

## MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 – ALASKA RANGE

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### MANAGEMENT INTENT

This management unit is that portion of the subregion west of the Middle Fork of the Chulitna River and in the foothills of the Alaska Range including the drainage of Ohio Creek. The majority of land in this unit is rugged, mountainous country above timberline. It is all state owned or selected. The unit will be managed to protect fish and wildlife values (caribou, sheep, and to a lesser extent, moose), and to provide recreational opportunities (especially hiking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling). All public lands in this unit are available for oil and gas leasing. Public lands in this unit also will remain open to mineral location and be available for coal leasing.

This management unit is divided into two subunits: lands around Paradise Lake (2b) and the remainder of the management unit, including the Ohio Creek Valley and Alaska Range (2a). See the map at the end of this section for boundaries and the accompanying chart for a summary of land uses.

**Subunit 2a** will be retained in public ownership and managed for wildlife habitat and recreation. Additional recreational use of this area should be encouraged through the remote cabin program, construction of public use cabins or commercial recreation facilities, and installation of footbridges across some of the creeks running into the Chulitna River north of the Susitna River.

**Subunit 2b** (Paradise Lakes) will be retained in public ownership and managed for habitat and recreation. Because of the high public recreation values around the large lakes in this subunit, public use cabins are recommended.

### MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The complete set of areawide management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2 of this plan. All of the guidelines potentially apply to uses within this management unit; however, those that are most likely to be applicable are indicated with asterisks in the list below.

- Agriculture
- \*Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- Forestry
- \*Recreation
- Settlement
- \*Subsurface
- Transportation
- Instream Flow
- Lakeshore Management

- \*Public Access
- \*Remote Cabin Permits
- \*Stream Corridors
- Trail Management
- Wetlands Management
- Resource Management

Management guidelines that apply to this management unit only are presented below by subunit.

### **Subunit 2a and 2b (Ohio Creek and Paradise Lakes)**

#### **Mining**

In areas easily viewed from the Parks Highway or Alaska Railroad, stipulations attached to miscellaneous land use permits for mining operations will be designed to minimize adverse impacts on scenic quality. Stipulations should address reclamation; siting of processing facilities, access roads and tailing piles; and other activities affecting visual quality.

# LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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SUBUNIT	LAND OWNERSHIP (GENERALIZED)	LAND USE DESIGNATIONS				PROHIBITED SURFACE USE(S)*	COMMENTS
		SURFACE		SUBSURFACE			
		PRIMARY USE(S)	SECONDARY USE(S)	LOCATABLE MINERALS	LEASEABLE MINERALS		
2a Ohio Creek	State/ State Selected	Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat	Remote Cabins	Open	Available for leasing	Land Disposals Closed to grazing in T22S R11W	
2b Paradise Lakes	State/ State Selected	Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat	---	Open	Available for leasing	Land Disposals Remote Cabins Closed to grazing in T21S R10W & T21S R11W	

\*Other uses such as material sales, land leases, remote cabin permits, etc., that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management intent statement and management guidelines of this unit, and with the relevant management guidelines in chapter 2.