

MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES

A. SOILS

The DNR has requested SCS to survey the entire Moose Range for detailed soils information. In the event that this request is not feasible, the state will request SCS to concentrate their efforts on the five-year timber harvest/habitat enhancement sites. The soils data shall then be evaluated and utilized throughout the Range when determining habitat enhancement methodology, rehabilitation efforts and road construction.

B. ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

1. UTILIZATION OF DGGG DATA. DGGG data gathered in 1985 or thereafter will be utilized when developing habitat enhancement projects, timber harvests and road construction in the Moose Range. Field reconnaissance of the DGGG data will occur whenever possible.
2. GEOLOGIC CONSTRAINTS. If any development is proposed in the vicinity of known geologic constraints, such as the Castle Mountain Fault, abundant rock glaciers, bedrock, ice contact deposits, unstable slopes, mining tailings, avalanche potential and undifferentiated drift, the proposed site will be evaluated for specific development restrictions as needed. These restrictions are especially important where public safety is a concern and in determining the location of public facilities.

C. MENTAL HEALTH LANDS

1. REVENUE PRODUCTION. Mental health lands will be managed to produce revenue for the mental health trust according to the Supreme Court decision.
2. BEST LAND USE. The production of revenue will be based upon the best use of the land, and revenue will be produced through timber production or mineral development whenever possible.

D. COMMUNICATION SITES

CRITERIA. Communication sites may be located within the Moose Range if:

The development plan for locating the site includes an analysis of the effect of the site on multiple use management of natural resources at the site and within the Moose Range;

the analysis determines that the site will not have an unacceptable adverse effect on wildlife habitat, scenic qualities, or water quality, or promote severe erosion, or that no feasible and prudent alternative exists; and

the location is agreed upon by DNR and ADF&G.

E. LAND EXCHANGES

1. CRITERIA. Land exchanges in the Moose Range will be considered if:

The exchange improves public access to public lands within the Moose Range;

the exchange enables the state to enhance additional habitat within the Moose Range;

the exchange enables the state to have subsurface rights on additional high valued mineral lands;

public outdoor recreational opportunities are improved; or

the state can gain additional public acreage within the Moose Range boundaries and

the exchange meets ADF&G and DNR approval.

2. BOROUGH LANDS. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough selected lands in T19N, R2E, Sec. 22, knowing these were lands leased for coal. DNR is not considering an exchange of these lands.

F. AGENCY WORK CABIN

CRITERIA.

DOF will seek funding to support maintenance and operation of an agency work cabin along the Glenn Highway that can physically house official personnel during field operations in the Moose Range. A work cabin will increase the field presence capabilities of management staff, reduce travel time and expense and improve efficiency in field operations. The work cabin will be a simple log structure with bunks and a stove. It will be located in the eastern half of the Range.

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G. REMOTE CABINS

CRITERIA.

Remote cabins will not be permitted in the Moose Range. At present one-third of the Moose Range is in private ownership. Under the Susitna Area Plan guidelines, remote cabins may not be located within a unit that has access by road or railroad or where such access is likely within 10 years. All drainages in the Range have road or trail access except Granite Creek. Granite Creek is extremely unstable geologically and permanent structures should not be developed in Granite Creek. The public involved in the planning process did not support additional private use including remote cabins. In addition, remote cabins could adversely affect habitat enhancement efforts.

H. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF STATE LAND

DNR's policy is to promote lawful use of state public land and water resources in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Currently DNR is aware of three parties living on state land off the Jonesville Road near Sutton without state land use permits or leases. DNR will follow existing procedures (as outlined in the Division of Land and Water Management's Policy and Procedure Manual, Chapter 5800 Section 02) for resolving these and any other unauthorized use situations in the Moose Range.