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Dear Supporters of Alaskan Agriculture,

The Department of Natural Resources is revising two plans dealing with how the state manages state land. One plan deals with state land in the in Susitna-Matanuska Valley and the other the Tanana Basin. They are conducting public meetings in communities within the affected regions to find out how you would like the state to manage these lands.

The Susitna-Matanuska Area Plan (SMAP) encompasses 11 million acres, 9 million of these are state owned. The Tanana Basin Area Plan (TBAP) contains 22 million acres of which 14 million are state managed. In order to facilitate planning for this large geographic area, the TBAP revision will be divided into two separate area plans – the Eastern Tanana Area Plan and Yukon-Tanana Area Plan. The boundaries of the two planning areas will be based in part on the existing plan boundaries and borough boundaries and may change as more information is reviewed through the planning process.

Agriculture land designation will be determined in part by these plans. As supporters of Agriculture, I encourage you as individuals, agencies, and groups to be a part of the public process and make your agriculture interests known. It is through your representation and support, that the state of Alaska will dedicate land to agriculture use, which will guarantee farming opportunity for Alaska's future generations.

More information (and maps) can be found at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning>  
Although there will be several periods when public comments are sought, please feel free to contact us at anytime regarding these updates.

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