

## PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL RECREATION GUIDELINES

### 1. PUBLIC FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

- a. **Location of Facilities** There is expected to be minimal development of public facilities in this management unit during the life of this plan (prior to revision of the plan for the Deception Creek management unit) with the possible exception of trailheads and parking areas. Any development of public recreation facilities on state land will be limited to areas outside subunits 2A, 2B and 5C, with the possible exceptions of the Deception Creek corridor and trailhead development. ADF&G will be given the opportunity to review and comment on any proposed development of a public facility to ensure that the development does not jeopardize existing hunting and trapping use of the area.
- b. **Picnic and Campsites** Picnic areas and campsites will be located off the Hatcher Pass Road in areas out of view of the road where possible. To protect the scenic quality, a spur road with suitable signs will direct the traveler to the site.
- c. **Parking Areas** Parking areas will be located out of view of the Hatcher Pass Road where possible. Trees or contours (either natural or artificial) should be used for screening. Use of boulders or planted vegetation may be appropriate at some sites.

### 2. COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. **Authorization Criteria** Permit or lease applications for the use of state lands for commercial or other private sector recreational purposes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Permits or leases will be issued only if they are consistent with the management intent for this management unit, will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on other uses, wildlife and scenic values, and if they provide a clear public benefit. The overall management intent calls for interim uses of the management unit in order to preserve future options for its use. A short-term lease (e.g. five years) is more consistent with the interim intent than a 20-year lease. A proposed development outside the capital city core development area (subunits 5A, 5B, 5C and 6) and on the periphery of the management unit may not seriously affect future options for the site as a whole and therefore may not be inconsistent with the management intent. See subunit 1 for guidelines specific to that unit.
- b. **Tourist Gold Panning Businesses** These are prohibited on Willow Creek and its tributaries in the near term. Reevaluate when the plan for this management unit is revised if there is a demand. Consider the results of such businesses in the Hatcher Pass Management Unit as part of the evaluation. In the event a site is offered, Hatcher Pass Management Plan guidelines (4)-(6), pages 137 and 138, apply.