

Chapter 3

Land Management Policies for Each Management Unit

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Chapter 3

Land Management Policies for Each Management Unit

Introduction

This chapter presents specific land management policy for state uplands and shorelands within the planning area. Information on state lands is organized by region, of which there are four: Fairbanks, Delta, Upper Tanana and Alaska Range East, and one region that includes all the Legislatively Designated Areas (LDAs) within the plan boundary. These regions are the same as the 1985 plan (updated in 1991) except that the Tangle Lakes area along the Denali Highway has been excluded from the planning boundary¹. Issues surrounding this area are associated with state land selections along the Denali Highway and, more specifically, with the area of Tangle Lakes, which is affected by a Special Use Designation and contains extensive archeological resources, and is managed by the Southcentral Region Office of DNR. The large areas of now state land (previously federal) generally adjacent to the Denali Highway are better managed through a management plan that focuses on this region, Lake Louise, and areas along the Denali Highway near Paxson. Portions of the two latter areas are now part of the Susitna Area Plan and Copper River Basin Area Plan, respectively. Additionally, significant areas of federal land identified as state selection in the 1985 TBAP have been conveyed to the state. While this doesn't change the boundaries of the plan area, this change has significant implications in terms of land management, with the state assuming direct and full control over large areas of previously federal land. Map 3-1 shows the planning area and regions and land status as of 2015.

Within the planning area there is a total of 12.3 million acres of land, of which state uplands comprise 8.2 million acres; this estimate also includes the areas of state shorelands. Significantly, nearly 1.7 million acres of this state total are associated with LDAs, which include the TVSF, Chena River State Recreation Area, Delta Junction Bison Range Area, and Goldstream Public Use Area, and numerous small state recreation sites and public use areas. Generally, area plans do not apply to LDAs, with management direction for such areas being provided through enabling legislation and management plans specific to the LDA, although area plans classify these areas in order to enable certain types of authorizations to be issued. This plan's recommendations primarily apply to the remaining areas of state-owned land and state-selected land within the planning area that make up about 6.5 million acres within the four main regions, and their 294 management units. Most of this state land has been either tentatively approved or patented to the state, and the state exercises its management authorities over this land. However, extensive areas of state selections exist within the

¹ The section of Remnant Rivers in the 1991 TBAP is now described in the subsection, 'Navigable Rivers and Lakes' in this chapter.

planning area, which the state has not yet received a tentative approval or patent, with much of this associated with the Eielson Air Force Base and the Fort Wainwright Military Reservation in the Fairbanks region and the Fort Greely Military Reservation in the Delta region. There are additional areas of selections but they tend to be scattered throughout the various regions and are significantly smaller in size than those associated with the military reservations. It is unclear how much of this selected land the state will receive, and this will not be known until the adjudication of the remaining selections of both the state and Native corporations are finalized by the BLM, which is not expected for some time. The state exercises ANILCA 906(k) authority over the area of federal land affected by state selections, which requires that DNR concur on certain actions by the Secretary of the Interior that occur on federal land selected by the state including the granting of leases, licenses, permits, rights-of-way, or easements, or the making of contracts affecting such conveyances. This authority does not apply to pre-statehood withdrawals of federal land which includes the military installations within the planning area.

The management requirements of this area plan do not apply to non-state lands, which includes, in the context of this plan, University of Alaska lands, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority lands, federal lands not selected or topfiled by the state, and other state-owned lands directly administered by the ADOT/PF, Alaska Railroad, and ADF&G².

Organization of Chapter

The chapter is organized into the following sections:

- *Land Use Designations*, which describe the general management direction for specific parcels (units) of state land.
- *Management Intent*, which consists of an explanation of how specific units of state land are to be managed. Management intent language gives additional specificity to the general management direction provided by the land use designations.
- *Plan Duration and Flexibility*, which indicates the planning period and requirements for plan amendment.
- *Regional Setting*.
- *Regional and parcel specific management* direction for state land.

² Certain LDAs are administered by both ADF&G and DNR, with DNR responsible for uses not related to the management of fish and game.

Map 3-1: Planning Area, Regions, Generalized Land Status

Map 3-1a: Planning Area, Regions, and Unit Boundaries

Land Use Designations

A land use **designation** recognizes uses or resources that are of major importance in a particular management unit. Unit designations are based on current and projected future use patterns and the most significant resources identified in each unit. DNR will manage activities in the unit to encourage, develop, or protect the uses or resources for which the unit is designated. Plan designations are more specific than the land use classifications required under 11 AAC 55.040, and such designations are converted to land use classifications, as required by 11 AAC 55.020. DNR will manage state land according to these designations and according to the equivalent land use classification.

When the plan assigns a designation to a unit, the designation is accompanied by region-wide management guidelines and by management intent specific to that unit. These three pieces of information – designations, management guidelines, and statement of intent – must be taken into consideration in determining how a parcel of state land is to be managed and in making disposal and authorization decisions.

Primary designated use. Most management units are assigned a primary designated use, which indicates, in a general way, how state land is to be used and managed (versus units designated Resource Management, which does not designate a primary use). Primary designated uses shall take precedence over other uses. Generally, however, DNR allows multiple uses. DNR initially presumes that all other uses are compatible with the primary use. However, if DNR determines that a use conflict exists and that the proposed use is incompatible with the primary use, the proposed use should not be authorized or it should be modified so that the incompatibility no longer exists or the impacts from the proposed use has been effectively mitigated (from 11 AAC 55.040 (c)). The plan may assign a designation to ensure a future use that will best serve the public interest, even if that use is not imminent.

Co-designated use. Where a unit has two or more designated uses, DNR will avoid or minimize conflicts between designated uses by applying the management intent statement and guidelines for the unit, the regional intent, and the Chapter 2 guidelines from this plan together with existing statutes, regulations, and procedures. Only those co-designations that are generally complementary to or compatible with each other are included in this plan. Co-designated uses should, therefore, be viewed as compatible unless specific conditions that exist at the time the Department is evaluating whether to grant an authorization indicate otherwise. In this plan, co-designated uses are often Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed but may include areas co-designated Forestry and Habitat or Minerals and Habitat. Within areas so co-designated, forestry and mineral exploration/development are considered to be appropriate uses, but such activities and projects must consider their potential impacts upon sensitive wildlife, fisheries, and habitats, and must either avoid or mitigate significant adverse impacts.

Designations Used in This Plan

Ag – Agriculture. Land that is agricultural or that, by reason of its climate, physical features, and location, is suitable for present or future agricultural cultivation or development and that is intended for present or future agricultural use. Land designated Agriculture may be conveyed out of state ownership to individuals or other entities.

This designation converts to a land classification of Agricultural Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.050.

F – Forestry. Land that is or has been forested and is suited for long-term forest management because of its physical, climatic, and vegetative conditions. This land will remain in state ownership. Approving authorizations in these areas will be conducted in compliance with the Forest Resources and Practices Act (AS 41.17 and 11 AAC 95) and the specific management guidelines in the Forestry section of Chapter 2 and any specific requirements that might apply at the management unit level identified for a particular management unit. Forest Land is to be retained by the state, although timber sales, a type of disposal, are recognized as appropriate. Certain sites within the plan area contain both habitat and forestry values and, as such, are co-designated Forestry and Habitat. In these instances, while forest management projects are recognized as appropriate uses, any proposed activity must take into consideration the impacts upon wildlife, fisheries, and their associated habitats.³

This designation converts to a land use classification of Forest Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.070.

