

**Recommended Revisions
to the
Public Review Draft Chugach State Park Management Plan**

The following revisions coupled with the public review draft version of the plan constitute the final plan.

**Chugach State Park Management Plan
Recommended Revisions
2016**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Revision</u>
CHAPTER 2: PARK GOALS and OBJECTIVES	
Recreation Goal-1 st Objective, wording change	Change objective 1 to read as follows: Provide a variety of recreation facilities <u>and opportunities equitably distributed for all capabilities</u>
CHAPTER 3: NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES	
Hydrology Section (page 12)	The percentage will be changed to reflect AWWU's recommendation.
Hydrology Section (page 12)	The fourth sentence will be reworded as suggested by AWWU.
Iditarod Trail Section (page 26)	The third sentence in the second paragraph should be replaced with: "The Crow Pass section (28 miles) of the Iditarod Trail was restored to recreational hiking by the Susitna Girl Scouts in 1974/1975 as a bi-centennial celebration of our Country's 200 th anniversary."
Iditarod Trail Section (page 26) & Eagle River Planning Unit (pages 88-90)	Add an entry to recognize the Memorandum of Agreement between the State and the Bureau of Land Management regarding the Iditarod Trail to the agreements section of Chapter 5 of the plan. Incorporate the remaining more detailed recommendations into an Iditarod Trail section of the park's trail plan document.
CHAPTER 4: PARK USE and ISSUES	
Recreational Use and Trends Section- Activities and Trends (page 29)	Biking will be added to the list of activities occurring within the park.
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Resource Management- Land Management, Military (page 33)	Fort Richardson will be changed throughout the document to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).
Resource Management- Fish & Wildlife Management (page 33)	Remove references to and discussion of ADF&G's 2009 study regarding Anchorage resident's opinions on bear and moose populations from the issues section of the plan.
Resource Management-Watershed Protection (page 34)	The Watershed Protection section will be revised to replace Alaska Water and Wastewater Utility with Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility.

General- Park Hazards (pages 36-37)	Language regarding increased risk of negative bear-human encounters near a fish bearing stream will be added to the hazards section of the issues chapter.
CHAPTER 5: AREAWIDE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION and GUIDELINES	
Oppose Use of Natural Instead of Scenic for the Middle Areas of the Park	Add a footnote to clarify that the use of the term “natural” is meant to coincide with what is described as “scenic” in the enabling legislation.
Chapter 5 Guidelines for Activities and Facilities (pages 45-58)	After further evaluation, some of the activities described in the plan were modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. Regulatory references will be updated to reflect recent updates to park regulations. See table 5.1 – 5.5 for the changes. <i>For your reference, tables 5.1 – 5.5 are included in this document immediately following this chapter.</i>
Table 5.1: Resource Management-Research, Monitoring, and Management Studies (page 46)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Table 5.1: Resource Management-Pest and Disease Control (page 47)	Language will be added to the plan to the plan that any measure taken will account for protection of the water supply.
Table 5.1: Resource Management-Tree Felling and/or Timber Sales (page 47)	Reword language from “timber SALES” to “personal-use timber harvest”. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates
Table 5.1: Resource Management-Storm Water Drainage (page 48)	This use will be changed to incompatible in the table.
Table 5.2: Public Uses (page 49)	The statement will be rewritten to clarify when special park use permits may be issued.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Land-Based Motorized Vehicles (page 50)	In support of authorized or other permitted activities – Add “where there is a park benefit...”
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Snowmobiles (page 50)	Add “where there is a park benefit...” to the conditions for permitting in the wilderness zone.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Bicycles (page 50)	The plan language will be modified to specify that bicycle use may be authorized in the wilderness zone by permit during the winter when there is adequate snow cover or when conditions are adequate to protect underlying park resources.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Bicycles (page 50)	The bicycles regulation reference in the Recreation Development column will be revised to replace 11 AAC 20.040 with 11 AAC 20.050.

