

## Yukon Tanana Area Plan Issues

The following issues were identified at public scoping meetings for the Yukon Tanana Area Plan conducted in the summer of 2009. These meetings were held in the communities of Nenana, Manley Hot Springs, Minto, Lake Minchumina, Fairbanks, Healy, and Cantwell.

- Availability of state land for alternative energy (i.e. hydro, wind...) Eva Creek and Pogo Mine area.
- Heavy hunting for antlerless moose in Game Management Unit 20 A or B. Flats and Salcha River.
- Would like to continue with coal development in Healy area.
- Reality regarding alternative energy solutions. Some contact Steve Haagenon Alaska Energy Authority.
- Usibelli and Golden Valley Electrical Association looking at alternative energy.
- Suitable lands should be allowed to be sold into private ownership.
- Subdivision built on railroad land would like a land exchange so people can own land that their homes are built on. The solution could involve the railroad, Borough, and State of Alaska.
- Hunting areas and access to hunting areas by ATV's.
- Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) game management.
- Keep everyone informed on the process.
- Increase opportunity for community harvest of firewood and wood products.
- Access to appropriate forest resources for the community.
- Good community forests (birch stands) north of the Rex Bridge.
- Right of ways to the west of the Rex Bridge for forest access.
- Look for good forestry areas east of the Rex Trail. Summer access is an issue, winter access is decent.
- Support proposed state recreation area west of Eight Mile Lake.
- Area near the mining operations east of the Nenana River adjacent to Healy is heavily used for harvest of resources and public recreation.
- Healy Valley is heavily used for recreation.
- DO NOT lock/close areas for access/public recreation.
- Keep settlement areas away from conflict areas. Settlement conflicts with mineralized areas and multiple use of state lands.
- Fires are costly for the state, make smarter choices when designation of land for settlement or agriculture.
- There are issues with trash on land that went to a private contract (through a land disposal) then came back to the state. Who cleans up the land?
- Does the state track (follow up) and look at reasons why the land sale was unsuccessful?
- Healy River to Ferry is heavily used; do not be very restrictive in management (industrial or settlement purposes. These areas are/could be used for railroad or airport relocation.
- Maintain access through the lands mentioned previously.
- The bridge area near the power plant is used for public recreation, including guides, and provides good access to the Nenana River.
- More agricultural lands.
- Settlement around lakes.
- Need better settlement lands away from lowland/swampland

- Need access to settlement lands.
- All state land should be available for sale.
- Some agriculture.
- Warming of the land over the last five years is an issue.
- Soil type data, some is good.
- Keep current agriculture land.
- Not all land should be for agriculture, make some available for other uses or settlement.
- Land status research needs to be conducted regarding the location of the town of Minto in relation to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge. This question is related to geothermal exploration.
- What is the land ownership between Minto and the Tanana River (game refuge and state forest)?
- Has the state issued cabin permits in the flats? This issue was brought up due to possible trespass cabins being constructed.
- Can you harvest timber from the Tanana State Forest for personal use, specifically house logs?
- Is the Tanana State Forest only to be used for commercial purposes?
- Can you get a permit for house logs in general state lands or in the state forest?
- Does the Minto Flats State Game Refuge have a specific management plan?
- Water quality in the Flats, Goodstream(?), Chatanika River, Tatalina River. Contact Vincent Charlie (on contact list) with information.
- More firewood and personal use of dead standing and live trees for the community (Minto).
- More timber available for the community (Minto).
- Forest timber sales should be posted in the communities.
- Call upon local communities (Minto and Tanana) to help fight fires instead of employing crews from far away.
- Minto designated as a state firefighting crew and questioned status for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) crew.
- Possibility of horsepower restrictions in the Minto Flats State Game Refuge. Have ADF&G contact Patrick Smith (on contact list) regarding horsepower restrictions.
- Provide information on how local people use the resources (related to the use of waterbodies for hunting and fishing). Look for examples and contact Patrick Smith (on contact list).
- There is increased 4x4 usage on trails and lands.
- Provide signage to let people know that local fish camps are in the area.
- Need access to state lands across native lands.
- Identification of RS 2477's in the Manley Hot Springs Area.
- Would like to allow usage of trapping cabins year round, specifically for the fishing season.
- High use of subsistence and recreation including the townships west, east, and south of Manley Hot Springs.
- Increase wood cutting permits. Have access to the permits more readily available to residents in Manley Hot Springs.
- Berry picking occurs in the Tofty area.

- Increase access and open the state lands to multiple uses. Make state lands less restrictive.
- Increase access to state lands for firewood collection.
- Access to and from State lands is an issue, specifically regarding restrictions on Federal land (CSU) access.
- Maintain access to and on State lands.
- Access is very important for hunting and wildlife populations.
- Trail degradation is an issue, primarily due to higher use patterns.
- Increased use, with not sufficient management is a problem.
- Excess uses and more agency land conveyances do not “keep up” with current management.
- Different ownership patterns are a problem.
- Identification of 17B easements is dysfunctional.
- Increase and identify good access and “takeout” points on the large rivers (Tanana and Nenana)