

Unit 16. Stuyahok River Corridor

Background

Land Status. Most of the land in the unit is owned by the state. Ten Native allotments are located in the unit. The upper portion of the corridor is within the Lake and Peninsula Borough.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Stuyahok River extends for 55 miles.

Access. The lower portion of the river is moderately accessible by motorboat; upper portions are increasingly difficult. Airplane accessibility is moderate; a few landing sites provide drop-offs for floating. Upper portions of the unit are near Iliamna. The unit is serviced from Anchorage, Iliamna, and Dillingham.

Existing Development. No cabins or other development are documented in the unit.

Fisheries. The Stuyahok River is a clear water stream which provides important spawning habitat for king, sockeye, and coho salmon. Resident species include rainbow trout, arctic grayling, and Dolly Varden.

Subsistence fishing use is low. Sport fishing use is moderate and generally associated with floating.

Wildlife. Moose density is low to moderate; caribou density is high. Upper portions of the unit provide essential caribou calving habitat.

Subsistence hunting for moose and caribou is high during the fall in the lower portion of the river; subsistence hunting for caribou is high throughout the unit during the winter. Sport hunting use is high and increasing as floating becomes increasingly popular. Guided/outfitted use takes place mainly in the upper portion of the unit.

Trails and Easements. None.

Other Values. Floating use is high and chiefly unguided. The corridor has high scenic value because of views of nearby uplands and high landscape diversity ranging from upland tundra to bottomland forest.

Management Intent

Primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	Prohibited.
Trapping cabins	Prohibited.
Boat storage	Prohibited.
Airstrip development	Prohibited.
Docks: permanent	Prohibited.
temporary	Prohibited.
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U16.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U16.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses should be sited out of view from the main river channel.

Public Use Sites

See Public Use Sites in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations of sites are shown on maps in Appendix C.

Site 24 Wheeled plane landing area on the Stuyahok River, 20 miles southeast of old Stuyahok.

Site 25 Floatplane and wheeled plane landing area near the Stuyahok River on an unnamed lake, 21 miles southeast of old Stuyahok.

Site 26 Campsite and floatplane landing area on an unnamed lake drained by the Stuyahok River, 23 miles southeast of old Stuyahok.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.