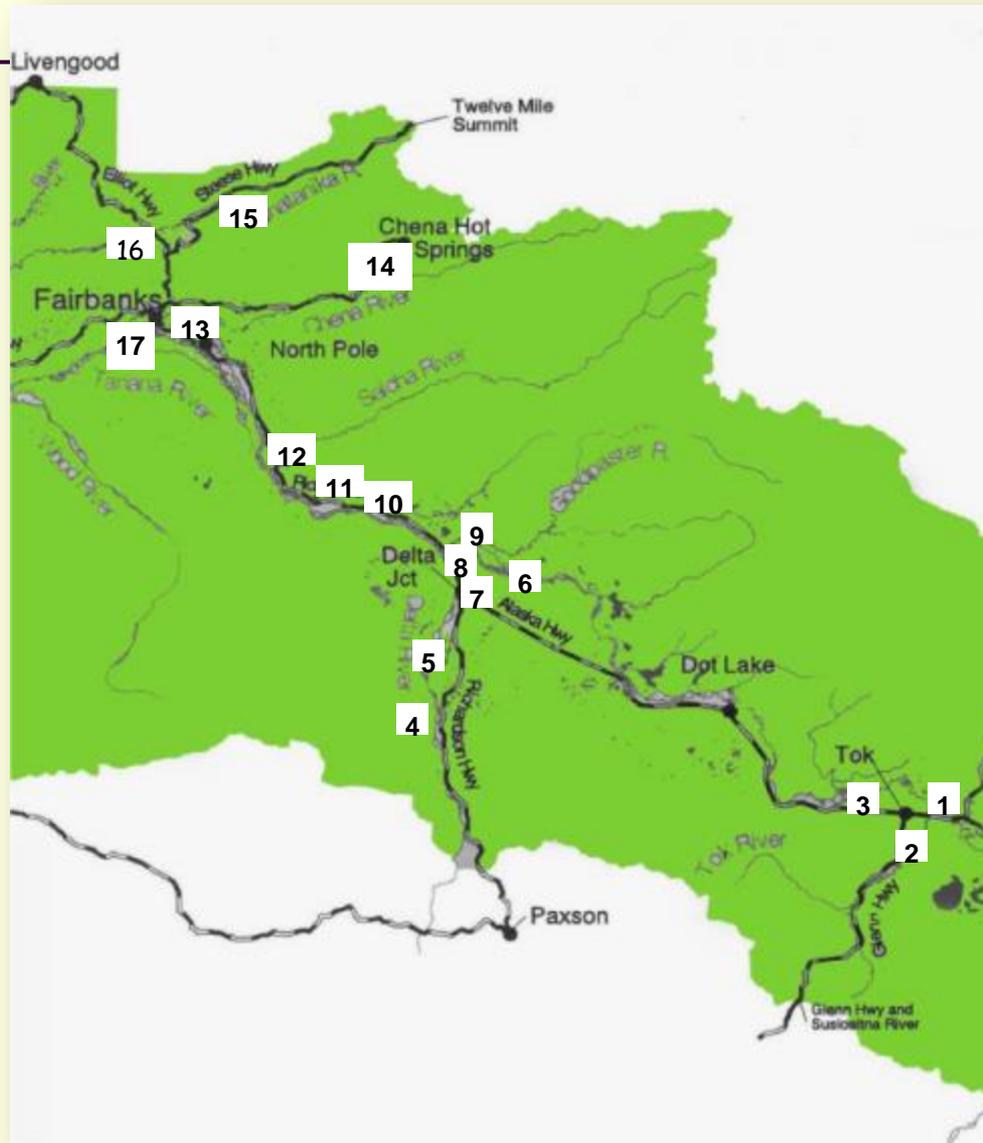


17 Park units:

- ◆ 11 Boat launches on 4 rivers and 6 lakes
- ◆ 20 Campgrounds with 560 campsites
- ◆ 13 Trailheads for 140 miles of maintained trail
- ◆ 13 Public Use Cabins
- ◆ 9 Ice-fishing Huts
- ◆ 9 Picnic pavilions and 108 picnic sites



