

## SUBUNIT 6, FRYING PAN LAKE

1. **Background** This unit was originally part of the capital site core development area. Most of it was designated as open space or for recreational uses. The area east and south of Windy (L) Lake was designated for residential use. The west side of Windy Lake (almost a peninsula) was identified as having high public recreation values in the Public Interest Land identification project in 1980. On Frying Pan Lake, there is private property on the east side of the lake with a cabin on it and a road to it. Two parcels on the south side of the lake were identified as having high public recreation values during the 1980 Public Interest Land identification process. Frying Pan Lake appears to have a good shoreland all around it; Windy Lake has more swamp around it. There is currently winter use of the area by local dog mushers from the Nancy Lake area. There may also be trapping. These lakes have recreation potential, especially if the surrounding lands are settled, for picnicking, camping, and swimming. The unit has scattered tracts of medium-aged birch, interspersed with tracts of black spruce and wetlands. The whole unit is part of the watershed for the city of Houston. The extreme southwest corner of this unit borders the Parks Highway and was classified Greenbelt as part of the Public Interest Land project in 1980.
2. **Primary Uses** Forestry, Public Recreation, Watershed
3. **Classification** Public Recreation/Resource Management

This subunit is classified Public Recreation/Resource Management because it has both recreation and forestry values. The most appropriate long-term uses of this subunit will largely depend on the long-term uses for the adjacent subunit 5. Therefore, Resource Management in conjunction with Public Recreation is an appropriate classification for this subunit at this time.

4. **Management Intent** This subunit will be managed primarily for its forestry, public recreation, and watershed values. It will be retained in state ownership, will remain closed to new locatable mineral entry, and will be managed to preserve its recreational potential. The buffers around Frying Pan (Lynx) and Windy (L) Lakes will be managed to retain their natural characteristics. When this plan is revised and longer-term uses for the unit as a whole are determined, it should be decided which Susitna Area Plan management category should be applied to these lakes: Wilderness, Recreational Development, or General Development. Such uses as picnicking, camping, and swimming, and facilities to support them are allowed within the lakeshore buffers. See forestry and lakeshore guidelines.