

APPENDIX D

Trails

The trail maps in Appendix D show the general location of important trails in the basin, including 17(b) easements and potential RS 2477 trails.

The trails depicted on these maps are used primarily for recreation, access to hunting, fishing and mining areas, and access to recreation destinations. They vary from winter overland routes for sled dogs and snow machines to more established off-road vehicle roads such as the Chistochina Trail.

17(b) easements are public easements across Native corporation lands reserved under Section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). These easements were set aside to ensure access to public land.

Other publicly used trails across state, private, and federal lands (including within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve) are potentially subject to valid existing rights, including rights-of-way established under Revised Statute (RS) 2477. RS 2477 (formally codified as 43 USC 932; enacted in 1866) provides that "the right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted." The statute was repealed by Public Law 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as of October 21, 1976, subject to valid existing claims.

Identification of potential rights-of-way on the map does not establish the validity of these RS 2477 rights-of-way and does not provide the public the right to travel over them. The trails depicted in Appendix D may be valid under RS 2477. The validity of these trails must be determined on a case-by-case basis. Private parties or the State of Alaska may identify and seek recognition of additional RS 2477 rights-of-way within the Copper River basin.

Use of trails on state land for hiking, horse or dog team travel, cross country skiing, snow machine, four-wheel drives and all terrain vehicles does not require permits. Four-wheel vehicles and all terrain vehicles may be restricted in special use areas and in legislatively designated areas such as state park lands.

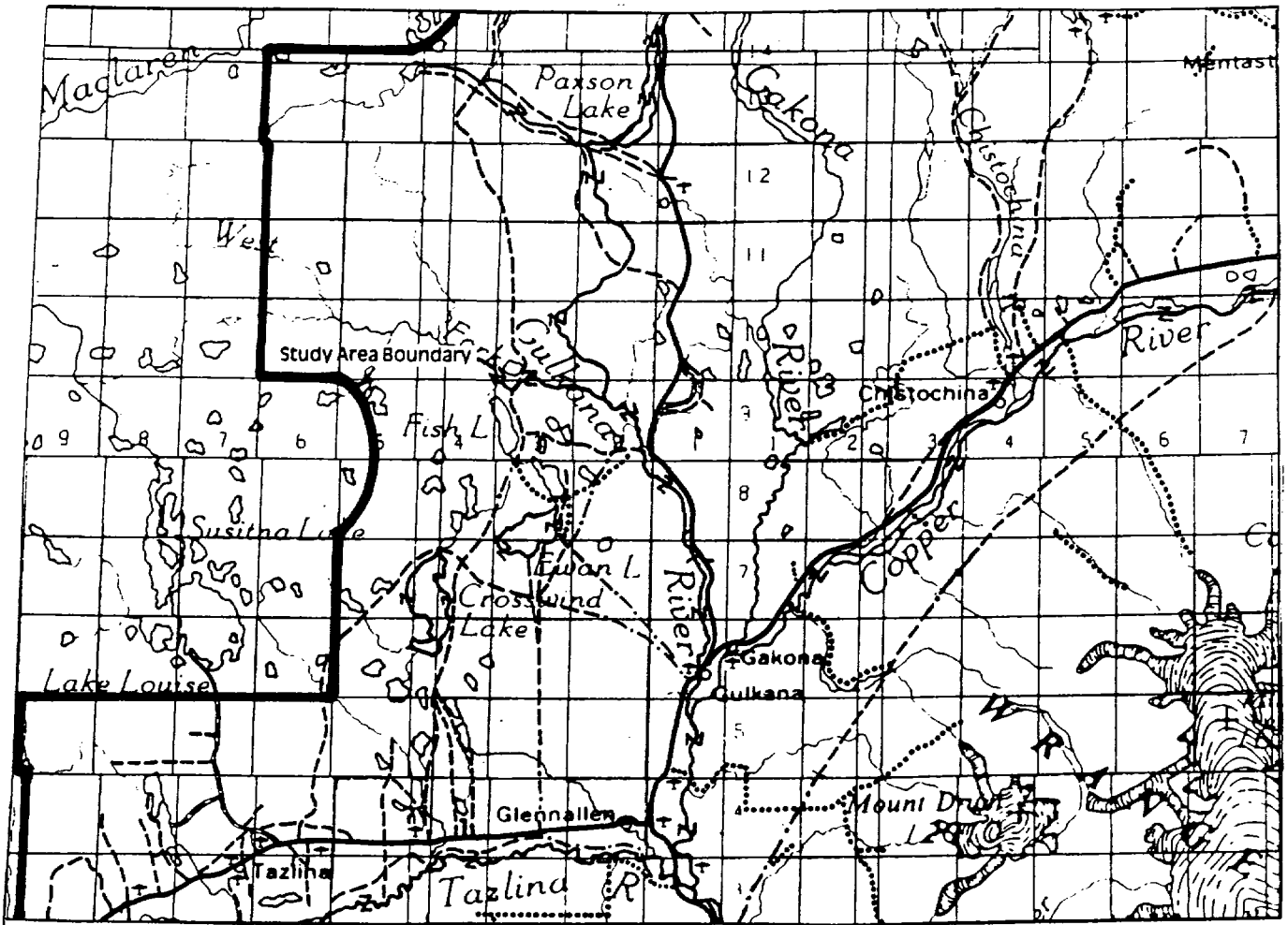
The trails mapped in Appendix D are not necessarily all-inclusive. Many other local trails, including numerous seismic lines, traverse the basin. These maps show the more important trails or trails of historic importance. Some of these trails also cross private land. These maps are not appropriate for use in the field to locate (and use) trails. Additional material regarding potential rights-of-way and easements identified by the state may be obtained through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