Table 5.2: Public Uses- Motorized Equipment (page 51)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Campfires (page 51)	The language will be clarified in the table to eliminate “if associated with hunting, education or training” as a requirement for permitting.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Rock Climbing (page 51)	A definition will be added to the glossary of the plan.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Aircraft Landing (page 53)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Table 5.2: Public Uses- Use of Aircraft (page 53)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Table 5.3: Other Uses- Outdoor and/or Military Training, Drills, or Exercises (page 54)	Include language that clarifies that this training is subject to park regulations regarding the discharge of firearms.
Table 5.4: Facilities- Improved Campsites (page 55)	Change the plan language to clarify that the activity is compatible as developed, permitted or concessioned by DPOR.
Table 5.4: Facilities- Alternative Power Development (page 56)	Plan language will be modified to clarify that new alternative power development may be employed when it is primarily for park use and that it is incompatible for commercial or exclusive private use. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Edit Commercial Uses Section (page 57)	The reference to ACMP will be removed from the plan.
Edit Commercial Uses Section (page 57)	Change to “...are usually limited in number...”
Table 5.5: Commercial Uses- Commercial Power Development (page 58)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.
Table 5.5: Commercial Uses- Utilities, Transmission Lines, and Pipelines (page 58)	The plan will be modified to better clarify the types of activities to be authorized in each zone. See tables 5.1 – 5.5 below for updates to activities.

The following is a section from the plan provided in revised form so the updates can be better understood:

Guidelines for Activities & Facilities Within

Land-Use Designations In Chugach State Park

These are general guidelines to be used when evaluating permit applications or considering undertaking activities within the various park zones. The information below provides the basis for determining incompatibility under AS 41.21.123 in accordance with AS 41.21.120 – 41.21.125, and supplements the requirements in 11 AAC 18.010 – 18.040, and AS 41.21.027. The recommendations made below are done by subject matter and by land use designation. They are listed by use categories such as resource management, public uses, and commercial uses. In the case of conflict between these guidelines and the specific recommendations in this plan, the specific recommendations will prevail. In permitting some of the activities listed below, an additional process may be required as a result of the action. In cases where the activity permitted on a long term basis constitutes a conversion of use under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program, the park is required to go through a LWCF approved process to document and mitigate for the conversion prior to the conversion action. These cases should be very limited since the overall intent is to preserve the recreational value of park land, but at times, the benefit derived from permitting such an activity may outweigh the cost of the land conversion. Activities that support the Division of Park and Outdoor Recreation’s mission, are consistent with park purposes and the Statewide Framework document are considered to provide a park benefit for the purposes of permitting.

Resource Management

The following guidelines address resource management related activities and permitting. While the following guidelines apply, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation also recognizes the authority of the Board of Fisheries, Board of Game, and the Department of Fish and Game to regulate fish and game management. Alaska Statute 41.21.122 further guides management responsibility within the park to park purposes for the duties of the Department of Fish and Game. For activities that the Department of Fish and Game may conduct within the park, a permit may not always be required, but the requirement remains to coordinate with and notify park staff to sort out potential disparate activities. Additional permits may be required from the Department of Fish and Game for some of the activities listed in the table below.