NORTHERN AREA PARK UNITS



Location Map

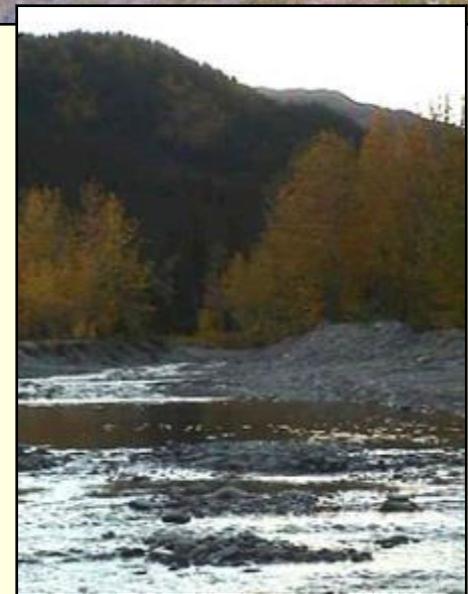
State Park Units

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| 1. Tok River SRS | 9. Quartz Lake SRA |
| 2. Eagle Trail SRS | 10. Birch Lake SRS |
| 3. Moon Lake SRS | 11. Harding Lake SRA |
| 4. Fielding Lake SRS | 12. Salcha River SRS |
| 5. Donnelly Creek SRS | 13. Chena River SRS |
| 6. Clearwater SRS | 14. Chena River SRA |
| 7. Delta SRS | 15. Upper Chatanika SRS |
| 8. Big Delta SHP | 16. Lower Chatanika SRA |
| | 17. Chena Pump Wayside |

