

SUBUNIT 7A AND 7B, LOWER DECEPTION CREEK

1. **Background** This subunit contains good timber, mostly birch, mostly 80 to 100 years old, with some spruce. The timber is interspersed with black spruce and wetlands, especially in subunit 7A. There is a road through the northern portion of subunit 7B into the private property in section 18, T19N, R3W, S.M. Deception Creek is an important anadromous fish stream; it is the Department of Fish and Game's main Chinook (King) salmon egg-taking station for their hatchery and transplant program in Southcentral Alaska. Deception Creek also has important recreation potential. Possible eventual recreational uses in the Deception Creek corridor include a hiking trail, campsites, and picnic sites. Lands within subunit 7A have been identified by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as a borough interest area.
2. **Primary uses** Forestry
3. **Classification**
 - 7A Resource Management

Subunit 7A will be classified Resource Management because it has been identified by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as also having other development potential. Not enough information is available at this time to determine the best long-term use of these lands; therefore, Resource Information is an appropriate classification.
 - 7B Forest Land
4. **Management Intent** This subunit will be managed primarily for its forestry values and to protect Deception Creek. (See Lakeshore and Stream Corridor Guidelines.)