What Does the Plan Include?

The following section summarizes policies and guidelines that are included in the plan. Only those that apply to land and water.

General Management Intent. Each of the 31 river segments will be managed to reflect the special needs of different resource and use areas along the corridor from area hubs that are most in need of monitoring to taste areas that are not in need of monitoring. The Act establishes a system for monitoring and evaluating the conditions of the person land and water resources within the planning area.

Public Use Sites. Numerous public use sites have been identified. These sites are places on state lands that are important for access, camping, or other recreation or public use. Sites will be managed to protect public access and public values.

Special Management Areas. Special management areas are small areas of state land that are important for access. State lands in special management areas will be managed to accommodate access to public and private land. Seasonal motor restrictions on aircraft strips are also included.

Riparian Management Areas. Areas include water bodies, riparian habitats, and buffers along waterways. They provide important riparian resources, protect, and maintain fish and wildlife populations and habitat. Riparian management areas are small areas of state land that are important for fish and wildlife. They provide important riparian resources, protect, and maintain fish and wildlife populations and habitat.

Fish & Wildlife Habitat. One of the main purposes of the Recreation Rivers plan is to protect, manage, and maintain fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis. Areas that are important for fish and wildlife are identified and specific guidelines are designed to protect them. These areas include river systems, wetlands, and buffers along waterways.

Solid Waste. The plan proposes an education program to encourage users to pack-out solid waste, including trash, debris, and other materials that may become a hazard to public safety. The plan also includes guidelines for the disposal of solid waste in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Boating & General Access

General Access. To prevent damage to areas used for camping, the plan proposes regulations that limit harvest and use of state lands. The plan also includes guidelines for construction of improvements such as powerlines, pipelines, and airstrips.

Subsurface. Most of the corridors will remain closed to new mineral entry. However, a four-mile stretch of upper Lake Creek will be opened to new mineral entry under lease. The Act allows mining operations to occur on state lands. Mining operations are subject to the same regulations as those imposed on commercial businesses operating on state land.

Additional Regulations. Regulations for riparian management areas, fish & wildlife habitat, and solid waste are designed to protect these resources and ensure their sustainability. The plan also includes guidelines for the disposal of solid waste in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Enforcement. Throughout the planning process, the public has been concerned about enforcement of fish & wildlife regulations and the ability of land users to enforce these regulations. The plan recommends additional enforcement and that DNR posts signs indicating areas where the public is prohibited from entering.

Commercial. There are over one hundred businesses operating within the Recreation Rivers corridor. To ensure that commercial businesses operate safely, provide quality service to the public, and protect resources along the river, all recreation-oriented commercial businesses operating on state land will be required to have a commercial use permit. Most of the corridors will remain closed to new mineral entry.

Solid Waste. The plan proposes an education program to encourage users to pack-out solid waste, including trash, debris, and other materials that may become a hazard to public safety. The plan also includes guidelines for the disposal of solid waste in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Air Access. The plan includes guidelines for construction of improvements such as powerlines, pipelines, and airstrips.

Upstream Access. The plan includes guidelines for access to river systems, wetlands, and buffers along waterways. They provide important riparian resources, protect, and maintain fish and wildlife populations and habitat. Riparian management areas are small areas of state land that are important for fish and wildlife.

Air Access. The plan includes guidelines for construction of improvements such as powerlines, pipelines, and airstrips.


What is the Tatinsas Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan?

The plan describes how the Alaska Department of Natural Resources will manage approximately 94,000 acres of state-owned land along 450 miles of river in the Tatinsas Basin. The plan does not make decisions on federal, private, or Native lands.

The Plan Does What?

A planning team and the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board worked closely together to develop the plan. The planning team included representatives from state agencies, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and the City of Houston. The advisory board included representatives from interested organizations and interested citizens. The planning team and advisory board reviewed the alternatives at meetings in December 1989. The team and board considered the alternatives and made recommendations to the planning team in June 1990. A final report was released to the public in November 1990. The planning team submitted a draft plan to the public in February 1991.

How Will the Plan Be Implemented?

The plan provides management intent for the river. This intent will apply to land uses that currently require written authorization from DNR. Restrictions on other activities may be required by regulations. Implementation of non-regulatory actions such as public meetings, collecting sites, and improving campsites will depend on budgetary status.

What Other Issues Are Addressed by the Plan?

The plan addresses key issues that will affect the river. The plan proposes an education program to encourage users to pack-out solid waste. The plan also includes guidelines for construction of improvements such as powerlines, pipelines, and airstrips. The plan includes guidelines for erosion control structures, boat landing, and discharge into the river. The plan also includes guidelines to reduce conflicts with other resources and uses, and to generate revenue to help manage the rivers. The plan also includes guidelines for construction of improvements such as powerlines, pipelines, and airstrips.


How Can I Get a Copy of the Plan?

This brochure is a summary of the plan. Copies of the full plan may be purchased at DNR offices listed below and at select locations. Copies can also be obtained by calling the advisory board or reviewing the plan.

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Matt Beecroft, 500 Willow Ave., Suite 400
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 561-7005
Fax: (907) 561-7025

Copies can also be purchased from the DNR or by calling the advisory board.
The Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan includes corridors approximately one-mile wide along six rivers. The corridors exclude private and borough lands. This map shows land ownership within the corridors, however some small parcels are not shown due to the limitations of this map scale. For more detailed land ownership information, see the official status plats at the Department of Natural Resources or the Matanuska-Susitna Borough office.

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**STATE OWNED LAND - MANAGEMENT INTENT**

- CLASS I AREA
- CLASS II AREA
- CLASS III AREA
- PUBLIC USE SITE
- SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (motor restrictions do not apply if in non-motorized area)
- BOATING
- SEASONAL NON-MOTORIZED AREAS
- VOLUNTARY NO-WAKE AREAS
- BOROUGH LAND (outside RR Corridor)
- PRIVATE LAND (outside RR Corridor)
- RIVER MILE
- MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARY
- SUBUNIT BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE RECREATION RIVERS

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Location Map