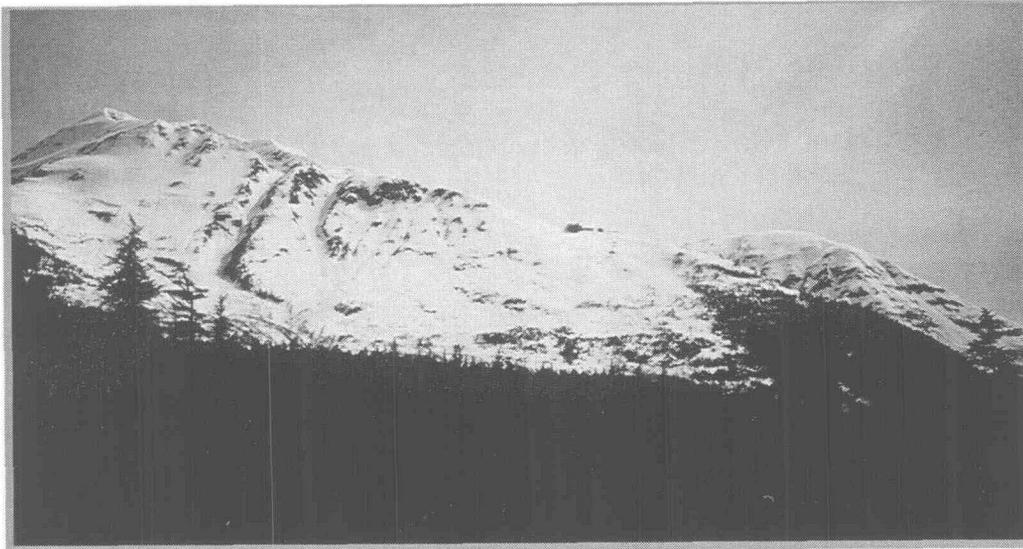


Management Unit 4

Mount Alyeska



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BACKGROUND

This management unit includes approximately 2,500 acres on the north and west flanks of Mount Alyeska. The Alyeska Resort lease area covers most of this management unit.

This management unit is currently used for commercial recreation purposes as Alaska's largest developed downhill ski facility. The first developed ski facilities on Mt. Alyeska were constructed in 1958. The resort used the land under permit from the U.S. Forest Service until 1993, when the land was conveyed to the State of Alaska. Now, the resort's use of the land is under DNR's management authority.

The Alyeska Resort has six chairlifts, one ropetow, and one 60 passenger tram. The resort has 2,500 feet of vertical rise, and 450 acres of skiable terrain. Also, a luxury 307 room hotel was completed in the summer of 1994.

This unit consists of a single subunit, Subunit 4a.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

Subunit 4a will be retained in public ownership and managed for commercial recreation. This subunit is suitable for a four-season mountain resort development, including a developed ski area with lifts, trams, ski runs, on-mountain facilities. Management is subject to the terms and conditions of the Alyeska Resort lease. Lands outside of the resort lease area will be managed for recreation, protecting wildlife habitat, maintaining scenic qualities, and to avoid conflicts with uses on the adjacent resort lease lands.

Forestry

The management intent for forest resources in this unit will be to maintain and enhance scenery and maintain forest health.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Because of conflicts with existing commercial recreation use, Subunit 4a is closed to mineral entry by an existing mineral order (see *Mineral Orders*, Chapter 4).

Subunit 4a Subunit 4a is open to commercial recreation leasing.

LAND USE SUMMARY CHART

Management Unit 4: Mount Alyeska

Subunit	Surface Land Use Designation	Subsurface	Prohibited Surface Use	Comments
4a Mt. Alyeska 2,500 acres	Commercial recreation	Closed	Land disposals*	Includes existing Mt. Alyeska Resort lease

*Land disposals are disposals of state land to private ownership as authorized by AS 38.05.057 (disposals of land by lottery), AS 38.08 (homesites), and AS 38.09 (homesteads). For the purposes of this plan, land disposals do not include leasing, and do not preclude transfer of state land to another agency or municipality.