Ha – Habitat. This designation applies to areas of varied size for fish and wildlife species during a sensitive life-history stage where alteration of the habitat or human disturbance could result in a loss of a population, sustained yield of a species, or that contain a unique or rare assemblage of a single or multiple species of regional or statewide significance. Land designated Habitat is intended to remain in state ownership, and is intended to be maintained in an undisturbed, natural state except for improvements related to public health, safety, habitat restoration or rehabilitation, and public recreation. Utilities, roads, and other types of uses may be authorized if habitat functions can be maintained, the use can be made to be compatible with the management intent for areas designated Habitat, and it is determined that the authorization of the use would be in the best interest of the state⁴. Authorizations within areas designated Habitat are to be considered inappropriate unless consistent with these stipulations and with the management intent for the management unit.

³ Note: Certain management units that are designated Forestry are recommended to be added to the state forest. The management intent of these units (generally) provides for forest management, including timber harvest, and the management of the unit for the maintenance of fisheries, wildlife, and sensitive habitats as well as public access and public recreation. It is recognized that the management intent for state forests, described under AS 41.17.200 is somewhat different: “The primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is timber management that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources”. If management units classified Forestry are added to the Tanana Valley State Forest the management intent under AS 41.17.200 will apply.

⁴ See also the discussion of ‘Primary designated use’, previously described.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Wildlife Habitat Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.230.

Hr – Heritage Resources. This designation applies to land where there is active preservation of, or research for, significant historical, prehistoric, paleontological, or other cultural values, or where there is a reason to believe that these values exist. This designation converts to a land use classification of Heritage Resources Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.095.

Hv – Harvest. Fish and wildlife harvest areas are subsistence, recreational and/or community harvest areas of varied size where alteration of habitat could permanently limit sustained yield to traditional users; or are areas of intense harvest where the level of harvest has reached, or is projected to reach, the harvestable surplus for the resource. This land will remain in state ownership. This designation converts to a land use classification of Wildlife Habitat Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.230.

Ma – Materials. Sites suitable for extraction of materials, which include common varieties of sand, silt, gravel, rock, peat, pumice, pumicite, cinders, clay, and sod. This land will remain in state ownership until the material on the site is no longer required for state purposes (such as road construction and maintenance, materials storage, and public or state facilities) after which these lands may be used for alternative purposes. See the Resource Allocation Tables to identify the types of uses that might be appropriate to a specific parcel. These lands cannot be sold and cannot be used for a permanent alternative use without re-designation of the area plan and reclassification, although some sites may be suitable for other uses after material resources are exhausted. Although state land with this classification is conveyable under Municipal Entitlement statutes, because of the important role material sites perform, usually supporting the construction of roads or public facilities, it is generally not appropriate that these sites are to be conveyed out of state ownership, either to municipalities or other entities without the concurrence of the entity operating the material site. This designation converts to a land use classification of Material Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.120.

Mi – Minerals. Areas considered to have mineral potential and for which mining is considered to be an appropriate use, are designated Minerals. See the “Explanation of Mineral Designations” at the end of this list of designations. Land designated Minerals is to be retained in state ownership, except as may be provided for under AS 38.05.195-.275. Certain sites within the plan area contain both habitat and mineral values and, as such, are co-designated Minerals and Habitat. In these instances, while mineral exploration and development are recognized as appropriate uses, any proposed development must take into consideration the impacts upon wildlife, fisheries, and their associated habitats. This designation converts to a land use classification of Mineral Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.130.

Pr – Public Facilities-Retain. These sites are reserved for specific infrastructure to serve state interests. This may include areas intended as open space or to function as riparian buffers. Units designated “Public Facilities-Retain” will be retained in state ownership. This designation converts to a land use classification of Reserved Use Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.170.

Pt – Public Facilities-Transfer. Areas with this designation are intended to be conveyed out of state ownership for some type of public purpose. This designation converts to a land use classification of Settlement Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.202.

Rd – Public Recreation-Dispersed. This designation applies to those areas that offer or have a high potential for dispersed recreation or tourism and where desirable recreation conditions are scattered or widespread rather than localized. Developed facilities are generally not necessary other than trails, trail signs, primitive campsites, and other minor improvements. This land will be retained in public ownership in an undisturbed, natural state except for improvements related to public health, safety, or recreation. Authorizations within areas designated Public Recreation-Dispersed are not to be considered appropriate unless necessary for public health, safety or recreation. Utilities, roads, and other uses may be appropriate with appropriate design if recreation functions can be maintained, the use can be made to be compatible with the management intent for areas designated Rd, and it is determined that the authorization of the use would be in the best interest of the state. Areas designated Public Recreation-Dispersed are to be retained in state ownership except that such areas may be conveyed to municipalities under AS 29.65 or as may be provided for in the management intent for specific units. This designation converts to a land use classification of Public Recreation Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.160.

Rm – Resource Management⁵. Land that contains one or more resource values, none of which is of sufficiently high value to merit designation as a primary use, or, because of the size of the parcel, a variety of uses can be accommodated with appropriate siting and design controls. This designation may also apply where there is a lack of resource, economic, or other information with which to assign a specific land use designation, and/or the lack of current demand implies that development is unlikely within the planning period. Areas designated Resource Management may be conveyed to municipalities, but must be reclassified to Settlement prior to disposal to individuals. In certain instances, areas designated Resource Management may be retained in state ownership; when this occurs, it is noted. Most management units that are so designated are often situated in remote, inaccessible areas where known natural resources are not present and for which no economic demand is likely during the planning period. The management intent for such units is to indicate that development is not intended although certain types of projects that provide

⁵ This plan uses the term ‘Resource Management’ as a designation instead of ‘General Use’. This change was made to avoid the confusion that often existed between the designation of General Use and the classification of Resource Management, which are equivalent.

public benefits (roads, transmission lines, and the like) may be authorized. Other projects may be authorized, if determined to be in the best interest of the state.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Resource Management Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.200.

Rp – Public Recreation and Tourism-Public Use Sites. These are areas used by concentrations of recreationists or tourists compared to the rest of the planning area, or areas with high potential to attract concentrations of recreationists and tourists. These areas offer localized attractions, or ease of access, or developed facilities. Examples include camping sites, marinas, cabins, lodges, anchorages, scenic overlooks, and road-accessible shore locations that are used for picnicking, sports and fishing. The recreation and tourism uses for which these units are designated may be either public or commercial. The primary management intent is to protect the opportunity of the public to use these sites, and their resource values for recreation. This land will remain in state ownership unless otherwise noted in the management intent for the management unit.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Public Recreation Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.160.

Rs – Reserved Use. These sites are reserved to serve state or other public interests.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Reserved Use Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.170.

Sc – Settlement-Commercial. This designation applies to uplands suitable for the sale, leasing, or permitting of state lands to allow private commercial, industrial, recreational, or community use. Residential use may also be appropriate in portions of an area designated Settlement-Commercial. This designation will generally be used for areas appropriate for land offerings for industrial or commercial uses. Unsettled or unsold land will be managed for uses compatible with eventual commercial or industrial activities. Areas designated Settlement-Commercial should be closed to mineral entry prior to sale. This land may be conveyed to municipalities and individuals.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Settlement Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.202.