TOK AREA~ MOON LAKE SRS



TOK AREA~ EAGLE TRAIL SRA



TOK AREA – TOK RIVER SRS



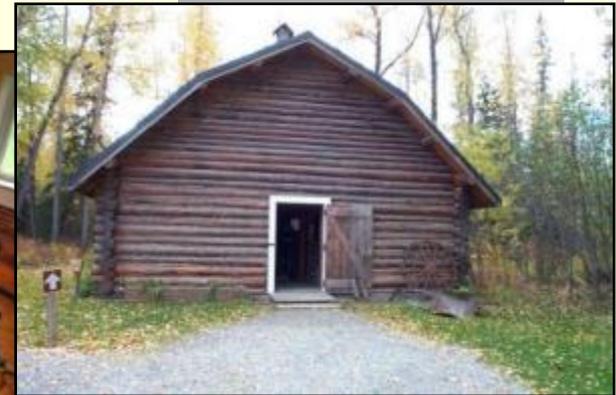
DELTA AREA – BIG DELTA SHP

RIKA'S ROADHOUSE



DELTA AREA – BIG DELTA SHP

14 HISTORIC STRUCTURES ON SITE





DELTA AREA – QUARTZ LAKE SRA



DELTA AREA – QUARTZ LAKE SRA



DELTA AREA – CLEARWATER SRS



DELTA AREA – FIELDING LAKE SRA



DELTA AREA – DONNELLY CREEK SRS



DELTA AREA – DELTA SRS



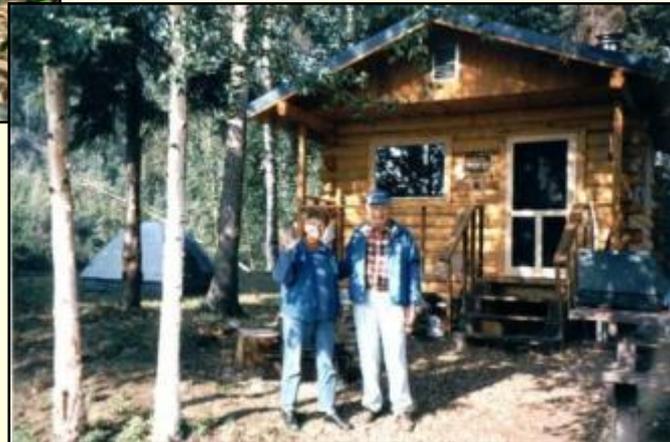
HARDING AREA – BIRCH LAKE SRS



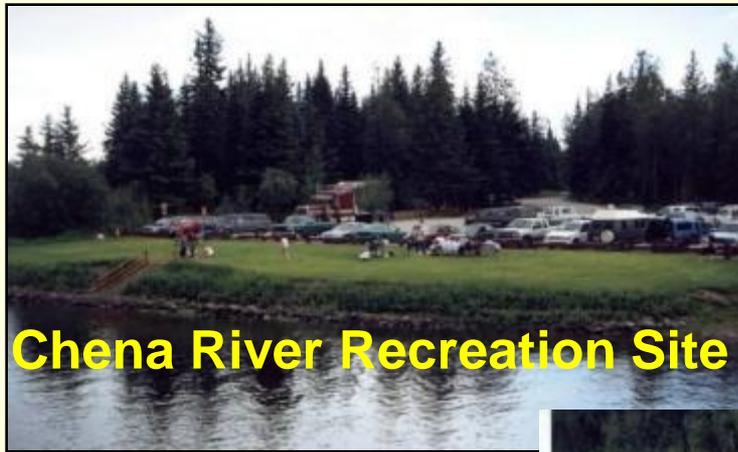
HARDING AREA – HARDING LAKE SRA



HARDING AREA- SALCHA RIVER SRS



FAIRBANKS AREA



CHENA RIVER SRA



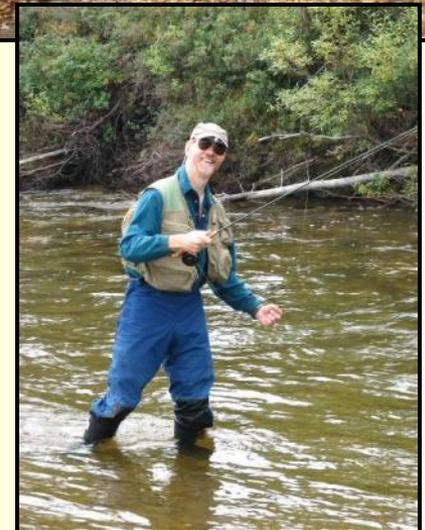
CHEENA RIVER SRA



CHENA RIVER SRA - SUMMER



ANGEL ROCKS	1.2M
ANGEL ROCKS LOOP	3.5M
CHENA HOT SPRINGS	8.7M



CHENA RIVER SRA- WINTER



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2013

Brooks Ludwig

January



First Day Hike
Quartz Lake SRA



MAINTENANCE

- Trail grooming
- Snow Plowing
- Outhouse, Cabins & Ice hut maintenance

PLANNING

- Contract negotiations
- Poems in Place
- Policy revisions

Law Enforcement

- 2 written warnings
- 41 Verbal warnings
- 3 Vandalism cases
- 11 Special use permits

February



Video production in CRSRA

STAFF

- Firearms instructor re-certification class
- Get Outdoors Alaska Workshop
- Recreation steering committee for the Chena River Summit
- Volunteer Recruitment

Law Enforcement

- 58 Verbals
- 4 Law Enf. assists
- 5 motorist assists
- 10 Special Use Permits

MARCH



CRSRA~Video's



Law Enforcement

- 4 Citations
- 9 Written Warnings
- 14 Verbals
- 4 Special Use Permits
- Archaeological Investigation

Tanana Middle School Career Day

APRIL



Funeral Service for AST
Hilo-1 Pilot Mel Nading
& Trooper Toll



Ice huts removal April 17th



Outdoor Show

Law Enforcement

- 4 Citations
- 9 Written Warnings
- 3 Special Use Permits
- 1 Fishing Guide Permit



Ranger L.E. Refresher

MAY



Delta Parks Office~
Open House



Re-opening of LCSRA



Spring cleaning

Law Enforcement

- 2 Citations
- 8 Written Warnings
- 8 Verbal Warnings
- 3 Motorist assists



State Parks resumes
management at BDSHP

JUNE



Trail Crew working on Mastodon Trail



SCA Crew clearing and hardening Mastodon Trail



Delta Pole Barn



BDSHP Kiosk

Law Enforcement

- 7 Citations
- 37 Written Warnings
- 90 Verbal Warnings
- 3 Motorist Assists
- Public Safety Trail Closure Angel Rocks
- Picnic Table Theft Investigation



JULY

VIP Picnic Quartz Lake SRA



TLC at Chena River PUC

Law Enforcement

- 2 Citations
- 23 Written Warnings
- 76 Verbal Warnings
- Assist AST with Pleasant Valley Evacuation



Mastodon Trail
work continued



New
Gates
@ DNR



Campsite Renovations-
Quartz Lake SRA



AUGUST



Stiles Creek Extension trail hardening



Kids Day @ Rika's



Eagle Scout Project
Hunt Memorial PUC



Bear Proof
cans~ Tok Area



TLC~Stiles Creek PUC



4 new toilets



TLC ~Birch Lake PUC

Law Enforcement

- 2 Citations
- 5 Written Warnings
- 6 Verbal Warnings
- Assist @ DNR booth Tanana Fair

October



DNR Pole Shed



Stiles Creek Extension- new alignment

- Prep winter equipment
- Inventory / surplus
- Grant Writing
- VIP Recruitment



UAF Career Day

November



PLANNING

- Snow Grooming Contract
- Request for Proposal~BDSHP
- Ranger Recruitment-Olnes
- Volunteer Training

OUTREACH

- Harding Lake Property Owners
- Snow Travelers
- Trout Unlimited



December



- Ice Houses on area lakes
- Trail clearing to cabins
- Plowing trailheads / access roads
- Contract Negotiations BDSHP
- UAF/BLM/FNSB Recreation Survey