Table 5.1: Resource Management

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Research, Monitoring and Management Studies.</u> Collection of data necessary for park management decisions or to further science. Priority will be given to studies that contribute to the use and management of native fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Studies may be conducted by the Division or by other researchers under Division permit. A permit is required if natural objects will be disturbed, aircraft are involved or structures, temporary or semi-permanent, are required.	Will be encouraged when in accord with established principles and when consistent with the purposes of the park.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Ecological Monitoring.</u> Activities or studies that address how habitats are changing due to either natural or human causes.	Will be practiced as part of normal park operations in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other agencies or organizations.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Fish and Wildlife Inventories.</u> Using acceptable inventory techniques to obtain information on species distribution, harvests, abundance, habitats, and population dynamics to meet park management objectives.	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Fish and Wildlife Introduction.</u> Introduction of non- indigenous or exotic species.	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Fisheries Enhancement.</u> Action taken to increase fishery stocks above historical levels, such as building fish passages, artificially incubating or stocking fish in streams, and fertilizing lakes.	May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 only if it enhances recreation.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development provided wilderness values are maintained.
<u>Fisheries Restoration.</u> Action taken to restore native fish access to spawning and rearing habitat or actions taken to restore populations to historical levels. May include fish ladders, fish passages, fish stocking and lake fertilization.	May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in limited circumstances in conjunction with ADF&G.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Wildlife Habitat Manipulation.</u> Modification of habitat to increase or decrease target wildlife populations. Includes both enhancement and restoration activities, such as prescribed burning and mechanical manipulation.	In general habitat manipulation is discouraged but may be considered and authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Wildlife Restoration.</u> Used to re-establish native species within their original breeding range.	Compatible, in consultation with ADF&G.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Predator Control.</u> Relocation or removal of predators to favor other wildlife species or populations, and the protection of re-introduced species.	May be allowed consistent with ADF&G policies and regulations. Implementation may be affected by land use conditions and restrictions consistent with park purposes.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Vegetation Introduction.</u> Introduction of non-indigenous or exotic plants or trees.	Compatible only adjacent to developed facilities for species used in landscaping such as grass for lawns, historical landscaping or other similar plantings.	Incompatible	Incompatible
<u>Pest and Disease Control.</u> The use of poisons or chemicals or other means to control or eradicate invasive or noxious weeds, insect pests and/or diseases to indigenous animals, plants, or forests.	Incompatible, except to control species not indigenous to the area.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Tree Felling and/or Timber Removal.</u> Actions taken to eradicate pests such as spruce bark beetle, remove fire hazards adjacent to developed areas, improve views from developed waysides, or for public safety.	Compatible as managed by DPOR.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible as managed by DPOR and only to protect public safety and property.
<u>Fire Suppression and Mitigation.</u> Actions taken to suppress wildfires and the potential for wildfire.	Compatible consistent with the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan and other interagency agreements.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible, if in keeping with park purposes or to protect human safety.
<u>Waterbody Modification.</u> Changing a waterbody to alter or improve navigability.	Incompatible but may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 to improve waterbody safety and accessibility.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Storm Water Drainage.</u> Causing the shedding of storm water into the park from activities that are inconsistent with the Clean Water Act and Municipality of Anchorage storm water standard design criteria conditions.	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Other Drainage or Discharge.</u> Allowing or causing drainage or discharge into the park associated with sewage, gray water, or other waste water/materials.	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Public Uses

Special park use permits are required for activities that are incompatible as defined by statute or regulation or which do not otherwise have lawful recreation as its primary purpose¹. The following table guides park activities and permitting of public uses and activities. Administrative activities carried out by park management in support of daily park operations do not require a permit. The park may issue permits for activities not listed in the following table as a means of determining if a new type of activity will be compatible in an area in the long term or for future activities that could not be anticipated at the time of this planning effort. When issuing these types of permits, consideration will be given to the unit's management intent and the nature of each of the land use zones for determining the appropriateness of the activity in a given area.

Table 5.2: Public Uses

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Walking, Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, and Mountaineering.</u>	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Motorized Boats.</u> Includes use of inboard and outboard motorized boats and jet boats on rivers and lakes. Does not include small boats with electric trolling motors on Eklutna Lake. See below for personal watercraft, hovercraft, and airboat restrictions. This does not include the use of motorized boats by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible unless authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 only for park management purposes and research, or as allowed under 11 AAC 20.025.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible

¹ Refer to 11 AAC 18.010 for a list of activities requiring a permit.

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Use of Airboats.</u>	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Personal Watercraft (jet skis) and Hovercraft.</u> This does not include the use of personal watercraft by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Non-motorized Boating.</u> Includes canoes, rafts, rowboats, kayaks, pack rafts, sailboats, and sailboards.	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Land-Based Motorized Vehicles.</u> Includes motorized devices for carrying persons or objects over land and includes automobiles and off-road vehicles. See other sections that address snowmobiles, aircraft, bicycles, and motorized boats. This does not include land-based motorized vehicle use by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible off roads and parking areas except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.015. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to those in 11 AAC 20.01 (a-b) only for park management purposes, research, or in support of authorized or other permitted activities where there is a park benefit.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices.</u> Any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines used by individuals for the purpose of locomotion including golf carts or electronic personal assistance mobility devices such as Segways. This does <u>not</u> include the use of power-driven wheelchairs for use by a mobility-impaired individual.	Incompatible but may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 for park management purposes, research, or in support of authorized or other permitted activities where there is a park benefit.	Incompatible	Same as Natural

