
MANAGEMENT UNIT 6C

Buck Creek

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. All state land in this unit will be retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The management emphasis is on recreation and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. Subunit 6C3, north of T14N CRM, is recommended for legislative designation as a State Game Refuge (see Chapter 4, Areas Recommended for Legislative Designation).

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in all subunits. This unit has critical-rated habitat for grizzly bear, moose, and sheep. It is one of the most productive habitats in the state for those species. (A-2 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). A portion of the unit lies within the Tok Trophy Sheep Management Area.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 6C4, and a secondary use in subunits 6C1 and 6C3. Subunit 6C4 is a developed timber area, with access and timber similar to the adjacent State Forest. Commercial spruce occurs locally in the Buck and Tuck Creek Valleys.

Minerals. Mineral potential is poor to moderate. Mineral claims have been located north of the Tok River at two locations. This unit is open to mineral entry.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 6C1 and 6C2, and secondary in Subunit 6C3.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management guidelines that apply to all state land are listed in Chapter 2. Some or all of those guidelines may apply to uses in this unit.

Fish and Wildlife. All activities in the proposed refuge area are allowed unless specifically prohibited in this plan.

Highway Buffers. A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the Glenn Highway should be managed to maintain or enhance scenic views along the highway. Development activities such as timber harvesting and land-use authorizations may be allowed within this buffer if the activity is designed to maintain or enhance the scenic values of the highway corridor, and to provide opportunities for viewing background scenery. This guideline will not preclude highway maintenance and improvement.

Mentasta and Tetlin Selections. The plan recommends selecting blocks of land within subunits 6C1 and 6C3. For further description, see Chapter 4, *Proposed State Selections*.

Surface Access. Management of surface access will be addressed during the planning process for the proposed wildlife refuge. Access through the refuge should not be prohibited. Consolidation of existing access routes and seasonal restrictions should be considered.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
6C1	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Forestry	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Lowland areas
6C2	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Upland areas
6C3	Wildlife habitat	Forestry Public recreation	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Part of this Subunit is recommended for Legislative Designation as State Game Refuge
6C4	Forestry Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

¹ Subsurface designations refer to locatable minerals. All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals, except as noted for coal.

² Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management-intent statement, the management guidelines of this unit, and the relevant management guidelines listed in Chapter 2.