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CHALLENGES

Judy Hicks

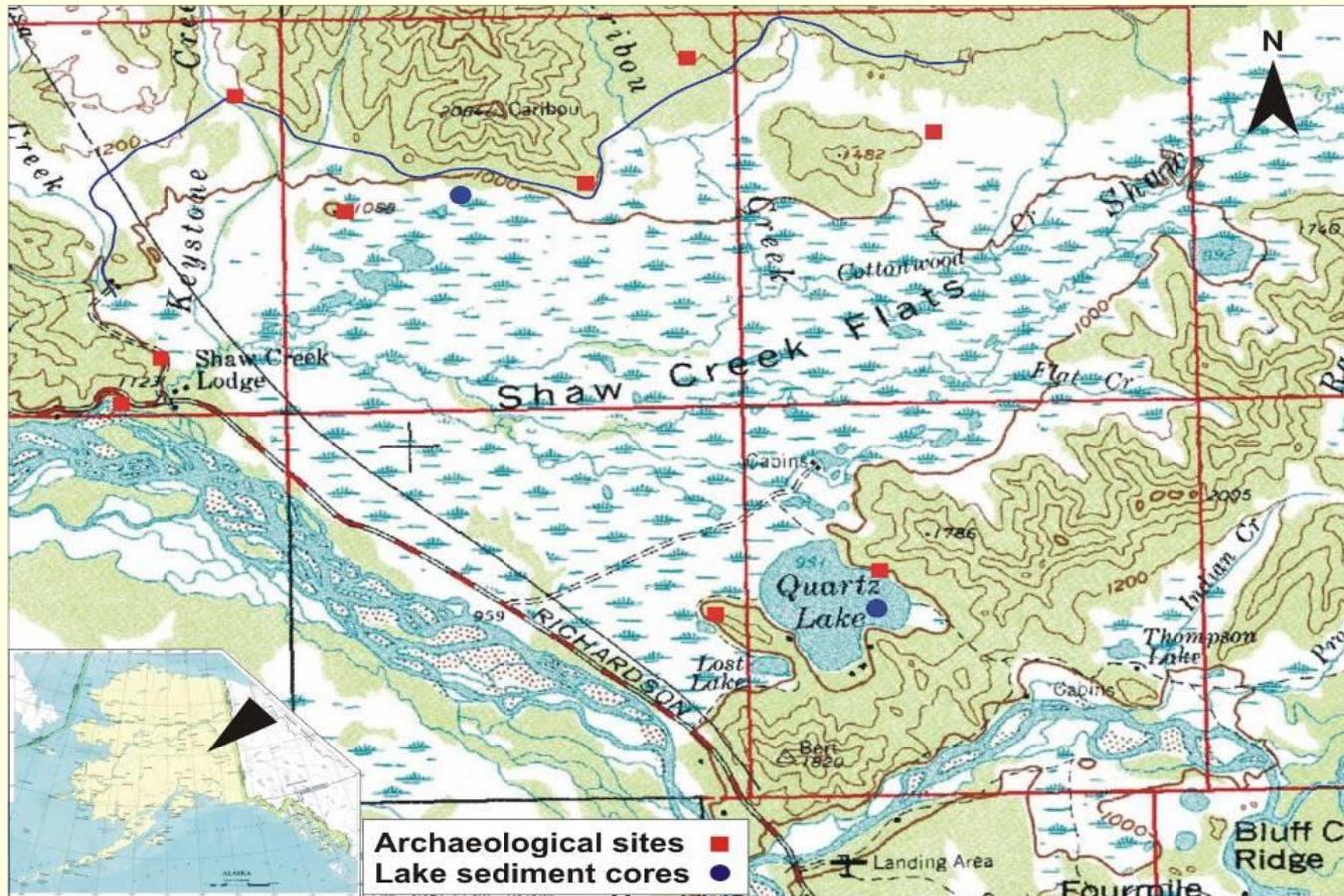
Lake Water Levels QUARTZ LAKE



Lake Water Levels HARDING LAKE



Research at Quartz Lake



Dave Klein professor emeritus UAF



Carol Gelvin-Reymiller and Josh Ruther at archaeological dig at Quartz Lake, 2010



Carol explaining the archaeological excavation process to students at Quartz Lake 2009

Research at Quartz Lake

UAF team sediment coring at Quartz Lake February 26-27, 2010



Research at Quartz Lake



Looking East with Quartz L. in the distance. Beaver Lake in foreground, when dammed by beavers in the past, allowed water from the Flats to flow to Quartz L. Note airboat trail at the marshy edge of the lake on the left.