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Use of Snowmobiles.</u> This does not include the use of snowmobiles by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.040. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to those listed in 11 AAC 20.040(1-8) only for park management purposes, research, or in support of authorized or other permitted activities.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Bicycles.</u>	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.050. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to those listed in 11 AAC 20.050(a)(1-12) if in keeping with park purposes and after evaluating possible resource impacts.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.050. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to those listed in 11 AAC 20.050(a)(1-12) if in keeping with park purposes, only under winter conditions where the snow or frost cover is adequate to protect underlying resources.
<u>Fishing.</u>	Compatible, subject to state fishing regulations.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Weapons.</u> Includes a bow and arrow, slingshot, crossbow, or firearm (firearm definition includes air guns and paint guns).	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.010 for the purpose of lawful hunting or trapping.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Hunting.</u>	Compatible, subject to state hunting regulations.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Trapping.</u> Trapping of fur-bearers for private or commercial use.	Compatible, subject to state trapping regulations.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Gathering.</u> Gathering of berries, fruits, mushrooms, and similar edibles for personal consumption, but not for sale or distribution. The gathering of dead wood lying on the ground for lawful personal use in the park.	Compatible if consistent with 11 AAC 12.170.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Use of Motorized Equipment.</u> Includes all internal combustion equipment (e.g. chainsaws and generators).	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 12.230(f).	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Camping in undeveloped areas without designated or improved sites.</u>	Compatible except as restricted in 11 AAC 20.055 and 11 AAC 12.230(l) and (m). May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 for longer periods of time or within 300' of a public use cabin or within the first 3 miles or within 300 yards of the Eklutna Lakeside Trail only for park management purposes, research, or in support of other authorized or permitted activities.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Camping in Developed Campgrounds or Campsites.</u>	Compatible except as restricted in 11 AAC 12.230. Under 11 AAC 18.010, a permit is required for camping beyond 15 days.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Campfires.</u>	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.035 and 11 AAC 12.180. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to those listed in 11 AAC 20.035(1-4) provided the fire danger is low, safe fire practices are used, and there is no significant resource damage.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Fireworks or other explosives. Includes discharge of fireworks, gas operated explosive device or similar device.</u>	Incompatible except for fireworks authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 only for public displays in conjunction with an organized community event by groups authorized to discharge fireworks by the MOA.	Incompatible	Same as Natural
<u>Rock Climbing.</u> Includes any type of climbing, with or without gear, on the rocky bluffs of the park.	Compatible, if consistent with 11 AAC 12.170.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Ice Climbing.</u>	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Dog Sledding and Skijoring.</u> Use of dog teams and sleds or skis as a means of winter access and recreation.	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Wildlife Observation.</u> Viewing wildlife and its habitat in natural conditions. Includes photography, bird watching, and educational, interpretive activities, and programs.	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Recreational Gold Panning.</u> Use of simple, non-motorized tools for gold prospecting.	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.045.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Horses, Pack Animals, and Other Domesticated Ungulates.</u> Use of horses, mules and burros for riding or packing supplies and gear.	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.030. Because of concerns related to the transmission of diseases, the use of goats as pack animals shall not be authorized by permit and is prohibited in the park.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Pets.</u>	Compatible except as restricted in 11 AAC 12.130 and 11 AAC 20.060	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Fixed-Wings Landing.</u> Fixed-wing aircraft that provide access to the park. This does not include fixed-wing aircraft use by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.020 and may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in areas in addition to that listed in 11 AAC 20.020(a) if for park management purposes or research.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible but glacier landings may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 only for park management and research that benefits the park.
<u>Helicopter Operations.</u> Landing and take-off of rotary-blade aircraft to provide access to the park if authorized by the Director. This includes the use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) within the park. This does not include the use of rotary-blade aircraft by authorized personnel for emergency rescue.	Incompatible except as allowed in 11 AAC 20.020 and may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 for park management purposes and research. The use of UAS will be considered separately from other rotary-blade aircraft and may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible. May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 in support of park management activities or for research that benefits the park.
<u>Geo-caching.</u> The activity where participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers or caches.	Incompatible but may be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 and caches must be limited to micro-cache size.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Paragliding/Hang Gliding.</u>	Compatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development

