

E. GUIDELINES

1. MINING

a. Maintenance of Scenic and Fisheries Values. Because the major uses in this unit are scenic viewing and intensive recreational activities, mining surface use receives closer than average public scrutiny. Thus, consultation with DNR will be required prior to erecting structures or doing bulldozer work on the claims for roads or site clearing. The mining plan will clearly describe how viewshed guidelines are being met. Riparian habitat along the Little Susitna River shall be preserved wherever possible; development plans shall be reviewed by DNR & ADF&G, for purposes of minimizing impact on the wildlife and fisheries values and water quality.

b. Structures. Structures not directly related to mining will not be authorized; this includes housing and tourism-related facilities, signs, and parking. On-site consultation with the Division of Mining [AND GEOLOGY] and the Division of Land and Water Management will be utilized when staff time permits prior to placement of structures on the claims. These structures will be removed when they are no longer being utilized for the authorized purpose.

c. Minimize Visual Impacts. Any authorized structure, such as a storage shed, will be screened from view of the Hatcher Pass Road if possible. All structures authorized in the treeless, upper areas must be designed to reflect the historic building style or blend with the environment. Siting and design of buildings will be approved prior to construction by DNR. On-site preplanning will be required.

d. Access. Prior to construction of access roads, on-site consultation between the Division of Mining [AND GEOLOGY] and the Division of Land and Water Management will be conducted, staff time permitting, to plan the least impact access route.

e. Gold Panning. Tourism gold panning businesses cannot be conducted on a mining claim without surface use authorization from the Division of Land and Water Management.

2. GRAZING

a. Grazing in Recreational Use Areas. Summer grazing will be [ENCOURAGED] allowed in winter recreation use areas to keep grass height down. This will allow early season participation in winter sports. However, domestic livestock grazing is not expected to be a use within the four-season resort lease boundaries.

b. Priorities for Grazing Use: (See Map 11 in original plan for location of sites.)

(1) Establish a horse grazing area near Archangel Road. Use relocatable or "drop-down fencing" or tether horses.

(2) Establish a horse use area south of the Mother Lode Lodge below the Fishhook trail and above the Hatcher Pass Road. Use relocatable or

"drop-down fencing" or tether the horses and move the area in north-south directions as vegetation utilization occurs.

(3) Establish one livestock area (horses or cattle), with common permittee use, north of the Fishhook Creek [AND ONE SOUTH OF THE CREEK. THESE] This should be located on the bench west of the Hatcher Pass Road. [USE OF THE SOUTHERN AREA WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON ALPINE SKI AREA DEVELOPMENT AND CONVERSION OF ALDER TO GRASS TYPE.]

c. Herd Management. Grazing can be compatible with intensive recreational use in this subunit with use of herd management techniques such as relocatable fencing or tethering of horses, moving the animals to avoid problems with concentrations of livestock on trails, trampling of stream banks and drainages, or overuse of some sites and underuse of others.

d. Trail Maintenance. Livestock owners will participate in trail maintenance.

e. Grazing in Subunit B. Until development rights are awarded for the proposed four-season resort, grazing under an annual permit will be an allowed use in Sections 28-29, Township 19N, Range 1E, and below the 1500-foot level in Section 30, subject to the guidelines of the original Hatcher Pass plan. If, at some point in the future, it should be determined that establishment of a resort here is unlikely, grazing may occur as provided for in the original plan. In that case, the issuance of grazing leases will be delayed for 10 years from the original adoption of this plan while the recreational use pattern develops and the proposed trail system becomes developed and hardened. Grazing lessees will participate in trail maintenance once grazing use is authorized.

f. Erosion. Grazing in Subunit A should be managed to avoid undesirable run off and erosion problems.

3. PRIVATE SECTOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

a. Type of Development Allowed. The only major commercial development that will be authorized is the alpine ski area/four-season resort. Government Peak Subunit A [THIS SUBUNIT] is already crowded, and the actual physical space in the valley floor is limited. Additional commercial development may occur on the three parcels of private land along the river corridor. Recreational businesses will not be authorized in the Little Susitna Road corridor except as described in Areawide Recreation Guideline 2c and guideline 3c below [WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE SMALL-SCALE TOURISM GOLD PANNING OPERATION (SEE ITEM C BELOW)]. Scenic values are high and there are few opportunities to screen structures, roads, and parking from view.

In addition to the alpine ski/four-season resort, the private sector role is to provide high-quality, organized recreational activities; such as, a lift for a sled and ski play area, a bobsled run, winter maintained trails, and horse trail rides. These will occur