Se – Settlement. This designation applies to state uplands suitable for sale, leasing, or permitting to allow private recreational or residential use. This designation will generally be used for areas appropriate for land offerings for residential uses. Unsettled or unsold land in the unit will be managed for uses compatible with settlement. This may include uses such as selling additional lots, laying out new subdivisions, identifying greenbelts through subdivisions, reserving materials sites for subdivision roads and building lots, placing easements on access routes, or reserving lots for community facilities and open space. Areas designated Settlement should be closed to mineral entry prior to sale, and, in this plan, a leasehold location order (LLO) is recommended to be imposed on proposed settlement areas not yet affected by a current mineral closing order. This land may be conveyed to municipalities and individuals.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Settlement Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.202.

Tc – Transportation Corridor. This designation applies to land identified for the location of easements and rights-of-way, including transportation, pipeline, or utility corridor purposes. As used in this plan, it refers to portions of the Richardson Highway and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System but also includes remnant pieces of state land adjoining these facilities. Land with this designation is to be retained by the state.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Transportation Corridor Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.205.

Wr – Water Resources. This designation applies to areas of important water sources, watersheds, or hydropower sites. In this plan it also includes important wetland areas, the intent of which is to maintain these in an undisturbed, natural state. It is intended that this type of land will be retained in state ownership in an undisturbed, natural state.

Authorizations within areas designated Water Resources are not to be considered appropriate unless necessary for public health and safety or as described below. Utilities, roads, and other uses may be appropriate with appropriate design if wetland and water resource functions can be maintained, the use can be made to be compatible with the management intent for areas designated Water Resources, and it is determined that the authorization of the use would be in the best interest of the state. Dispersed recreation is recognized as an appropriate use on state lands designated Water Resources.

This designation converts to a land use classification of Water Resource Land as defined by 11 AAC 55.222.

Explanation of Mineral Designations

Except where state land is closed to mineral entry, DNR will treat mining as if it is compatible with the principal surface use. This is important to note because DNR area plans usually do not apply mineral resource designations to large areas, although in this plan significant areas are affected by the co-designation of Habitat and Mineral. Chapter 2, Subsurface Resources, also includes additional guidelines and a summary of statutes regulating mining and reclamation activities.

Management Intent

The plan provides management intent for both the resources and types of authorizations that are expected to occur within the planning area for the specific management units. Management intent describes how the Department intends to manage a resource or management unit and may describe what is intended to occur as well as what is not intended to occur. It may also identify specific management direction. Also, the plan may provide management guidance for a resource without designating it. For example, the plan may

address the resource by providing management intent for a specific area or through areawide guidelines. In addition, other state, federal, or local regulations will determine the conditions for using undesignated resources.

In some cases, the management intent for a unit discourages specific uses because these uses may create conflicts with designated uses. **Discouraged uses** may be allowed if DNR determines that the use does not conflict with the management intent, designated uses, and the management guidelines. Discouraged uses include activities that should not be authorized or will not be allowed if there are feasible and prudent alternatives. If DNR determines that the discouraged use conflicts with the management intent or designated uses, and cannot be made compatible by following the management guidelines, DNR would allow it only through a plan amendment.

In some cases the plan may also identify **prohibited uses**. These are uses that have significant conflicts with other uses or resources and will not be permitted without a plan amendment. Prohibited uses are not often identified, because the plan seeks to minimize land use conflicts through plan guidelines and intent rather than through prohibitions, but in those instances where a prohibited use occurs, it is noted in the management intent in a management unit. In these instances a prohibited use cannot be authorized without a plan amendment.

Management intent statements for each unit refer only to state management of state land. While these statements accommodate certain proposed uses on state lands, there is no guarantee that other regulatory agencies will issue permits necessary for the proposed use. All proposed development uses referenced in the management intent statements are assumed to employ best management practices in siting and operating the proposed use.

Disposal or Retention in State Ownership. Certain land use classifications, by statute, allow land to be conveyed to municipalities under the municipal entitlement program. The same statute identifies those land classifications that may not be conveyed to such entities. Another portion of statute (AS 38.04.015) identifies the general public interests in retaining areas of state land in public ownership. These principles were applied in developing the recommendations for the retention of state land that are identified for specific management units.

In this plan, the land use designation is the general indicator of whether land should be retained in state ownership⁶ or made available for disposal. Units designated Habitat, Water

⁶ Note to adjudicators: The recommendations on retaining state land are related to the conveyance of land out of state ownership. This usually involves the Land Estate and sometimes the Fee Estate. [DNR is required to retain the Mineral Estate except for conveyances to other state agencies (AS 38.05.125)]. Many of the authorizations issued by DNR are in the form of permits and similar authorizations that are temporary in character. The plan does not view these as permanent disposals of interest and therefore such actions do not contradict the requirement for state land to be retained that is stated in the definition of plan designations on the management intent of specific management units. Examples of such authorizations would include guide camps, man camps, boat storage facilities, equipment staging, and the like. Within the context of this plan, the issuance of easements also will not contradict the requirement to retain land in state ownership.

Resources, Public Facilities-Retain, Forestry, Minerals, and Public Recreation-Dispersed are intended to be retained in state ownership. Units designated Settlement, Public Facilities-Transfer, or Agriculture are considered appropriate for disposal. Units designated Materials Resource Management, or Public Recreation-Dispersed, may be appropriate for conveyance out of state ownership under certain conditions. In addition, units already under management agreements with other state agencies are usually not available for conveyance. Shorelands must also be retained in state ownership unless law requires conveyance or the conveyance is to a political subdivision of the state, and such conveyances are subject to the Public Trust Doctrine, described at the end of this chapter. Finally, the Mineral Estate must always be retained by the state; the only exception being conveyances to other state agencies or entities.

There are some units with management intent that precludes disposal, although the designation and classification might otherwise allow it. When this occurs, this restriction is noted in the management intent statement specific to the management unit in the Resource Allocation Table. Such units are intended to be retained in state ownership and a plan amendment is required to vary from this guideline. This includes units already under management by another state agency or that contain certain unique or sensitive uses or resources that merit retention by the state.

Shorelands. DNR will provide reasonable access across state shorelands to upland owners. Upland access across state shorelands, including developed access facilities, may be allowed within all land use designations where DNR determines the proposed facilities are consistent with the management intent and applicable guidelines of the plan. However, state shoreland designations do not give the public access rights to adjacent private uplands. ADF&G Habitat Division requires a Fish Habitat Permit if the shorelands are within an anadromous or potentially anadromous stream.

Management Guidelines

Most state lands will be managed for multiple uses. Exceptions are lands that will be offered for private lease or ownership, recreation sites that are less than 640 acres, and certain other areas that have unique habitat or public recreation values. When used, management guidelines specify requirements for the use of or development within a management unit. Apart from this, the plan establishes management guidelines in order to allow various uses to occur without serious conflicts. Management guidelines can direct the timing, amount, or specific location of different activities to make the permitted uses compatible. For example, the plan provides guidelines that require that land disposals must be designed to protect public access and recreational opportunities, while still permitting the land to be conveyed out of state ownership.