For more detailed information, on location of trails please consult 1:250,000 scale maps at the following offices:

1. Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land & Water Management, State Interest Determination Section, graphics office

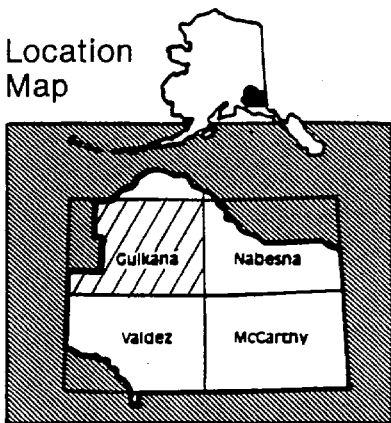
2. Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining and Geological Surveys: 1:250,000 scale inventory maps for the Copper River Basin - "Infrastructure-Trails"
3. Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management, Resource Allocation Section: Copper River Basin-Trails Working Maps
4. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities: 1974 Inventory of Trails

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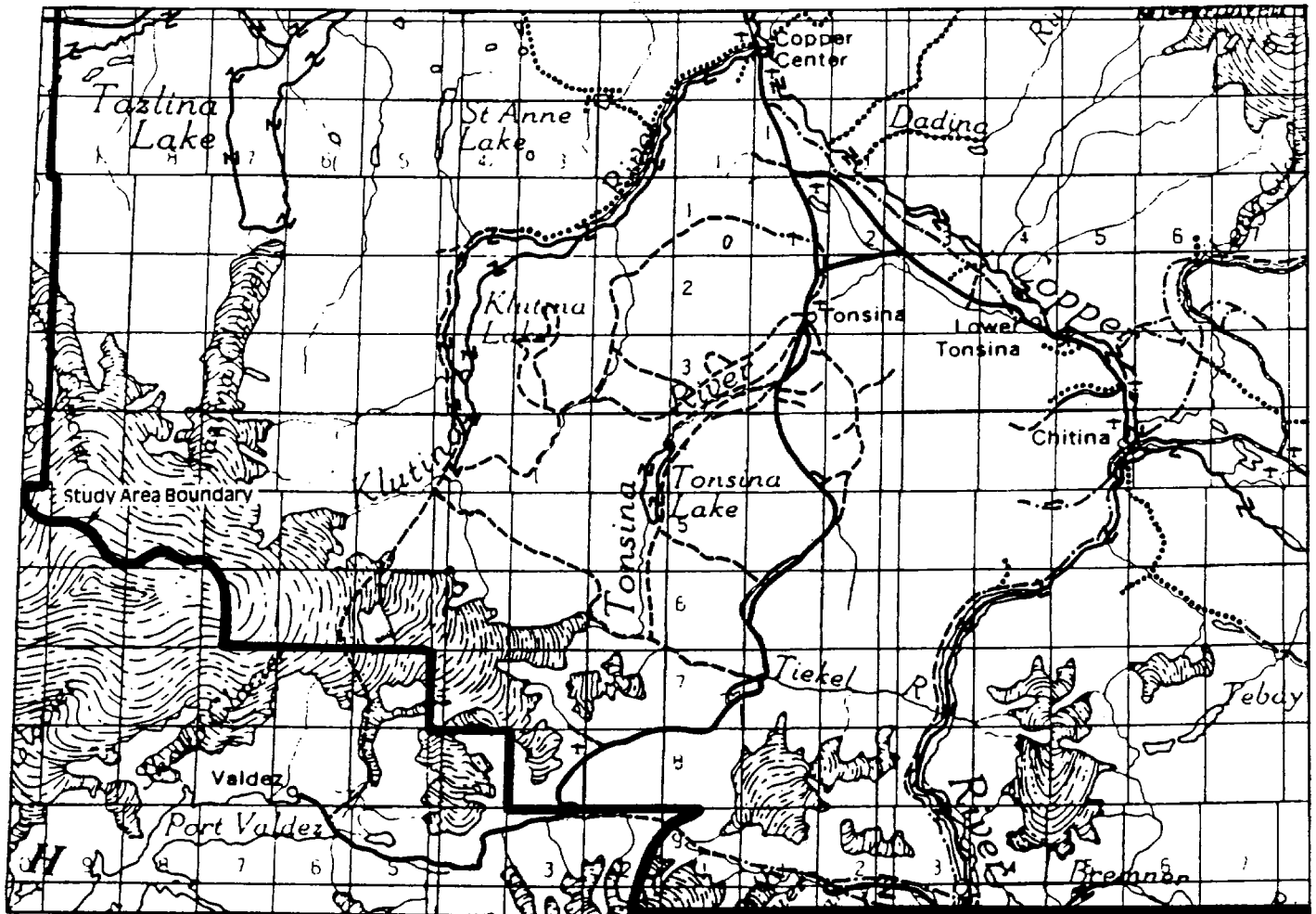
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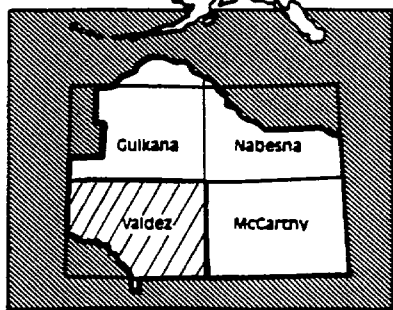
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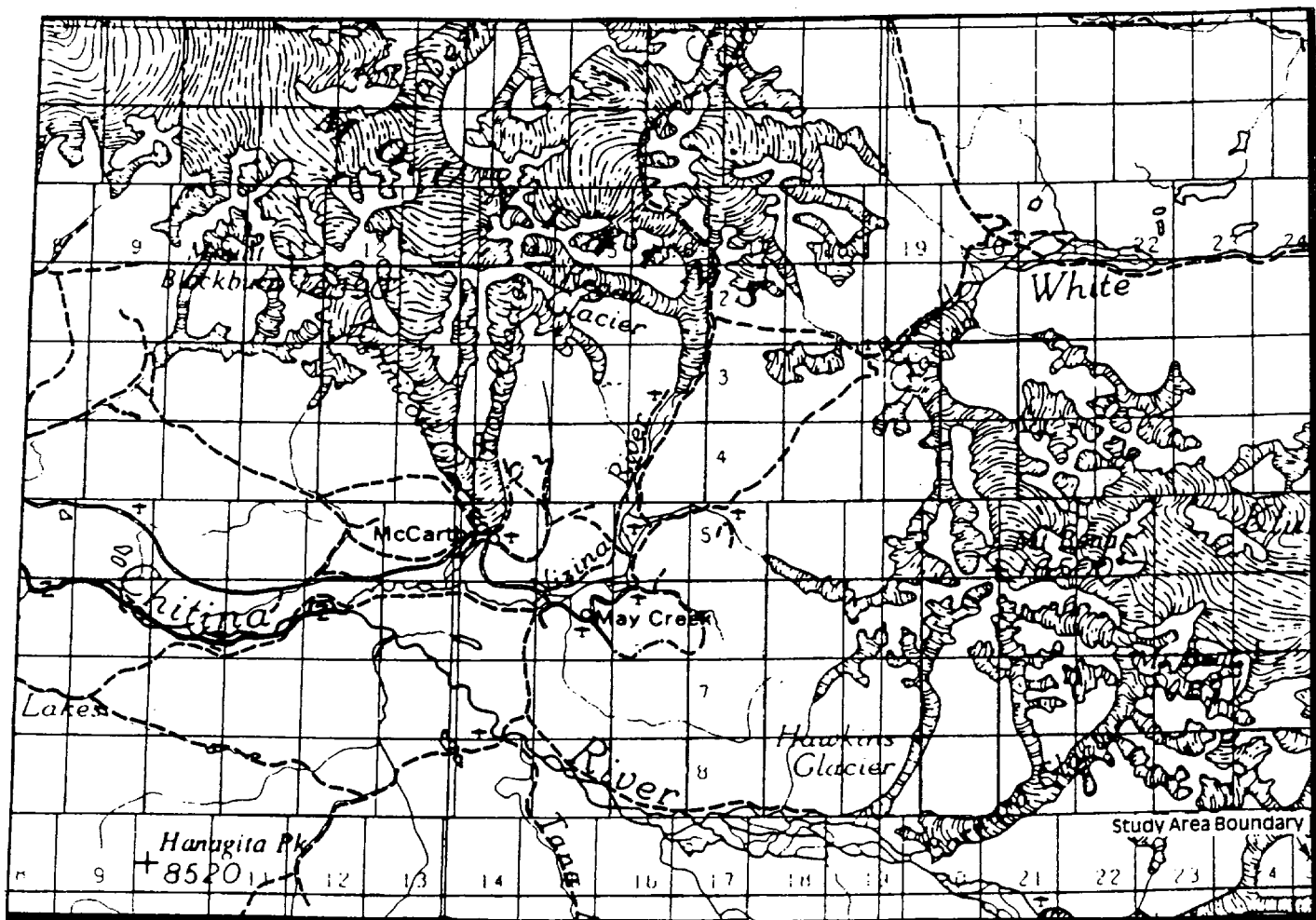