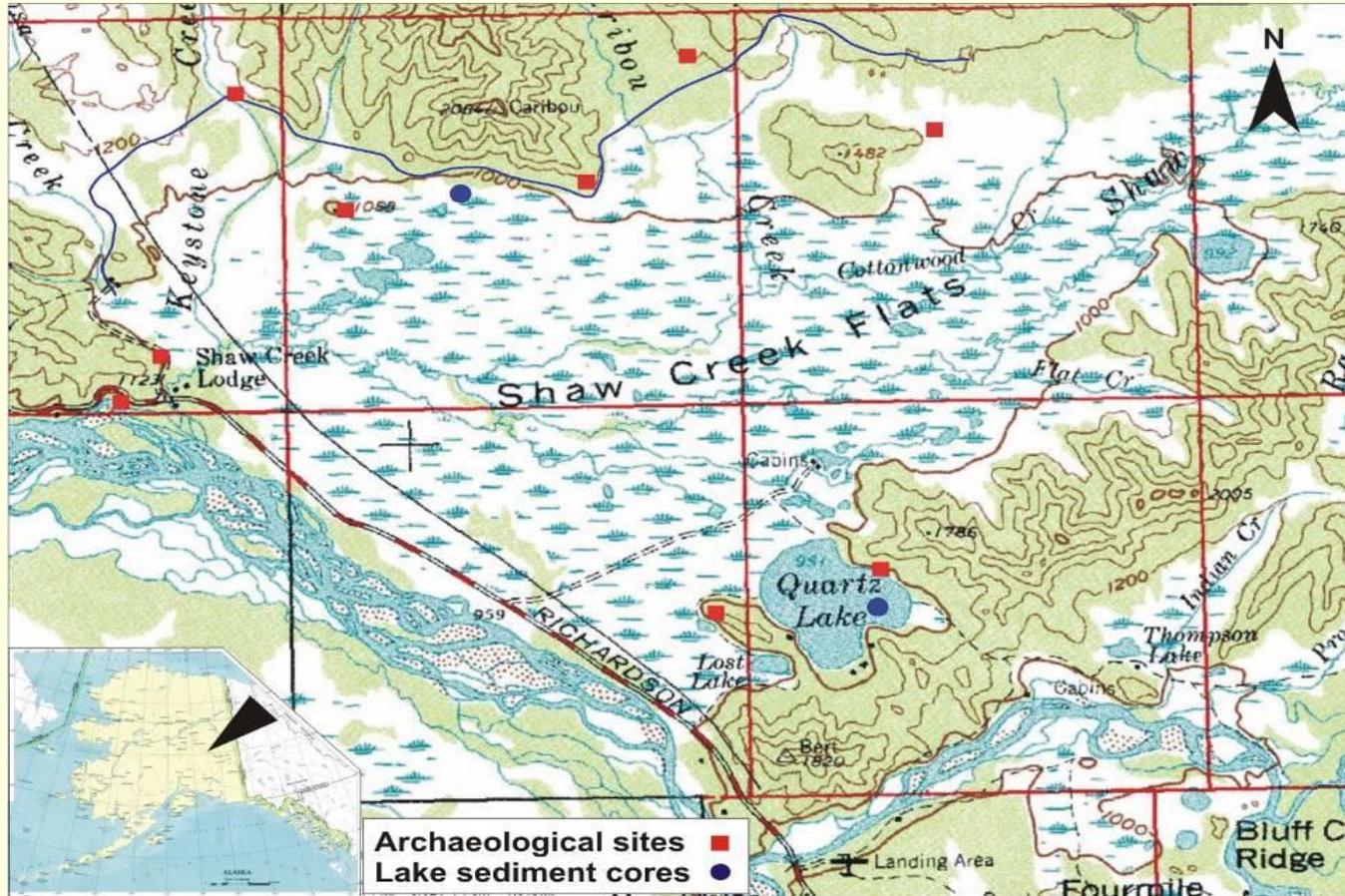
Effect of airboat traffic on marsh vegetation, accelerating drainage from Beaver L. to the lower Shaw Creek Flats



Trail damage caused by 4-wheelers when setting up bait stations before the frost is out of the ground. All photos less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Quartz Lake, June 2009



Conclusion



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RECOMMENDATIONS
2013

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Board Recommendations ~ Top 10



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TOP TEN GOALS 2014

1. Support funding for the park operating budget (Gov. Request)
2. Support funding for administration of the Recreational Trail Grant Program (Gov. Request)
3. Develop plan for adding Public Use Cabins (2014 CAPSIS)
4. Development of Chena Pump Wayside (2014 CAPSIS)
5. Keep up with Deferred Maintenance backlog (Gov. Request)
6. Year-round outhouses on the road system
7. Finish Alaska Road Commission Building at Big Delta (2014 CAPSIS)
8. Visitor Contact Station at Rosehip Campground in Chena River SRA
9. Equipment Replacement. (Gov. Request)
10. Support the creation of the Stampede State Recreation Area

#1 Fund Personal Services



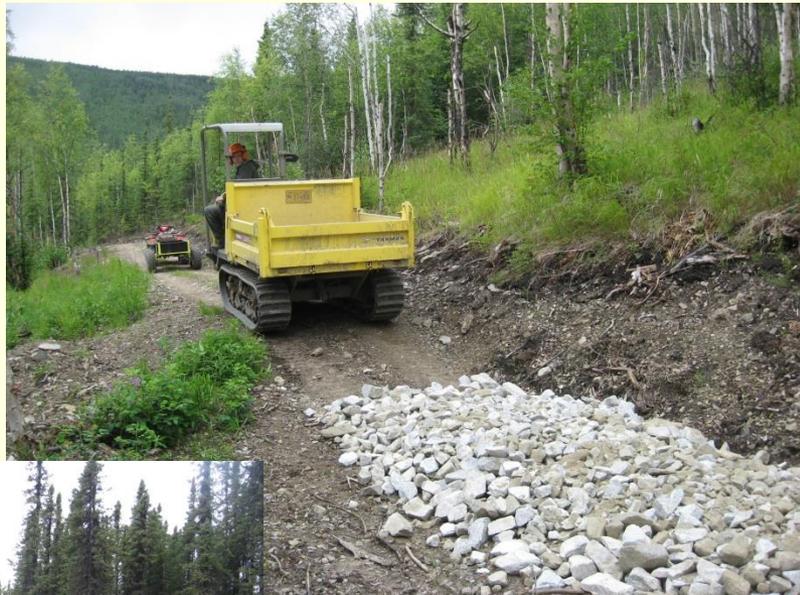
Status Quo ~ 18 positions remain vacant



#2 Fund Recreational Trails Program



1.3 million MAP 21 Transportation Bill Appropriation
Need \$200,000 to administer program