Duration and Flexibility of Plan

This plan guides land uses for the next 20 years *or until revised*, subject to periodic reviews, for areas with designations involving settlement, industrial or commercial uses, or other forms of economic uses including material extraction or uses related to community or recreational development. Designations related to habitat, public recreation (dispersed), forestry, minerals, and water resources do not have a specific planning horizon since these uses are to be retained by the state. The area plan is intended to guide the management of land within the latter areas until the plan is formally revised. In some instances, areas designated Resource Management may not be appropriate for development within the planning period and, if so, this is indicated in the management intent language.

The land use designations shown on the maps in this chapter are intended to be flexible. DNR may permit uses not originally designated if DNR determines they are consistent with the management intent for the unit and consistent with applicable management guidelines. However, the decision document must provide an explanation and justification for this.

Boundaries of land use designations shown on the following maps may be modified through implementation activities, such as site planning or disposal, as long as modifications adhere to the intent of the plan and follow the procedures described in Chapter 4 under the section Types of Plan Changes.

Glossary

Definitions of terms used frequently in the plan are found in the Glossary, Appendix A.

Plan Structure

Plan Regions

The planning area, consisting of 8.3 million acres of state land, is divided into four principal regions and one region that includes land within LDAs. Regions are geographic areas characterized by large blocks of state land, often contiguous to each other, and located within an area with distinctive characteristics. They are often demarcated by political boundaries or major topographic or hydrologic features. The four regions contain state-owned and state-selected land, which is the primary focus of area plans. These are the same regions as used in the 1985 plan, although there have been some modifications to reflect the changes since 1985 regarding areas that are no longer selected by the state and areas that were federal land but have since been conveyed to the state or have been selected by the state for potential conveyance. The area known as the Tangle Lakes adjacent to the Denali Highway, originally

part of the Alaska Range East region, has also been removed from the plan area of ETAP. It is intended that this area will be covered by a separate area plan, as noted in the Introduction to this Chapter.

The four principal regions are: Fairbanks, Delta, Upper Tanana, and Alaska Range East. The Fairbanks Region contains the community of Fairbanks and surrounding environs and, with a 2012 estimated population of 32,300, is the largest community within the Interior and is third largest within the state. The Fairbanks region contains over 4 million acres, of which 3.2 million are state-owned and is comprised of large blocks of state land that extend to the eastern boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and by scattered areas of state land west of Fairbanks to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge. The Delta region consists of 3.4 million total acres of which 2.4 million acres are state land. This region is centered on Delta Junction and bordered on the north by Eielson Air Force Base and on the south, by the crest of the Alaska Range. The Upper Tanana region lies to the south of the Delta region, extending to the Canadian border along the Alaska Highway. The Upper Tanana region contains a total of 4.1 million acres of which 2.1 million are state-owned, and includes the communities of Northway, Mentasta Lake, Tok, Tanacross, and Dot Lake. The last region, Alaska Range East, totaling 640 thousand acres, consists almost entirely of the mountainous terrain of the Alaska Range except for the lowland area that generally follows the Delta River, within which the Richardson Highway is situated. Although containing significant amounts of state land, almost no permanent population is present in this region. A dominant feature within the plan area, except for the Alaska Range East region, is the Tanana Valley State Forest. Consisting of approximately 1,348,436 acres, the state forest is present in each of the three other regions, and is a major component of state land in each. This plan provides plan designations, management intent, and, sometimes, management guidelines for each of the management units in the three regions.

The Fairbanks and Delta regions contain the Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely Military installation. Area plans provide management guidance for federal land that is selected by the state for potential conveyance in fulfillment of the state's land entitlement from the federal government, and these military reservations are affected by several state selections. These selections would only come into play after three significant actions occur: (1) if the military vacates these reservations, which is not likely to occur during the planning period, (2) the adjudication of the selection by the BLM with a determination that such a conveyance is appropriate, and (3) after extinguishing all Public Land Orders.

The last region encompasses all or portions of the various LDAs within the plan boundary. The three largest include the Tanana Valley State Forest⁷, the Chena River State Recreation Area, and the Delta Junction Bison Range Area; together they comprise over 1,689,633 acres of state land. Additionally, there are two smaller LDAs: the Goldstream Public Use Area and the Creamers Field State Game Refuge, both of which are situated in the Fairbanks

⁷ Portions of the Tanana Valley State Forest are situated in the Yukon Tanana Area Plan area; the noted acreage estimate includes these portions of this state forest.

region and together total 5,916 acres. The latter (Goldstream and Creamers) occupy sites of generally less than 50 acres and are scattered throughout the three main regions – Fairbanks, Delta, and Upper Tanana. In these instances, the plan does not provide management guidance other than to provide a plan designation, which is required in the event that the Department needs to issue leases or other authorizations that constitute disposals of state land since state land must be classified before it can be conveyed out of state ownership. The management of state LDAs is provided by statute and, in the case of the Chena River SRA and the TVSF, by detailed management plans. These, rather than the area plan, control activities and uses within the LDAs. Map 3-1 in this Chapter depicts the plan boundary, the four principal plan regions, and the LDAs (which constitute a region).

Note: The small state recreation sites that are situated within the plan boundary contain land administratively withdrawn from the public domain, and are not traditional LDAs. These sites, which are small and scattered within the Fairbanks, Delta, and Upper Tanana regions, are included as management units in each of the regions. In general, these units are to be managed for public recreation purposes consistent with DPOR requirements for State Recreation Sites.

Management Units

In this plan, areas of state uplands and shorelands have been separated into smaller geographic units called management units. State resource management is specific to this level. Management units range in size⁸ but usually have generally similar attributes; or they may be specific legal units like a tract within a residential subdivision; or they may be a discrete area of state land affected by a management agreement that is to be administered for a public purpose, such as a port, vehicle storage facility, or airport.

All units have a discrete identifying number (i.e., unit number). These are depicted on the plan maps and are included in the Resource Allocation Table. This number provides a cross-reference between the plan maps and the tables containing information about the parcel. The Table contains information on the resources found within the unit as well as plan designation, management intent, and, if required, management guidelines.

Unit numbers are preceded by an alpha character that represents a particular place or area, with the following convention being applied: ‘F’ represents the Fairbanks region; ‘D’, the Delta, ‘U’, the Upper Tanana, and ‘E’, the Alaska Range East region. ‘L’ is used for the LDAs.

A specific convention is used to identify the various types of upland units; these have a geographic identifier (a single alpha character that represents an area) followed by a two- to three-digit identifying number. For example, a parcel in the Fairbanks region has the identifying number “F-01.” Shoreland units, which in this plan are the major rivers, are

⁸ Some can be over 250,000 acres and some, less than 1 acre in size.

identified in a similar manner and are included within each region. Because the Tanana River occurs within each of the three major regions, specific management units have been included in each region, but the plan designation and management intent for each of these units is the same.

Region Descriptions

The regions are described in this section of the plan. These descriptions are necessarily generalized and indicate only the general features or characteristics of an area and only give an overview of how the region is to be managed by the Department. In addition, there is a short description of the region that pertains to Legislatively Designated Areas (LDAs). Because management intent for LDAs is established by legislation, information is necessarily limited and does not follow the following convention.

