

MANAGEMENT UNIT: PEAR LAKE

MANAGEMENT INTENT

The Pear Lake Unit is to be managed for a wide spectrum of uses. Portions of the unit with limited development potential will function primarily as a buffer between the scenic Little Susitna Corridor and the more developed uses in the adjacent Wasilla Management Unit.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE: SUBUNITS A-D

Much of the Pear Lake Unit is adjacent to the Little Susitna Corridor. Land management and disposals within those portions of the Pear Lake Unit adjacent to the Little Susitna Corridor Management Unit shall be consistent with the recreation objectives of the Corridor. No clearing or use of land for residential, commercial or industrial use shall occur in areas viewed from the river. Roads shall be prohibited within 1/4 mile of the river except as approved by the Division of Parks. Efforts shall be made to protect water quality and to prohibit noise impacts on the corridor. The unit has been divided into 4 sub-units for presenting land use designations and additional guidelines.

SUBUNIT A: PEAR LAKE WETLAND

Primary Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Watershed

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Wetlands

See Chapter III, Policies, and Management Guidelines; Wetlands.

Transportation

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has located a transportation corridor through this subunit. The corridor connects the Pt. MacKenzie area to Houston and the Capital Site. Currently there are no construction plans, but management of this unit

should prevent disposal of the route or any other action which would foreclose a future option to build.

SUBUNIT B: PEAR LAKE MULTIPLE USE AREA

Primary Land Uses

- Settlement
- Small Farm Agriculture

Secondary Land Use

- Forestry

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Settlement and Small Farms

See MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES, SUBUNITS A-D, Page 199. Any state land disposals in this unit which could affect views from the Little Susitna River should be designed with the participation of the Division of Parks. In areas of good agricultural soils, priority will be given to small farms rather than residential use.

Transportation

See MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES, SUBUNITS A-D, Page 199. Road alignments shall be located as far from the Little Susitna Corridor as is feasible.

SUBUNIT C: SETTLEMENT NEAR UNNAMED LAKE

Primary Land Use

- Settlement

Secondary Land Use

- Recreation

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Settlement

See MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES, SUBUNITS A-D, page 199; and Chapter III, Goals, Policies, and Management Guidelines; Recreation, Management Guideline 2.

SUBUNIT D: PEAR LAKE "L"

Primary Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Forestry

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Forestry

See Chapter III, Goals, Policies, and Management Guidelines; Forestry.

AREA-WIDE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Chapter III presents additional policies and land management guidelines which may be relevant to particular decisions in this management unit. Categories of these policies and guidelines are listed below for ease of reference:

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