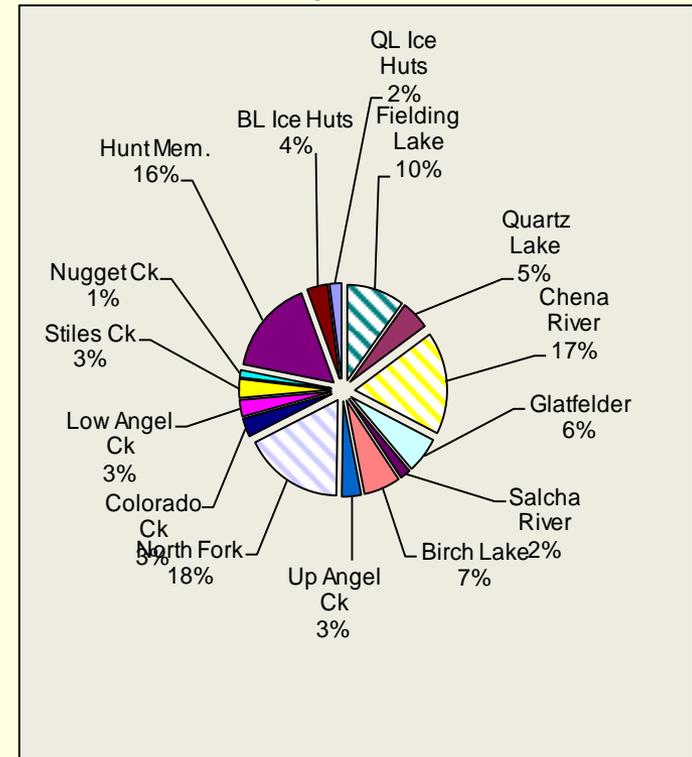
#3 Build more Public Use Cabins



Top 3

- Fielding Lake SRS- Caribou Cove
- CRSRA- Riverside
- Harding Lake SRA

Over \$70,000/year revenues

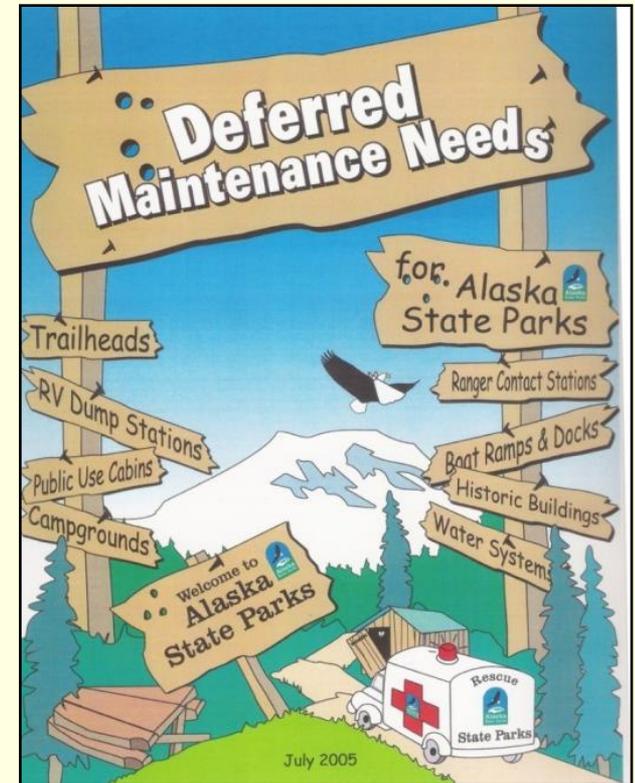
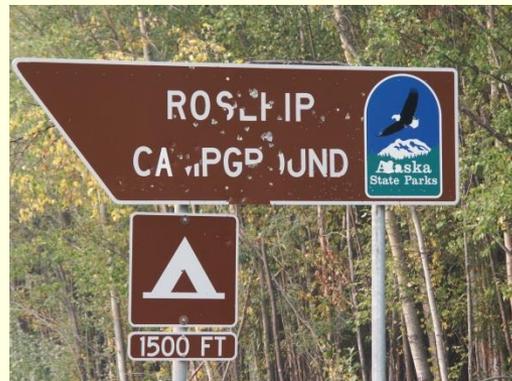