Included in these descriptions for the major regions are the following:

General: This component provides a description of the planning boundaries, overall acreage, number of communities in a region, and related geographic information.

Amount and Distribution of State Land: The distribution of state-owned and state-selected lands within the region is explained.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land: Access, resources and uses of state-owned and state-selected land are described in this component. Access is described in terms of major road access but also the type of access that exists more generally within a region, including the types of access methods (i.e., snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, etc.). Resources and uses include descriptions of recreation uses, settlement, habitats, water resources, minerals, agriculture, and timber resources, if present.

Management Planning Constraints: Local, state, and federal land and resource plans affecting the management unit are identified, if considered applicable to state land management.

Management Summary: This section describes the general way that state land is to be managed within the region. This generalized description provides an indication of how the major resources and land uses are to be managed within the region as well as an indication of where this is to occur. Detailed land management is provided at the management unit level, described in the Resource Allocation Tables of this Chapter.

Plan Maps

There are 15 plan maps that cover the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. See Map 3-1 to locate the map for a particular area. These maps indicate the plan boundary (external boundary of the area plan), the boundaries of the four regions, and the boundaries of the individual management units.

The plan maps show land ownership, unit numbers, and plan designations. It should be reemphasized that while the land use designations provide the general management intent for each unit, management intent and guidelines (both management unit and areawide) must be considered for a complete explanation of the management policy and requirements affecting particular units. This is essential for a comprehensive understanding of the management intent contained in the area plan as it pertains to a specific unit. The management intent and guidelines contained in Chapter 2 are particularly critical and must be consulted in adjudication decisions affecting individual parcels of state land.

Land Status Depicted In Plan Maps

The maps in this chapter are not intended to be detailed land ownership maps. Instead, they are a representation of state and federal land records current to the date of plan preparation. Caution should be used when using these maps since there may be inaccuracies in the source data or constraints imposed through the GIS at the depicted scale. Land status for upland parcels, including private, Native corporation, municipal, and federal land are derived from the Department's GIS land status records. This information is generalized and for this reason the land status for a particular area may not depict all records. For complete information, consult the land records of the Department of Natural Resources, federal Bureau of Land Management, Native corporations, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Because of the presence of Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority land and University of Alaska land, it is also necessary to consult these entities at times.

The plan maps show general patterns of land ownership by color. This includes the various types of state land (general state land, Legislatively Designated Areas, Mental Health Trust land, University of Alaska land, and lands under management agreement to another state agency) as well as borough and private lands. However, because of the way that GIS maps are created, which entails a decision hierarchy on what land status to represent in priority sequence, the colors that represent an ownership pattern may not accurately describe all of the land uses that may occur in a given area and may not coincide with the actual pattern of such ownership. The Department has tried to make general land status on the plan maps as accurate as possible, but the ownership patterns of other entities may be incorrect.

The location of state-owned or state-selected parcels is derived from information in the Department's land status records and the federal Master Title Plat. Both the status and spatial boundaries of these parcels were accurately represented at the time of plan preparation (2015). However, because state land status changes with time, the same caution exists for

these areas as for areas of non-state land. Both color and a distinct external boundary line indicate areas of state-owned and state-selected land. If there is a conflict between the land status depicted by color and that indicated by a boundary line, the boundary line is correct. This line supersedes the color representations of land ownership.

Resource Allocation Table

Resource Allocation Tables provide information on specific parcels and are related to the plan maps through the unit number. The table includes the land use designation and the management intent for each specific upland or tideland unit. Essentially, the Tables detail the generalized description of state management intent included under the regional “Management Summary” for specific management units.

The tables are organized by Region and for each unit it gives the unit identification number; map number; and size expressed in acreage. Also included is a description of the resources and uses of a parcel, the designation(s), management intent, and management guidelines.

More specifically, the policies and resource information contained in the tables include:

Unit number: Each parcel of state land has a unit number. Units are preceded with a letter indicating the region that they are situated within; see previous description of Management Units.

Map Number: The map number where a unit is located is provided for each unit. Please note that due to the scale of the printed maps, some units may not be visible. You are encouraged to visit the Department of Natural Resources mapping program “Alaska Mapper” to view small units that may not be discernable in plan maps. You can view mapper at the following site: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mapper>.

Acreage: The approximate acreage in each unit is indicated.

Plan Designation: Land use designations indicate the primary designation or co-designation uses and resources for each unit. Although most units are only affected by a single designation (primary), two compatible plan designations (termed “co-designations”) are sometimes specified. Where co-designations have been used, the uses reflected in the designations are recognized to be compatible and complementary to each other.

Management Intent: This column indicates the management direction for a specific parcel. It is consistent with the recommended designation, but includes more information on how state land is to be managed. In some small-sized parcels, the management intent is likely to be brief since the designation itself is often sufficient to indicate the management intent. This is not usually the case with sensitive parcels or large parcels, and, in these instances, the management intent statement is critical to an understanding of how the various resources within the parcel are to be managed. This section may also indicate if the parcel is to be

retained in state ownership or if it is appropriate for transfer to a city, borough, non-profit entity, or the public. It often also describes those parcel resources that must be taken into consideration in land disposals, coal or mineral development, forest management activities, or other forms of development or use. In some instances, the development of a parcel is not appropriate during the planning period and, when this occurs, this is also stated. This is usually associated with units affected by the Resource Management designation since these units are often located in remote, inaccessible locations and their development is not considered likely or appropriate during the planning period.

Resources and Uses: This column summarizes the resources and uses for which the unit is designated and which are considered important in the unit. It also provides a generalized physical description of the unit, and may indicate the presence (or absence) of certain other resources that are important to land management decisions. Typical among this type of information is whether the parcel contains a heritage or cultural site, a significant concentration of wildlife or habitat, vegetation and terrain features, the current use of the parcel, the presence of RS 2477 routes, adjacent land ownership, and whether a state or local land use plan affects the unit.

Fairbanks Region (1)

General

The Fairbanks Region encompasses an area of 4 million acres, of which state-owned and state-selected land comprises 3.2 million acres. This is, by far, the most populous of the four regions within the planning area of the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. Population is concentrated in and around the Fairbanks Metropolitan area, which in 2010 was estimated to have about 97,600 people, with about 32,000 of that in the City of Fairbanks. The region extends from the Minto Flats State Game Refuge in the west to the eastern terminus of the Salcha River and of the military reservation, and from the White Mountains National Recreation Area in the north to the Tanana River in the south. The Tanana River serves as the boundary between the ETAP and the Yukon Tanana Area Plan (YTAP), which covers the areas to the west and south of the ETAP planning area. In addition to the Fairbanks area, the other two dominant landscape and institutional features are the two military reservations – Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base – which cover large areas of the south-central and eastern parts of the region. Over 295,000 acres are associated with these reservations. There are three municipalities within the region: the Cities of Fairbanks and North Pole, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB). The planning region coincides with the corporate boundary of the FNSB. Refer to Map 3-1 to locate a map of a particular area within the region.

The planning area is characterized by a mix of development near and around Fairbanks and the communities along the Richardson Highway and by large tracts of vacant land either related to the two large Legislatively Designated Areas in the region – the Tanana Valley State Forest and the Chena River State Recreation Area – or remote, inaccessible areas east of the Richardson Highway and the two military reservations. These undeveloped areas provide recreation and some mining opportunities and constitute significant habitat areas, particularly for caribou and moose.

