

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER**

**DRAFT
YUKON TANANA AREA PLAN AMENDMENT NC-10-005A02**

Lower Tanana Region, Management Unit T-12

related to the
Redlands Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 417451

The Commissioner of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources finds that this amendment to the Yukon Tanana Area Plan (YTAP), described more fully in the Attachment, meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 *Land Use Planning and Classification* and 11 AAC 55.010-030 *Land Planning and Classification* for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the area of the revision consistent with this designation and management intent.

- Designation: Settlement (no change)
- Management Intent: Remains the same except for the removal of the 200' riparian buffer from the Chitanana River. This revision is being made to ensure any future reoffer of Redlands RRCS staking area (ADL 417451) is offered under the same conditions as the 2010 offering under the Tanana Basin Area Plan.

Note: This amendment to Management Until T-12 affects the entire unit, consisting of approximately 7,529 acres as depicted on Plan Map 3-2(a) in the Yukon Tanana Area Plan (page 3-55).

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Commissioner
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Location: Approximately 25 miles west of Manley Hot Springs and 110 miles west of Fairbanks. The project area is within Township 1 North, Range 20 West, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

Authority: The authority to revise plans derives from AS 38.04.065(b) *Land Use Planning and Classification*. 11 AAC 55.030(f) *Land Use Plan* defines when a revision constitutes a plan amendment.

Current Plan: Management intent for unit T-12 provides that land disposals are appropriate in the vegetated upland locations within this unit, and that the land should be retained for purposes of supporting the State's land disposal program. The management intent for unit T-12 includes providing a minimum 200' riparian buffer for parcels adjacent to the Chitanana and Tanana Rivers.

Proposed Plan Amendment: Amend the management intent for unit T-12 (Page 3-25) to remove the 200' riparian buffer for parcels adjacent to the Chitanana River.

Explanation: The Redlands RRCS (ADL 417451) was previously offered in 2010 under the Tanana Basin Area Plan (TBAP). In the 2010 decision, 40 authorizations were offered, of which 15 parcels were staked. DMLW is proposing to offer the remaining 25 authorizations in a future offering under the 2010 decision. The YTAP updated and superseded the TBAP in 2014, and Redlands RRCS staking area became unit T-12. Unit T-12 management intent currently states "There should be a minimum 200' riparian buffer for parcels adjacent to the Chitanana and Tanana Rivers." The Chitanana is not a cataloged anadromous fish stream, therefore, to be consistent with previous offerings in the area, the Land Sales Section is proposing a RRCS staking area under the same conditions as the 2010 offering. The management intent for unit T-12 will need to be revised to remove the 200' riparian buffer from the Chitanana River. The 200' riparian buffer from the Tanana River will remain in place, consistent with the reserved areas in the 2010 offering.

Assessment: The following alternatives are being considered:

1. (Preferred) Amend the Yukon Tanana Area Plan as described above to remove the 200' riparian buffer from the Chitanana River. Amending the plan is the preferred alternative as it will allow the reoffer of settlement appropriate land under the same conditions of the original offering, providing the public an opportunity to obtain property in a desirable area.
2. (Status Quo) Do not amend the Yukon Tanana Area Plan. This alternative is not preferred as it would disallow the offering of settlement appropriate land under a uniform set of conditions for the area, and unnecessarily de-value potential future parcels.

Requirements of AS 38.04.065 (b): The factors identified in AS 38.04.065(b) have been considered in the Amendment Decision for ADL 417451. The proposed amendment is deemed to be consistent with this statute.