CAPSIS REQUEST \$ 180,000
3 public use cabins

#5 Fund Deferred Maintenance

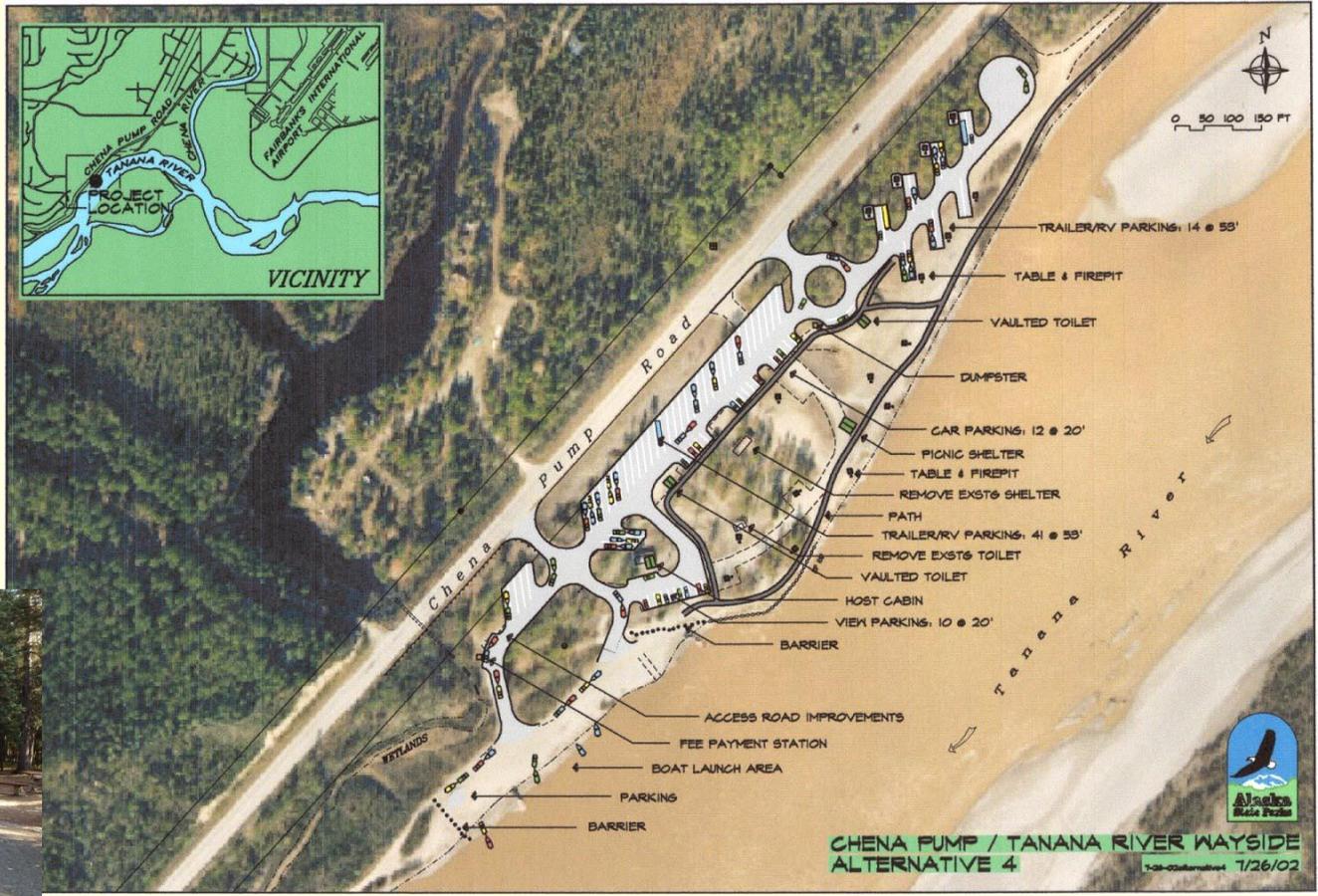
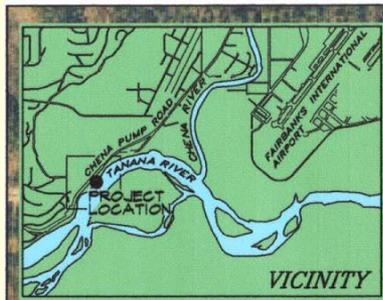


