

MANAGEMENT UNIT: IRON CREEK

MANAGEMENT INTENT

The Iron Creek Unit will be managed to provide small farms on the few areas of good agricultural soil, and to provide habitat and a game migration corridor for moose and other species. This area is an important corridor for moose that move seasonally between uplands in the Kashwitna and Hatcher Pass Units and lowlands along the Susitna River. The Iron Creek Unit has many of the same values as the Kashwitna Unit but less potential for habitat enhancement through forest management. The southeast corner of the unit is adjacent to the potential small farm area of the Kashwitna Unit. Small farms in the area should be encouraged because they could serve as headquarter sites for the grazing stock which will use the Kashwitna Unit. The good agricultural soils are mostly borough owned.

Forestry (salvage, personal use) will be encouraged in this unit where feasible and consistent with other management objectives.

To illustrate land use designations and guidelines, the area is divided into three subunits: the agricultural area, the poorly drained land throughout, and the isolated small farm area in the northwest.

SUBUNIT A: THE AGRICULTURAL AREA - SOUTHEAST

Primary Land Use

- Small Farm Agriculture

Secondary Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Forestry (salvage, personal use)
- Grazing

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Relevant guidelines are presented in Chapter III, Goals, Policies, and Management Guidelines; Agriculture, and Forestry.

SUBUNIT B: THE WETLANDS

Primary Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Watershed

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

See Chapter III, Policies and Management Guidelines; Wetlands.

SUBUNIT C: THE SMALL FARM AREA

Primary Land Use

- Small Farm Agriculture

Secondary Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Forestry (salvage, personal use)

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Small Farm Agriculture

This subunit contains approximately 110 acres of potential agricultural land near an unnamed lake. A road to the parcel would provide access to waterfowl and moose hunting in the upper portion of the Iron Creek Unit. A condition of disposal, therefore, should be that public access to the lake and hunting areas is guaranteed. For guidelines regulating agricultural development adjacent to wetlands, see Chapter III, Policies and Management Guidelines; Wetlands.

AREA-WIDE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Chapter III presents additional policies and land management guidelines which may be relevant to particular decisions in this management unit. Categories of these policies and guidelines are listed below for ease of reference:

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