

DETERMINATION OF PLAN DESIGNATION AND LAND CLASSIFICATION

for STATE LANDS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED in the

SUSITNA MATANUSKA AREA PLAN

DETERMINATION SC-09-002-DET01

Background: The Susitna Matanuska Area Plan (SMAP) was adopted on August 11, 2011 and Land Classification Order SC-09-002 was adopted on August 11, 2011. The SMAP superseded portions of the 1985 Susitna Area Plan and the Land Classification Order superseded all previous land classification orders within the plan area of the SMAP.

The entire township T21N,R12E (SM), hereinafter referred to as the parcel, was not given a land use designated nor classified. The parcel was not designated or classified in the SMAP and LCO because it was thought that the parcel was entirely privately owned lands. Subsequent land status research has determined, however, that there are only a few small private parcels within the township and the state holds patent to more than 95% of the land in this township. These lands were (and are) state land and should have been designated and classified but were missed for the reasons given.

Authority: The SMAP provides for the determination of a missed area in the section ‘Applicability of Plan Designations/Classifications to State Lands not Identified in the Plan Text or Plan Maps’, which is contained in Chapter 4 of that plan. These procedures were included in this and previous plans to provide guidance on how missed areas are to be designated and classified without the need for a formal plan amendment and land classification process.

The applicable part of this section is ‘Parcels near Other State Land’. It provides that “If the parcel adjoins or is surrounded by other state land, the designation of that area(s) applies. It is to be managed according to the management intent and guidelines applicable to the adjacent lands.”

Determination: Map 3-3 in Chapter 3 of SMAP identifies the management units adjacent to this parcel. Unit G-20 adjoins the west, south, east, and a portion of the north side of this parcel and is co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation. Unit G-20 is thus co-classified as Habitat and Public Recreation Land. The remaining portion of the north side of this parcel adjoins Unit L-03, the Nelchina Public Use Area, which is designated for Habitat. It is my determination that the missed parcel, described as T21N,R12E (SM), should have been co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation and co-classified Habitat and Public Recreation Lands. The SMAP and Land Classification Order SC-09-002 are hereby amended to reflect this determination. Additionally, Plan Map #3-3 and the Resource Allocation Table for the Glenn Highway region are amended to append the missed land area to unit G-20. The plan designation, management intent, and management guidelines of unit G-20 shall apply to the aforementioned lands.

Inadvertently Missed Lands Legal Description:

T21N R12E SM

Section 1-36, excluding privately owned land.

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Date