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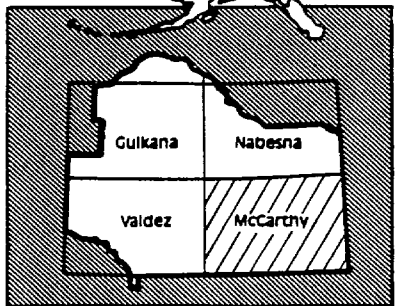
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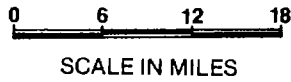
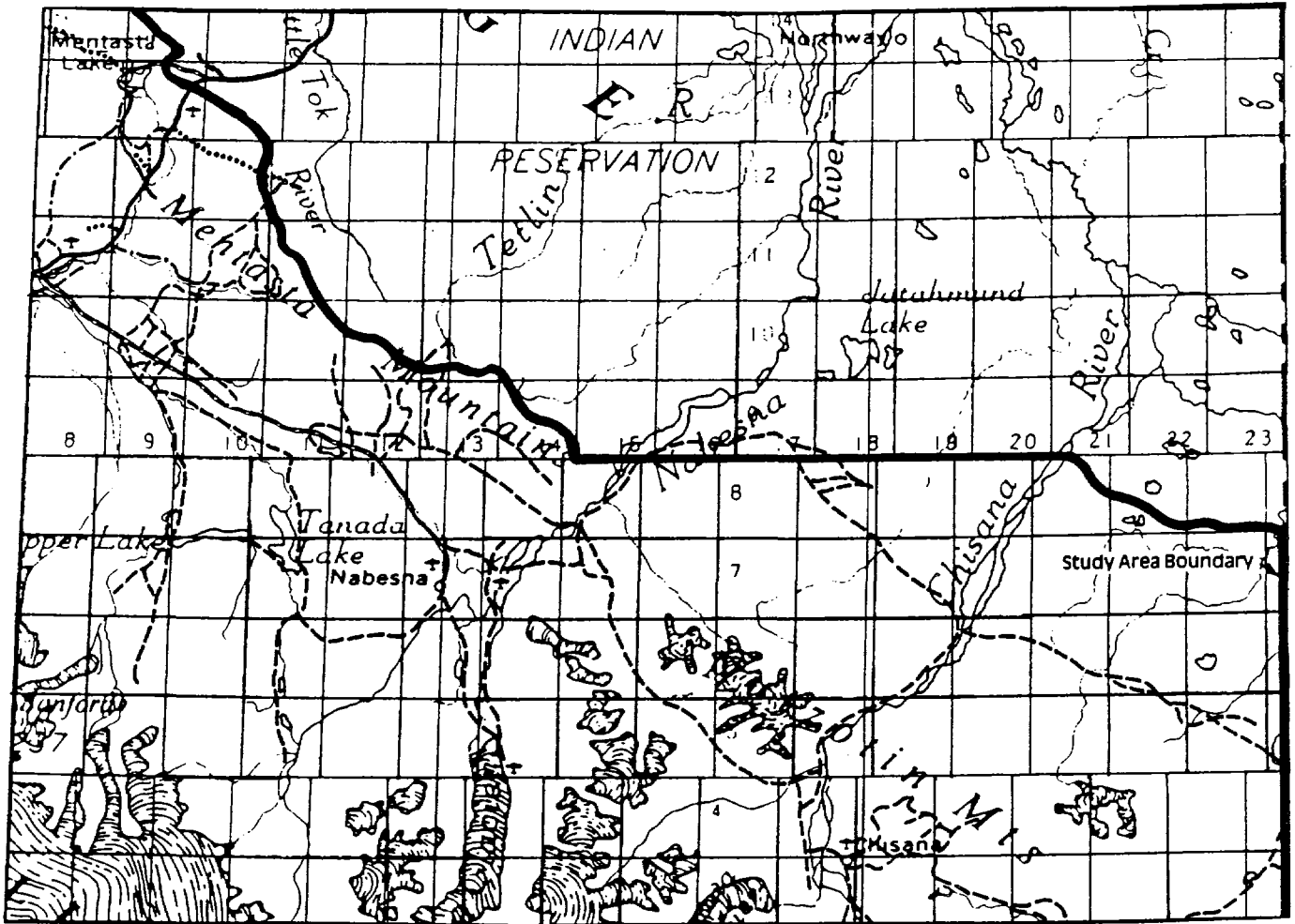
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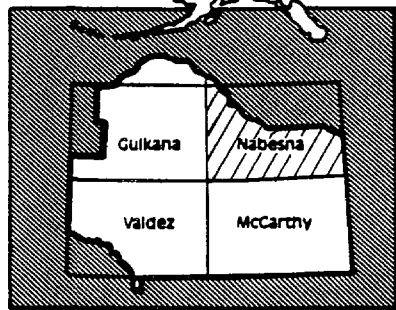
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