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### INTRODUCTION

This chapter applies the land use designations presented in Chapter II and the policies and management guidelines presented in Chapter III to each of 25 "management units" in the Willow Sub-basin. A management unit is an area that is generally homogeneous with respect to resources, topography, and land ownership. These management units are shown on Map 6.

For the organization of this chapter, the management units have been divided into four categories:

a. Units of Predominant State and Borough Ownership

In these management units land use designations have been made on both state and borough lands. All specific designations made on borough lands are in this section.

b. Units of Predominant State Ownership

In these management units land use designations have been made on state lands only.

c. Units of Predominant Private and Borough Ownership

In these management units, in most cases, general recommendations rather than specific land use designations have been made. A few parcels of state land have been designated for specific uses in these management units.

d. Units for Which the Legislature has Designated Specific Uses

These management units consist of state-owned land. They include the capital site, the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and three state game refuges.

The format of this chapter varies among the categories listed above. For management units in categories a) and b) the following are presented: a statement of management intent, a list of designated land uses, and a set of management guidelines. For units in category c) there are a statement of management intent and a list of recommended land uses. The designated and recommended land uses of categories a), b), and c) are shown at the scale of 1 inch to 1 mile. Land ownership is also shown at that scale. The plan does not address lands in category d).

The land use designations shown on maps in this chapter are not inflexible. Uses not shown may be permitted on a case-by-case basis if the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough determine they are consistent with the statement of management intent for the management unit in question and consistent with applicable policies and management guidelines. Specific boundaries of land use designations shown on the following maps may be modified through on-the-ground implementation (site planning, disposal, etc.) as long as modifications adhere to the intent of the plan. For example, field surveys may be necessary to delineate precisely the wetland boundaries shown on management unit maps. In addition, through implementation of the plan, additional areas may be identified which meet the established resource objectives for a particular management unit. This plan should not be construed to preclude site decisions which are clearly in compliance with the management intent, policies and guidelines herein.