

LEGISLATIVELY DESIGNATED MANAGEMENT UNITS

There are five management units within the study area which the state legislature has designated for specific uses. These units include the capital site, Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and three game refuges. This plan does not make land use designations or establish land management guidelines for these management units, which are discussed briefly below. (See the following map for the location of legislatively designated management units.)

The Capital Site

The capital site near Willow has been classified reserved use to maintain the land in a condition that will allow it to be planned and developed as a unit should the capital be moved. The reserved use classification will prevent title conflicts and preclude a pattern of land use incompatible with future development of the area as a capital site. Until the voters decide whether to move the capital no permits will be issued or land sold within the unit that might adversely affect use of the area for the capital site. The site has been closed to additional subsurface exploration and development by the Commissioner of DNR.

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area

The Nancy Lake State Recreation Area (NLSRA) was established by the legislature to protect the high quality recreation values of state-owned land and waters within its boundaries. (The boundaries of the Nancy Lake Management Unit and NLSRA are the same). The unit has been classified public recreation.

The State Division of Parks is now updating a master plan for NLSRA. This plan will designate zones which permit varying levels of development and intensity of use. It will also designate specific areas for trail and facility development. The master plan is scheduled for completion in 1982.

State Game Refuges: Susitna Game Flats, Palmer Hay Flats, Goose Bay

These game refuges were established by the legislature to preserve the natural habitat and fish and game populations within their boundaries. Uses permitted within game refuges will be only those which are compatible with this purpose. The refuges are classified resource management.