Other Uses

Table 5.3: Other Uses

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Outdoor and/or Military Training, Drills or Exercises.</u>	May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 if consistent with park purposes after considering the impacts on park resources and values, social impacts related to other visitors to the park, and administrative impacts including scheduling, workload, and staffing.	Same as Recreation Development	May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 only if there is a park benefit or the level and type of use is consistent with the wilderness values.
<u>Access to Inholdings or Adjacent Private Land.</u>	Compatible consistent with existing regulations	Same as Recreation Development	Not Applicable
<u>Memorials.</u> The construction or erection of any type of permanent memorial, such as a plaque or monument.	May be authorized under 11 AAC 18.010 if it serves a recreational or historical purpose or under certain exceptions described in Division policy guidelines.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Trail Grooming.</u> The use of tools or equipment to enhance the snow surface. Does not include trail grooming by park staff.	Compatible, provided the group or entity grooming has an established agreement with the park.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Organized Events.</u> Any promotional or entertainment event, including an organized athletic event, competitive recreational event, or spectator event, or an organized or promoted assembly of more than 20 people.	Incompatible unless authorized under 11 AAC 18.010.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible unless authorized under 11 AAC 18.010. Any permits issued under 11 AAC 18.010 will be subject to heightened scrutiny to protect wilderness values and public safety.

Facilities

No person may construct or maintain structures in a state park unless authorized by the Director under 11 AAC 18.010. Special park use permits may not be required for park staff or other authorized personnel working on approved park projects though other types of permits may be required.

Table 5.4: Facilities

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Improved Campsites.</u> Permanent site clearings that may include tent platforms, hardened campsites, fire pits, shelters, picnic tables, sanitary facilities, and interpretive displays.	Compatible as developed and maintained or concessioned by DPOR.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible, if developed for public safety, resource protection, or to avoid conflicts with wildlife.
<u>Public Use Cabins, Yurts, and Shelters.</u> Small, permanent or temporary structures available for use by the general public. Typically these are available on a reservation system.	Compatible as developed and maintained or concessioned by DPOR. Public use cabins are incompatible in alpine vegetated areas. Structures associated with activities authorized under 11 AAC 18.030 or 11 AAC 18.040 are compatible if removable upon revocation of the authorizing permit and if consistent with park management intent for the area.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible only if developed for public safety, or to reduce adverse impacts on area resources and values.
<u>Visitor Information Facilities and Signage.</u> Structures where the public can learn about and obtain information on the park, its resources, recreation opportunities, advisories and regulations.	Compatible as developed and maintained or concessioned by DPOR.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible, except for directional or informational signs.

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Trails.</u> Designated, maintained trails described in the park's trail management plan including foot, motorized, equestrian, bike and other multipurpose trails.	Compatible as developed and/or maintained by DPOR. See the Chugach State Park Trail Management Plan for more detailed guidance.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible as developed by DPOR except for motorized trails.
<u>Boat Launch Sites.</u> Designated access sites where boats may be put into lakes and rivers.	Compatible as developed and maintained or concessioned by DPOR.	Same as Recreation Development	Compatible only for non-motorized boat access on park lakes and rivers.
<u>Gates and Traffic Control Devices.</u> Placements to control or limit certain means of access on park lands.	Compatible as developed and maintained by DPOR.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Landscape Barriers.</u> Includes large rocks, vegetation, earth berms and depressions.	Compatible as managed by DPOR or as authorized by permit for private entities on park land only if there is a park benefit.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Roads and Driveways.</u> Corridors that provide access to private land. May include cleared areas, gravel or asphalt roads, pullouts, or driveways. This does not include roads developed or maintained by DPOR for recreation purposes or existing roads or ROWs maintained by DOT/PF within the park.	Incompatible unless authorized under AS 41.21.024	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible
<u>Alternative Power Development.</u> Includes wind, solar, geothermal, tidal, and hydroelectric power development for noncommercial purposes (personal/community) including a dam, impoundment area, powerhouse, tower, panel, and other forms of associated facilities.	Compatible if developed primarily for park use or if there is a park benefit. Incompatible for exclusive private or commercial use.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible

Commercial Uses

Park regulations 11 AAC 12.300 and 11 AAC 21.100 prohibit commercial activities, defined in 11 AAC 12.340(19), within State Park Units unless permitted under 11 AAC 18.030, 11 AAC 18.040, AS 41.21.027 or other legal means. Prior to issuing these permits, a determination must be made that the park facilities and natural and cultural resources will not be adversely affected; the park is protected from pollution; public use values will be maintained and protected; public safety, health and welfare will not be adversely affected; the activity is consistent with planning efforts affecting the park, including adopted park and local plans; and the activity will not result in an exclusive use of park land and water meaning that it will neither exclude other commercial operators by virtue of location, timing, or type of service permitted, nor will it exclude the public by long-term occupation of the park land and water. There are a number of commercial operators using Chugach State Park offering services such as guided hikes, hunting guides, and ATV tours that are permitted as commercial operators. A commercial permit requires operators to carry liability insurance, possess appropriate professional licenses and certificates, and provide basic equipment. These activities usually must be limited in number and location and therefore can only be permitted through competitive process under 11 AAC 18.040. Staff or cooperating organizations may sell educational and informational materials and firewood per AS 41.21.026.