60 million deferred maintenance,
need 3 million/year for status quo



July 2005

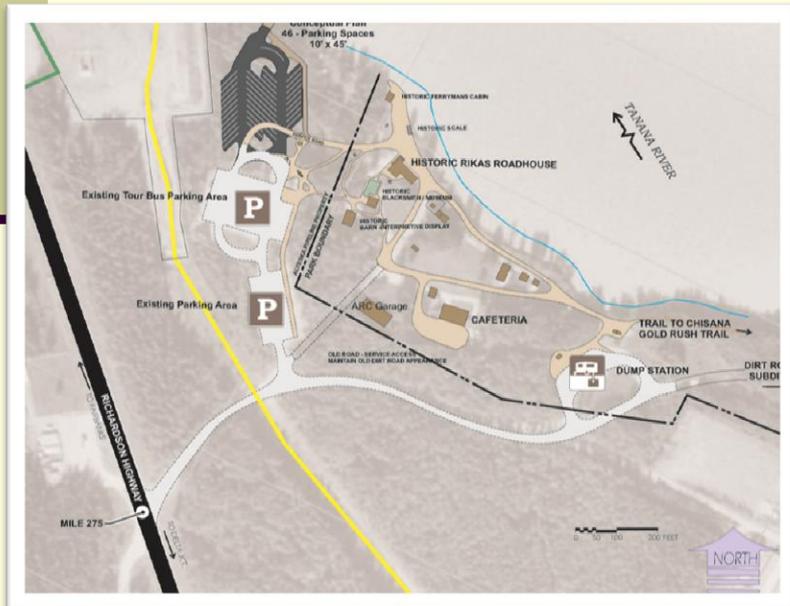
#4 Develop Chena Wayside



#6 Year- round Outhouses



#7 Reconstruction of Alaska Road Commission Garage~ Big Delta SHP



CAPSIS Request \$311,900
Finish electrical, drywall, and mechanical to make building functional.

#8 Visitor Contact Station



Cabin Location

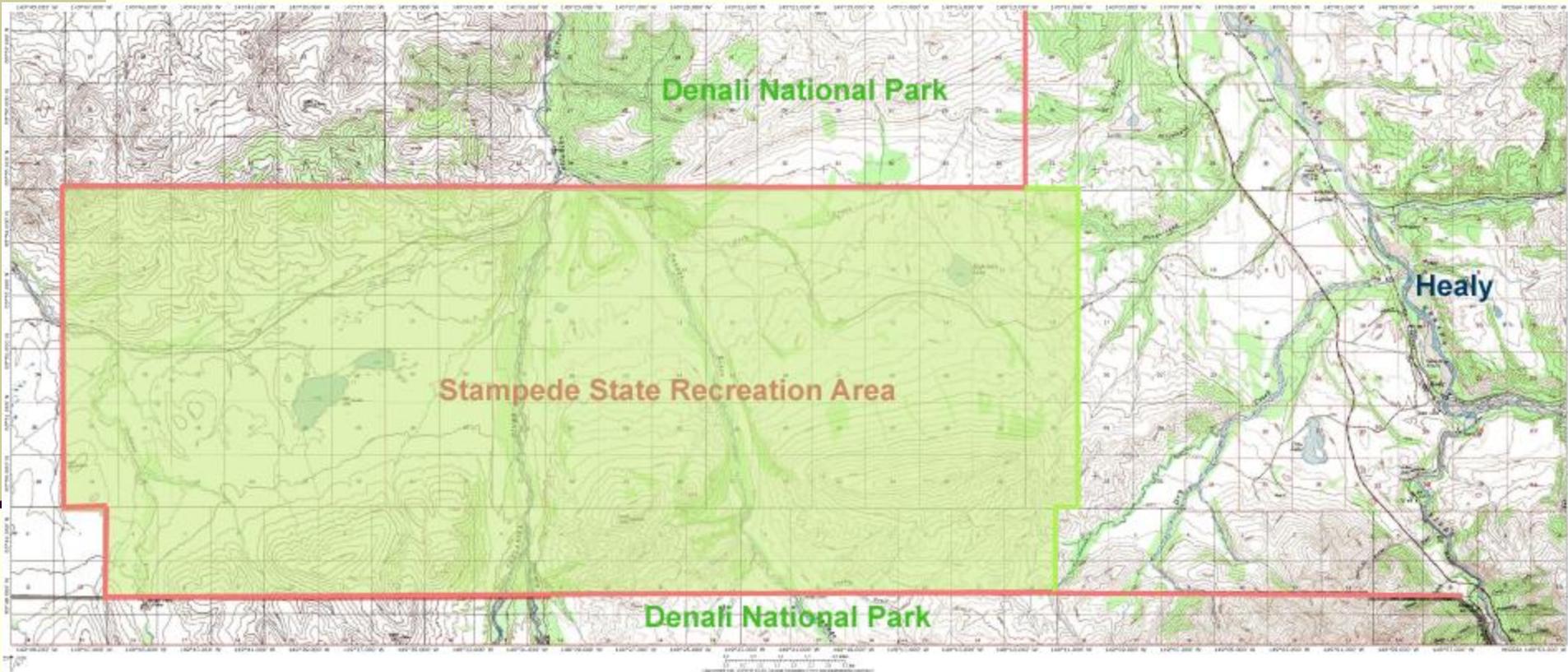


ROSEHIP CAMPGROUND ~Gateway to~
Chena River State Recreation Area

#9 Fund Equipment Replacement



#10 Stampede SRA



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CONCLUSION

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Comments & Discussion

- What are your impressions of State Park facilities?
- What are you hearing from your constituents?
- What do they think State Parks should be doing?

Thank you for coming!