Amount and Distribution of State Land

Within the planning region, land ownership is mixed, although the State of Alaska (state) is the dominant land owner, at 3.2 million acres. In addition, the state has selected an

additional 37,000 acres from the federal government⁹. State land is distributed throughout the planning area, but with concentrations northeast and east of Fairbanks. In the Fairbanks metropolitan area state land classified Minerals or within a Legislatively Designated Area has been retained by the state while other areas have been conveyed out of state ownership to a variety of entities, including the City of Fairbanks, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and the University of Alaska, leaving a “Swiss cheese” ownership pattern in this area. Other than the state, the principal landholders are private parties, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the two military installations. Private land concentrates in and around the community of Fairbanks and along the Parks and Richardson Highways.

There are different requirements for the management of state land, depending on whether it is general state land or special domain land. Special domain land is land that has been withdrawn from the public domain by the legislature for a special purpose, like a state park¹⁰. General state land is to be managed as public domain land consistent with Title 38. Special purpose land is to be administered under Title 41 for the Legislatively Designated Areas that the Department manages (Goldstream Public Use Area, Tanana Valley State Forest, and the Chena River State Recreation Area)¹¹. The amount of land within Legislatively Designated Areas (LDAs) totals 710,770 acres. The management of LDAs follows the requirements of the legislation authorizing the LDA as well as with specific management plans that have been adopted subsequent to the creation of each LDA. Land administered under Title 38 is to follow the requirements of this Area Plan. There exists about 8.01 million acres of general state land. Most of the recommendations of area plans affect the surface uses of land.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land

Access: This region is well served by transportation facilities, although large portions of the eastern part of the planning area – generally the area east of the Chena River State Recreation Area – lack good access other than that provided by the Steese Highway and infrequent airstrips. It is by far the most accessible of the four regions in the planning area. Four main highways traverse the region: Richardson, Parks, Elliott, and the Steese. These are regional routes providing connection to the Alaska Highway and Valdez, Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley, the Yukon River and the James Dalton Highway, and to Chena Hot Springs. A dense system of local secondary roads emanates from the regional roads and

⁹ Notes: 1) Not all of this land will be conveyed to the state. The state has two types of selections: selections and topfiled selections, where the state has filed a selection over a Native corporation. In the instance of the topfiled selections, it is possible the Native corporations will receive the title to these lands. Also, the state is considerably over-selected and not all of the selections that have been submitted will become state land. BLM is still in the process of adjudicating Native and state selections. 2) The state has selected the federal land associated with the military bases but it is indefinite and uncertain if and when the state will receive portions of military land. The estimates of state selection land do not include the selections within the military reservations.

¹⁰ These areas are termed ‘Legislatively Designated Areas’.

¹¹ Acreage with LDAs: TVSF, 1,348,436; Chena River SRA, 252,812; Creamers Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, 2,704; and Goldstream, 3,213.

covers the area of urban and rural residential uses. The Alaska Railroad also provides access to this region from south-central Alaska and is a major transporter of bulk goods from Anchorage. Additionally, there are two major airports, one for civilian use (Fairbanks International) and one for the military at Eielson AFB. A limited number of airstrips are also present within the region, and are scattered throughout the planning area, especially in the remote eastern areas. Access throughout the more remote, undeveloped parts of the region is provided by off-road vehicles using local or regional trails, or frozen rivers during the winter.

Access is also provided by float or wheeled fixed wing aircraft that use either private airstrips, waterbodies, or gravel bars for landing. Fly-in access is often limited by local weather conditions.

Wildlife and Habitats: Extensive wildlife and associated important habitats are distributed throughout the planning area. Although occurring on many areas of uplands, most wildlife tends to concentrate within the riverine areas adjoining the major drainages of the region. These include the Tatalina, Chatanika, Chena, Salcha, and, of course, the Tanana River, the dominant hydrologic feature of the region¹². Because of their importance for subsistence and as a general food source for many Interior residents, the distribution of moose and caribou throughout the region is particularly significant. Caribou are only present in the remote eastern, mountainous portions of the planning area. Caribou calving and wintering areas occur in this part, but are also found further westward of this location, extending into the Chena River State Recreation Area and state lands to the north and south of this location. Moose are, in contrast, distributed throughout the planning area except for the more mountainous parts in the areas to the east of the Chena River State Recreation Area that tend to be the prime habitat for caribou. Important calving, wintering and rutting ranges tend to coincide with the principle drainages listed above but also with the large lowland areas near the Goldstream Creek. Anadromous streams are more concentrated and fewer in number within the region compared to the south-central portions of the state, and generally coincide with the major streams noted above and with the principal tributaries of those streams. Waterfowl, while not displaying concentrated use patterns within the region, are present throughout the same principal drainages. Brown bear are present throughout the planning area.

Minerals and Hydrocarbons: There are no known oil and gas resources within the region. However, the Fairbanks area is highly mineralized and has had a long history of mining activity particularly associated with placer gold mining in the Ester Dome, Pedro Dome, Cleary Summit, and Coffee Dome areas. The largest gold mine in Alaska – Fort Knox Gold Mine – is situated on Mental Health Trust land in the Cleary Summit area of Fairbanks. Given the level of mineralization and the advancement in mining technology continued mineral development will likely occur in these areas. Important mineral occurrences also occur in the Richardson Mining District in the far eastern parts of the planning area. There are numerous prospects and small mines, both lode and placer, in the area around

¹² The Tanana River borders both the Yukon Tanana Area Plan and Eastern Tanana Area Plan, however, this river is described only in the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. The designations and management intent described in this plan apply to areas within the ETAP plan that adjoin this river.

Richardson, which generally coincides with the T003S, R013E-017E and T004S, R013E-017E. Areas closed to mineral entry are extensive and are generally located in the Fairbanks area, generally coinciding with major pipelines (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System), settlement areas, and major habitat and hydrologic features. Large areas, while potentially open to mineral entry, are managed under separate processes and authorities other than AS 38.05 and correspond to parcels owned by the Mental Health Trust, University of Alaska, and Native regional corporations. Other than the areas that are now closed to mineral entry and that might be closed by future settlement activity, the region will be left open to mineral entry, coal prospecting and leasing, oil and gas leasing, and industrial leasing for mill sites. A leasehold location order (LLO #35) affects areas designated Settlement and not now closed to mineral entry by a mineral order (closing).

Forest: Forest resources in this region are extensive and are of moderate to high commercial value, depending on location, market conditions, and access. Most of the high value timber in the region concentrates in the Tanana Valley State Forest. There are areas that contain valuable forest reserves and are designated Forestry but are situated outside the TVSF. Some of the areas that contain valuable forest resources and were designated Forestry in the 1985 TBAP have since been incorporated into the TVSF¹³.

