

B. UNIT WIDE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

These unit wide management guidelines were, in most cases, adapted from the management guidelines in the *Hatcher Pass* or *Matanuska Valley Moose Range Management Plans*. The guidelines in the *Moose Range* and *Hatcher Pass Plans* are in some cases more restrictive than those in the *Susitna Area Plan*. In the Moose Range this is because it is a legislatively designated area. The Hatcher Pass Management Plan guidelines are more restrictive because of its high recreation values. The Deception Creek management unit has many similarities to the Moose Range and Hatcher Pass units: all three are part of the hillside overlooking the Matanuska valley and are used by Valley residents for recreation (including hunting); the Hatcher Pass and Deception Creek units share the scenic Hatcher Pass Road; below timberline, the mix of forest and wildlife resources is similar to the Moose Range; above timber line, the wildlife resources in the Deception Creek unit are similar to the Willow Mountain subunit in Hatcher Pass.

The more restrictive guidelines of the Hatcher Pass Management Plan are appropriate for the Deception Creek unit at this time because of the intent of this plan to preserve the option to use this unit or a portion of it for a capital city or other major development. When this plan is revised, the unitwide guidelines should be reevaluated to determine if they are still appropriate.

The management guidelines of the *Susitna Area Plan* also apply to this management unit unless otherwise indicated.