

### III. PUBLIC RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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Proposed improvements for public recreation facilities are itemized in this section. The purpose of these improvements is to help provide a quality recreational experience on state lands to a variety of users, to complement private sector activities, and to enhance tourism-related use of the area. They are priority rated from high to low (1 = high, 4 = low). Actual construction is dependent on funding and on private sector participation.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Priority (1-4)</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
<u>Management</u>			
Park Ranger I for 12 months		1	38,000
4-wheel drive pickup truck with radio		1	16,000
<u>Picnic/Viewing Sites</u>			
Picnic site along the Little Susitna River	Enjoyment of the river view and sounds. Six sites.	2	15,000
Summit Lake viewing area, interpretative sign, trail, picnic site	A public facility to enhance enjoyment of this scenic alpine area. Six picnic sites, parking, and boulders to block off-road access.	1	45,000
<u>Campgrounds</u>			
Campground opposite the Little Susitna River.	15 spaces in the trees west of the road.	1	225,000
Primitive campground area, at about mile 3 of the Craigie Creek Road.	To provide a Dogsled Pass trailhead access point and overnight area. Parking area for eight vehicles.	3	8,000

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<u>Public Shelters:</u>			
* Conversion of trespass cabin in Hillside SE corner, to warm-up facility.	Enhance enjoyment of track ski area.	2	No figures available-- subunit. case-by-case analysis at time of conversion or construction will be required
* Convert other unauthorized cabins to public use and/or authorize construction of a few cabins.	Add to public safety and enjoyment of some remote backcountry areas for hunting and other recreational uses.	2	No figures available-- case-by-case analysis at time of conversion or construction will be required
<u>Trail Related Items</u>			
* Replace collapsed Gold Mint Road footbridge over Little Susitna River.	Bridge for recreational, and/or cattle use.	2	
* Construct Fishhook Trail from old Archangel trail east of the Mother Lode to Hatcher Pass.	To provide an off-the-road route for snowmachines as well as for summer uses.	1	[\$10,000] \$ 25,000
<u>Trail Clearing Work For:</u>			
* Upper Little Susitna Trail, 8 miles (13 km)	Provide opportunities for public enjoyment of these areas and for dispersing use.	4	\$4,000-\$5,000 annual budget for seed money for materials and correctional facility
* Lonesome Mine/Arkose Ridge, 3 miles (5 km)	"	4	labor--private sector participation will be encouraged
* Moose creek overlook, 3 miles (5 km).	"	4	
* Mother Lode Roadhouse to Arkose Ridge, (3 km).	"	3	
* Independence bowl trails.	"	2	

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* Little Susitna Valley trail on the bench west of the road from the Mat Valley to MP 14.	Off-the-road equestrian route for connection to Mat Valley horse trails.	2	\$4,000-\$5,000 annual budget for seed money for materials and correctional facility labor--private sector participation will be encouraged
* Intermittent trails along the west bank of the Little Susitna River.	Add to safe, off-road enjoyment of the river corridor.	2	"
* Trail repair and redesign sufficient to halt erosion erosion on Lucky Shot Ridge	Allow continued ORV access while minimizing environmental damage.	1	"
* Corduroy-type trail work in bogs south-west of Willow Mountain.	Allow continued ORV access while minimizing environmental damage.	1	"
* East and west Hillside cross-country trail systems.	Provide accessible ski and trail system for valley residents and school skiing and running programs.	1	"
* Central Hillside dog mushing trail.	Provide dog mushing access area for Mat Valley area.	3	"
* West Hillside snowmobile access trail.	Provide snowmobile access area for Mat Valley area.	4	"
<u>Signs</u>			
Information and interpretive signs.	Public safety, enjoyment and on-the-ground implementation.	2	\$10,000
Designated-use area signs.	"	1	5,000
Trail signs.	"	2	5,000
Warning signs.	"	1	2,000

\* All of these items should be evaluated for the possibility of private sector user group participation in construction, maintenance, or repair.