Recreation: The Fairbanks area generates a demand for recreation and in large part that recreation takes place on state land, either within the planning area or within the planning area of the YTAP. Some also occurs within federal land in the White Mountains National Recreation Area. Within the ETAP planning area, moderate to high levels of recreation activity takes place in the areas within the Fairbanks metropolitan area, while more remote areas experience less use and are generally associated with sport hunting and fishing. The areas where significant mineralization exists and mining has occurred are also important areas for public recreation. These areas include Cleary Summit, Ester Dome and Pedro Dome. Other significant areas of public recreation occur within the Chena River State Recreation area, the Goldstream Public Use Area, along the Chatanika River and throughout the TVSF. The more remote, eastern parts of the region are important areas for fall moose and caribou hunting. All of the typical activities associated with the summer and winter months in Alaska occur in these recreation areas and along the Salcha River. All Generally Allowed Uses under 11 AAC 96.020 are permitted within the region; this plan does not recommend the creation of areas of special use designation that could restrict such uses¹⁴.

Agriculture: There is relatively little active agricultural activity in the planning region. Current agricultural activity occurs in areas outside the Fairbanks metropolitan area that are relatively near the Parks and Richardson Highways. Areas of state land designated for agricultural use coincide with previous areas of agricultural land disposals.

¹³ This accounts for some of the change in areas classified Forestry since the acreage estimates for this classification do not include areas within the Tanana Valley State Forest (that are also classified Forestry).

¹⁴ This statement is not intended to preclude the creation of such special use designations in the future, should they be warranted.

Management Planning Constraints

The planning area of this region coincides with the boundaries of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The borough comprehensive plan identifies general goals and management guidelines but does not contain a land use plan that would give direction in terms of desired future land use patterns. Other municipalities include the City of Fairbanks and the City of North Pole. Both of these entities have comprehensive plans and these were also reviewed for possible guidance, but these plans also do not contain a land use plan map that would be helpful in discerning future land use patterns. The zoning ordinance and zoning map of the Fairbanks North Star Borough were also consulted. These covered most of the more developed portions of the planning area within the borough. These maps were particularly helpful in determining, in part, the allocation of land uses. Although not all areas were covered, they provided a useful indication of the intent of the borough in terms of desired land use patterns and were useful in establishing land use allocations.

There are three state plans affecting this region or portions of this region. These include the Tanana Basin Area Plan (1985), the TVSF Management Plan, and the Chena River SRA Management Plan. The Chena River SRA and TVSF management plans control land use, recreation, and provide guidance on resource development and management. These plans were consulted but since their authority is limited to the two LDAs, information that would provide guidance to state land management was negligible. The 1985 Tanana Basin Area Plan, as it applied to this planning area, was also consulted. It was particularly helpful in allocating land uses since many of the then recommended patterns still make sense. However, there has also been extensive conveyance to entities out of state ownership, resulting in some areas in fragmented state land holdings. In these instances the previous land patterns did not always make sense and the recommendations from the 1985 TBAP were of limited utility.

Management Summary

The overall management intent for this region is in many respects similar to the original recommendations of the 1985 TBAP as it applies to this portion of the planning area. The focus of management is the continuation of the present patterns of land development, multiple and sustained yield of state land resources, and the protection of key habitats, fisheries, and wildlife populations. Essentially, the plan balances the competing demands of resource development, a major theme of Article 8 in the Alaska Constitution, with the need to protect and maintain critical habitats and environments. The plan provides for the use and development of the important agricultural, forest, and mineral resources within the planning area where these resources exist. Concurrently, it provides large areas designated Habitat (or co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed) within the major river drainages (Salcha, Tatalina, Chena, Chatanika, and the Tanana River) and in extensive portions of the eastern part of the planning area where important habitat (moose and caribou) exist and where there is heavy subsistence hunting pressure.

The plan also identifies which areas are to be retained in state ownership. Areas that are designated Settlement or Agriculture may be disposed of out of state ownership. The remaining areas are to be retained in state ownership. Included in the latter are areas designated Minerals (or co-designated with Minerals), Forestry, Materials, Habitat (and co-designated Habitat), Water Resources, and, almost always, areas designated Public Recreation-Dispersed. Areas designated Resource Management are to be retained as well if this requirement is specified in the management intent for a management unit, but multiple use development entailing some amount of disposal may be appropriate in these areas.

State land is to be managed consistent with the plan designations and management recommendations (including management intent and management guidelines) contained in the Resource Allocation Table for this region. Most state land will be managed consistent with its designation, which means that most state land will be managed for their habitat, mineral, and public recreation values. The attached table lists the acreage assigned to each of the primary designations used in this region. The predominance of the aforementioned resources are clearly evident in this table. Note: areas may be co-designated for a variety of uses; this table simplifies and assigns state land to a dominant designation.

The remaining areas of state land that are designated Minerals and Forestry as well as Settlement and Agriculture should experience some level of use and development during the planning period. The amount of use will depend on cost, demand levels, and the availability of similar resources at lower cost. Additionally, it is likely that most timber harvest will occur within the TVSF, reflecting the larger and better inventory of forest stands within the State Forest. The use of areas designated Settlement will, similarly, be affected by access, the proximity of infrastructure, and the level of demand for such types of land. The development of these areas will also be a function of the availability of similar types of land that are better situated and are closer to infrastructure. Most of the best land for settlement and agriculture, especially settlement, that was state land in 1985 has since been conveyed out of state ownership to the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Mental Health Trust, and the University of Alaska. Since the inventory of these lands is significant and since they are characterized by better soils, topography, aspect, and access, it is likely that these areas, as well as land held in private ownership, will experience more development pressure than those owned by the state. Such settlement activity that does occur on state land is likely to be focused on areas with good access, the presence of suitable soils and terrain, and the presence of attractive features such as access to streams and lakes or that have excellent views. Some amount of agricultural development may also occur, but because of access, limited market demand, and scarce infrastructure it is likely to be limited, with sales occurring in those areas with better access. It will, nonetheless, be important to retain lands designated Agriculture that are not developed during the planning period so that they can function as a reserve in the event that this land is eventually needed for agricultural purposes.

| Designation | Acreage |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Habitat | 1,264,518 |
| Public Recreation | 488,502 |
| Resource Management | 612,721 |
| Forestry | 205,423 |
| Settlement | 191,880 |
| Mineral | 174,335 |
| Agriculture | 43,028 |
| Water Resources | 37,876 |
| Materials | 960 |
| Reserved Use | 0 |

The remaining lands in this region are designated Habitat, Public Recreation-Dispersed, Water Resources, and Resource Management, and are to be managed for their habitat, wildlife, or water resource values or are to be managed for multiple uses. Areas designated Habitat (1.27 million acres) are to be managed to protect their important wildlife and habitat resources, and are to be retained in state ownership. Areas designated Habitat generally coincide with the principal hydrologic features within the region (Tatalina, Salcha, Chatanika, Chena, and Tanana) and with the distribution of caribou calving and wintering areas in the remote eastern parts of the region. Areas important for recreation tend to coincide with areas important for Habitat, especially along the major river drainages, but also including Goldstream Creek. Both Goldstream Creek and the Chena River are affected by LDA designations, reflecting their importance for this use and to ensure the continuation of state ownership of these areas. Of the 488,502 million acres that are designated Public Recreation, most occurs in association with the Habitat designation (474,220 acres). Compared to other regions of the state with area plans, there are relatively few areas (37,876 acres) that are solely designated Water Resources. This designation is used where large wetland complexes exist and if there are no other dominant resources. The intent is to protect these large wetland complexes for their hydrologic values. While many of the other management units contain wetlands, and these are described in the ‘Resources and Uses’ section of the Resource Allocation Tables, they are not the dominant landscape or use feature of these units. Areas designated Habitat, Public Recreation-Dispersed, or Water Resources are to be retained by the state. Areas designated Resource Management (612,721 acres) do not have a dominant resource value and are considered to be a multiple use category. Nonetheless, these areas are usually remote (in comparison to the other units in the region), lack access, and often contain terrain and soils that are not conducive to development. These areas are to be retained in state ownership with only limited, public or utility improvements considered appropriate. Other forms of development may be appropriate if in the best interest of the state but widespread development of areas designated Resource Management is not intended.

