

MANAGEMENT UNIT: FISHHOOK

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- Where private land abuts the river the state will consider purchase of land for public access. The state will not use power of eminent domain in such cases, but will purchase land from willing sellers to enhance public enjoyment of the river corridor, should the legislature appropriate funds for that purpose.
- Where public land abuts the river, a publicly-owned buffer shall be retained. The width of the buffer will be determined on a site specific basis. The buffer shall be designed to protect water quality, riparian habitat, public access and use, and to minimize erosion. The buffer should be a minimum of 50 feet on each side of the river.
- A high priority shall be placed on protection of the watershed value of this area, in particular the flow of water to the Little Susitna River.
- This unit is one of the better moose habitat/hunting areas in the borough. Attempts should be made to provide adequate open space for moose migration from Hatcher Pass south to the Little Susitna River. In addition, brush/shrub areas at timberline and along streams should be protected.
- Public land managers should encourage small farm and residential densities sufficiently low to protect extremely important watershed and habitat values in this unit.
- Grazing should be allowed in areas of high forage potential under restrictions to minimize adverse impacts on habitat and water quality.

Recommended Land Uses

- Settlement - (low densities or scattered areas of relatively high densities - Planned Unit Developments)
- Watershed
- Fish and Wildlife (moose habitat)
- Recreation
- Forestry - (principally personal use)
- Grazing