Table 5.5: Commercial Uses/Other

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Commercial Lodges, or Other Recreation-Oriented Facilities.</u> Privately-owned and operated facilities on park lands including ski areas and equipment rental facilities.	May be authorized under AS 41.21.027 or 11 AAC 18.040 if compatible with park purposes, the provisions in this plan, if it enhances public use and enjoyment of the park and if it does not require disposal of a property interest.	Incompatible	Incompatible
<u>Commercial Power Development.</u> Includes wind, solar, tidal, geothermal, and hydroelectric power development for commercial purposes and any associated support facilities including a dam, impoundment area, powerhouse, tower, panels, and other forms of associated facilities.	Incompatible.	Same as Recreation Development.	Same as Recreation Development.

Activity/Facility	Recreation Development	Natural	Wilderness
<u>Guiding and Outfitting.</u> Licensed big game hunting, fishing, mountaineering, water sports, and backcountry guiding, outfitting, transporters, and all other commercial operations providing services to park users for compensation.	Compatible if authorized under AS 41.21.027 or 11 AAC 18.030 or 11 AAC 18.040.	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Grazing.</u> Grazing or loose herding of domestic or wild animals for personal or commercial purposes.	Incompatible	Same as Recreation Development	Same as Recreation Development
<u>Resource Extraction.</u> Extraction for commercial use. Removal of timber, gravel, rock, sand, minerals, plants, or other park resources.	Incompatible but may be authorized by 11 AAC 18.010 for public projects that benefit the park, enhance public safety and are in keeping with park purposes. Every effort should be made to insure that materials removed from the park are used for projects within the park.	Incompatible	Incompatible
<u>Resource Extraction for State Parks.</u> Removal of timber, gravel, rock, sand, plants, or other park resources for use by State Parks in the park.	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible, provided it directly supports park purposes.
<u>Utilities, Transmission Lines, and Pipelines.</u> Includes telephone and electrical power lines, oil and gas pipelines, water utility structures, communication and wind generation towers and other associated or similar facilities.	Incompatible except for utilities associated with park facilities and temporary structures that are removable upon revocation of the authorizing permit if there is a park benefit associated with the authorization.	Same as Recreation Development	Incompatible

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Revision</u>
CHAPTER 6: MANAGEMENT OF EACH UNIT	
Eklutna – Peters Creek	
Special Management Considerations- Watershed Management (page 77)	Technical wording change will be made to reflect that Eklutna Lake is one of the major sources of water in the park instead of the major source.
Special Management Considerations- Eklutna/Whiteout Traverse Mountaineering Huts (page 78)	The plan will be modified to replace the language stating that the MCA performs annual maintenance with language stating that they perform regular, routine maintenance. Also, the Eklutna/Whiteout Traverse Mountaineering Huts Special Management Considerations section language will state that the MCA will be provided adequate prior notification of hut removal or denial to perform hut repairs.
Prohibit Snowmobiles on the Eklutna Lake	The Special Management Considerations portion of the plan will be modified to include language about gathering information and evaluating the level of snowmobile use on the lake surface.
Eagle River	
Eagle River Planning Unit Objectives (pages 87-89)	The final plan will include additional language regarding the importance of access to and along the river corridor under the Eagle River Unit's Special Management Considerations section.
Lions Club Community Park (Pages 66 & 69)	Drop language in the plan that suggests trading lands to another entity such as the Municipality of Anchorage.
Edit Existing Facilities Table (page 91)	The Existing Facilities tables for each planning unit will be modified in the final plan to substitute the table column label from "Ballfield/Other (i.e. playground, dump..."

