The legislature has designated areas for special uses. Areas designated by the legislature include refuges, sanctuaries, critical habitat areas, ranges, special management areas, forests, parks, recreation areas, preserves, public use areas, recreation rivers, and recreational mining areas. The total acreage of land within the boundaries of these areas (excluding joint state/national refuges) is 11,982,139 acres.

The acreage figures below are only approximations of acreage of all lands, regardless of ownership, within the exterior boundaries of legislatively designated areas. Consult the referenced Alaska Statutes to determine the legal description and special management intent for each area. Many areas also have regulations and plans that govern uses within their boundaries.

**State Wildlife Areas**

The following legislatively designated areas were established under Title 16, Chapter 20 of the Alaska Statutes to protect and preserve the natural habitat areas and game population or to enhance habitat for particular wildlife species. Most of these areas are managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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¹ The Yakataga Special Management Area, created per Section 9, Chapter 143, SLA 1990, expired when the Yakataga Area Plan was approved on 04/03/95.

² Lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System were designated as State Game Refuges under Alaska Statute 16.20.030. Acreages are based on the boundaries of the listed national wildlife refuges at the time of the effective date of the state designation. Boundaries of several federal wildlife refuges have changed since the effective date, but the state refuge boundaries remain unchanged.
State Park Areas

The following legislatively designated areas were established under Title 41, Chapter 21 of the Alaska Statutes to foster the growth and development of a system of parks and recreational facilities and opportunities in the state, for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of its citizens and for the attraction of visitors to the state. These areas are managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

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Other State Multiple Use Areas

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