

MANAGEMENT UNIT: WASILLA

MANAGEMENT INTENT

Management of public lands should be designed to include the following:

- ° encourage settlement, consistent with the settlement policies outlined in Chapter III and the comprehensive plan for the City of Wasilla;
- ° encourage continued use of the unit as a moose harvest area (especially that part of the unit known as the "Golden Triangle" where much of the Sub-basin's moose harvest now occurs);
- ° maintain the water quality and quantity of the anadromous fish streams;
- ° maintain in public ownership all publicly-owned recreation sites and trails shown on the following map;
- ° where private land abuts the Little Susitna River the state will consider purchase of land for public access. The state will not use the 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 Little Susitna 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.
- ° encourage agricultural development on the good agricultural land in the area; encourage existing farms to remain in agricultural uses. The possibility of an agricultural commodity processing site in this unit should be explored and encouraged if feasible;
- ° Management of public lands adjacent to the Parks Highway should be consistent with the recommendations of the report "Scenic Resources Along the Parks Highway." The recommendations in that report which are relevant to the Willow Sub-basin are in Appendix 1. The borough and state will encourage private land owners to follow recommendations in the report in order to protect the scenic values along the highway.

Recommended Land Uses

- Settlement
- Small Farm Agriculture
- Commercial Agriculture
- Recreation (fishing, local and regional parks)
- Forestry (personal use)
- Parks Highway Scenic Areas