	to “Other (e.g. ballfield, playgrounds, dump...” for clarification and to help minimize confusion.
Wallace Homestead Acquisition & Exchange	The Proposed Park Additions, Land Acquisitions, and Boundary Adjustment section of the plan will be modified to include an additional proposal for the Wallace Homestead property.
North Fork Eagle River Trailhead/River Access (33)	The proposal for the North Fork Eagle River Trailhead will be modified to include language about evaluating the feasibility of accommodating camping opportunities in the future.
Eagle River Road (34) & Access to Ram Valley from Falling Water Creek Trailhead (36)	The Justification sections of these proposals will be modified in the final plan to include additional language regarding the importance of developing a trailhead in this area to provide legal access to Ram Valley.
Eagle River Nature Center (ERNC) (37) (pages 89 and 93)	The Justification section of this proposal will be modified in the final plan to acknowledge that the separate public process regarding upgrades to the Nature Center has been completed and a master site development plan has been approved. Also, the Eagle River Nature Center section under the Special Management Considerations for this planning unit will be modified to include additional language regarding the importance of the role FERNC plays in providing services in the Eagle River valley.
Crow Pass Trail Backcountry Campsites (39)	The proposal will be modified to include additional language that sanitation facilities may be appropriate in the future at some sites
ER Group Campground (41)	The Justification section of the plan will be modified to clarify that this area is also be available for day use activities.

Eagle River Greenbelt Trail/Pathway & Eagle River Greenbelt Trailhead/River Access (42)	The Special Management Considerations section for the Eagle River planning unit will be modified to include additional language identifying the segment of the Iditarod National Historic Trail that traverses the Eagle River valley.
Ship Creek	
Arctic Valley Road (Page 97)	Modify the description on page 97 so that it acknowledges ASC's maintenance of the Arctic Valley Road and agreement with the military.
Arctic Valley Ski Area Lease Site (Page 99)	Augment the description of the Anchorage Ski Club Lease information on page 99 of the plan to include the additional facilities within the lease and permit site.
Hillside	
Add Wildlife Viewing and Scenic Value to Unit's Management Priorities	Add "scenic viewing" to the description portion for this unit
Special Management Considerations-Watershed Management (page 104)	Reword the first sentence of the first paragraph on page 104 to read: "The drainages of the CSP Hillside Unit, primarily the Campbell Creek drainages, are an important watershed area..."
Prospect Heights Trailhead (62)	Define "shelter" in the glossary of the plan.
Add Latrines Near the German Bridge and Upper Rabbit Creek	Add a recommendation for accommodating latrines along the Powerline Pass Trail to compliment current proposals in the area should the need be demonstrated.
Turnagain Arm	
Edit Seward Highway Scenic Byway Nomenclature (page 113)	The plan language will be modified to clarify that the Seward Highway was designated as an All-American Road.

Modify Seward Highway Nomenclature (page 113)	The relevant sections in Chapter 5 and 6 of the plan will be modified to include additional language regarding the Seward Highway's designation as a Safety Corridor and the management implication associated with this designation.
Rainbow Point Scenic Overlook (92), Windy Corner (95), Falls Creek Trailhead (96), The Grotto (97), and Indian Point Scenic Overlook & Trailhead (98)	Technical wording changes will be made to eliminate the terms such as "safe clear zone" and will be replaced with preferred terminology such as "buffer".
Windy Corner Sheep Viewing Area (95)	Add language to include consultation with ADF&G on wildlife viewing areas along the highway corridor.
Indian Creek Trailhead (100)	Reword so that it is clear that this facility accesses the Indian to Girdwood bike path and not the Powerline/Arctic Valley trails.
Bird Valley Campground & Day Use Area (103)	The Scope/Management Objective section of this proposal will be modified in the final plan to include locating a caretaker facility at this site if needed.
CHAPTER 7: IMPLEMENTATION	
Modify Anadromous Definition in the Glossary	Augment the definition to include: Those waters identified in the atlas or catalog of waters important for spawning rearing or migration of anadromous fishes as provided in 5 AAC 95.011.
Modify Plan Maps	Add major roads adjacent to park facilities to maps.
Appendix D: Plants, Mammals, Fish and Birds of CSP	The plant list will be updated to include additional species that have been indentified in the park.
Appendix E: Planning Units & ADF&G Special Management Areas	The references in the plan will be changed as appropriate.

Plan Lacks Alternatives	Add DNR land records and case files to the bibliography that were inadvertently left out from the draft plan.
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