

Knik River Public Use Area
Public Participation Schedule

Pre-planning phase (September – October¹):

- Develop website
 - Provide up to date information to public regarding the planning process
 - Includes website to start accepting comments
 - Provides and avenue to highlight Department activities and provide information to the public regarding the Knik River PUA
- Develop email list including stakeholders and public
- Initiate public contacts through site visits and requests to attend organization meetings
- Identify issues and gather resource and recreational use information that will help address issues

Public Scoping Phase and Resource Analysis Phase (October to January 7/2007):

- Prepare environmental and recreation use analyses.
- Develop media release announcing start of planning process.
- Develop newsletter to distribute on website and by mail
- Hold public information meeting in Butte area to inform public of planning process and plan scope on Nov 6, 2006.
- Establish means for accepting public comments.
 - Establish public Website; accepts comments until close of public scoping period
- Conduct preliminary public scoping meetings in Anchorage and the Valley
 - Written comments accepted
 - Public Comments accepted at scoping meetings
- Conduct stakeholder group outreach meetings, as requested.
 - Written comments accepted.
 - Public comments accepted.
- Summarize results of General Public and Special Interest Meetings

Plan Development Phase (January to July):

- Conclude ongoing recreational and environmental research; gather additional information if necessary
- Prepare and distribute newsletter; indicate results of previous scoping process.
- Conduct Public Meetings in Anchorage and Valley to present results of scoping and natural resource and recreational data. Present range of possible solution strategies, if appropriate.
- Conduct stakeholder group meetings, if appropriate, to further refine initial management solutions.
- Prepare Public Review Draft
- Print and distribute Public Review Draft

¹ Dates are not specific and are subject to change

Plan Review Phase (August to October):

- Public reviews and comments on the Public Review Draft.
- Hold public meetings for comments in Anchorage and Valley
- Comments also accepted via email, mail, fax, or meetings
- End of public review and written comment period for Public Review Draft

Final Plan Phase (October January):

- Comments on Public Review Draft reviewed and summarized
- Make necessary changes to the Public Review Draft and develop “Intent to Adopt” version of the plan for public review and written comment
- Release Intent to Adopt along with newsletter for written comment period
- End of public review and written comment period on Intent to Adopt
- Review and summarize comments on Intent to Adopt and make necessary changes
- Final Plan adopted by Commissioner
 - 20 day public adoption reconsideration period

Regulations Development Phase (January to May):

- Draft regulations to implement plan
 - Public notice of regulations and written comment period
- Regulations adopted, begin implementation of the plan