Resource Allocation Table – Fairbanks Region (1)

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|---|---|
| F-01 | Ha 18,058 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wetland hydrologic and habitat values. Unit is to continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit.</p> | <p>This unit is characteristically flat with extensive areas of wetlands in the area adjacent to the Tatalina River, an anadromous stream. Evergreen forest predominates in the eastern part of the unit. Moose wintering, calving, and rutting habitat occurs throughout the unit. Brown bear and waterfowl are also present in this unit.</p> |
| F-02 | Ag 15,564 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. Forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be reforested to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture should be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams.</p> | <p>Consisting of two parcels, this unit is considered appropriate for agricultural use, based on soil information and has been classified as Agricultural Land since the adoption of the original area plan in 1985, although there have been no land disposals during that period, reflecting the absence of demand and ready access. Terrain within the two parcels is characteristically hilly except for portions next to Aggie Creek. Areas of shrub vegetation occur within the western parcel, although evergreen and deciduous forest is also present. The eastern parcel is bisected by Aggie Creek, which is not considered to be an anadromous stream. Wetlands occur adjacent to this creek; evergreen and deciduous forest predominates in the remainder of the eastern parcel. Moose wintering, calving, and rutting occur in the western portion of the unit, and brown bear are present. Areas within this unit may not be suitable for agriculture, reflecting poor soils and drainage. Consult soils maps prior to authorizing sales.</p> |
| F-03 | Se 11,572 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of three separate parcels; two smaller parcels east of Aggie Creek and the larger of the three to the west of the creek. Areas adjacent to the creek are generally level and contain a mix of wetlands, and deciduous and evergreen forest. The larger parcel is hilly, with wetlands, shrub vegetation, and deciduous and evergreen forest all present.</p> <p>This unit has been co-classified Settlement/Agriculture for over 25 years; however, land disposals have not occurred there, probably reflecting both access and development cost considerations.</p> |
| F-04 | F 24,104 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Except for the riverine areas adjoining Washington Creek, hilly terrain characterizes this unit. Uplands are largely a mix of deciduous and evergreen forest, while wetland vegetation adjoins the creek. Moose wintering occurs in the eastern portion of the unit.</p> <p>A material sale (ADL 417118) occupies a portion of section 14.</p> |

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
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| | | | <p>Continued use of the gravel extraction site is considered appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Forestry and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Recommended to be added to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> | |
| F-05 | Rm 3,584 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage for multiple uses. Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are in the best interest of the state.</p> <p>Protect areas of Trans-Alaska Pipeline System as well as other pipelines. Retain this land in state ownership in order to ensure the protection of the many pipelines that occur in this unit.</p> | <p>This unit consists of hilly terrain characterized by evergreen forest. Moose wintering occurs in the eastern portion of the unit.</p> <p>Trans-Alaska Pipeline System as well as other pipelines (ADLs 63574 and 403427) traverse portions of this unit.</p> |
| F-06 | Ha 32,752 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Unit is to continue in its natural state and retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Protect highway and pipeline rights-of-way.</p> <p>Check land status prior to issuing authorizations in this unit.</p> | <p>This large unit, encompassing nearly all of T004N002W as well as portions of adjoining townships, is characterized by generally hilly terrain occupied by a mix of shrub vegetation, wetlands, and, more generally, deciduous and evergreen forest. It encompasses a large contiguous area important as moose wintering habitat. Brown bear are also present.</p> <p>Both the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the Elliott Highway traverse this unit.</p> <p>The area south of the Elliott Highway is state-owned; the area north of the road is in state selection status.</p> |
| F-07 | Se 1,999 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land may be appropriate for land disposal, depending on the results of further analysis to determine feasibility of development. The need for a riparian buffer along Snowshoe Creek should be evaluated during the initial feasibility stage.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> | <p>This unit, which has been designated Settlement for over 25 years, has not experienced actual development. A Settlement Project Area designation (ADL 417508) affects the unit.</p> <p>Except for the terrain adjacent to Snowshoe Creek, a non-anadromous stream, terrain is hilly and is covered by a mix of shrub, deciduous forest, and mixed forest.</p> <p>Elliott Highway forms the northern boundary of the unit. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System is situated to the south of the unit, in F-06.</p> <p>This unit encompasses a moose wintering area. Brown bear are also present.</p> |

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| F-08 | Rm 9,918 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage for multiple uses. Management is to focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are in the best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Except for the riparian areas adjacent to the two major streams within the unit, hilly topography is characteristic. Riparian areas along Washington Creek are generally flat and are occupied by wetlands. Relatively few wetlands adjoin the other creek, Lost Horse Creek. Moose wintering occurs in the western portion of the unit.</p> <p>The Elliott Highway crosses the far southwestern part of the unit.</p> |
| F-09 | F 7,154 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Forest management operations are to take into consideration the adjacent residential area, and are to minimize impacts to residential uses. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines – specifically, the Forestry, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Shorelands and Stream Corridors sections.</p> | <p>This unit consists of three separate subunits, with the larger of the three in F004N001W. All contain forest resources, consisting of both deciduous and mixed forest types. Some contain second growth hardwood stands suitable for local use or future hardwood production. Terrain is characteristically hilly. Moose (range only) and brown bear are present. Residential areas adjoin portions of the unit.</p> |
| F-10 | Wr 30,433 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit to ensure the continued use of state land for water research purposes and as an impact area for rockets launched from the Poker Flat Research Facility. Unit is to continue in its natural state and is to be retained in state ownership. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not authorized, including leases, land disposals, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that are do not preclude the primary uses of this unit, however, may be authorized. Protect and maintain wetland hydrologic and habitat values, and historic uses. Dispersed recreation is recognized as an appropriate use within this unit. Land disposals, trapping cabin construction permits, and leases are not allowed.</p> | <p>This unit is used for water quality and water quantity research by the University of Alaska and the area is affected by a Special Use Area designation (ADL 412457) that allows portions of the state land in the unit to be used as a rocket impact zone for the adjacent Poker Flat Research Facility for rockets and rocket boosters. Land disposals, trapping cabin construction permits, and leases are not allowed within the SUA.</p> <p>The unit is characteristically hilly and is predominately covered by a mix of deciduous and evergreen vegetation. Moose wintering areas and brown bear (range only) are present within the unit. There is a limited amount of dispersed recreation use. Caribou Creek and Little Poker Creek are the principal hydrologic features in the unit; neither are anadromous streams. Portions of the Davidson Ditch may be situated within this unit, an important cultural feature.</p> |
| F-11 | Ha, Rd 53,244 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land is to be managed to maintain the hydrologic, wildlife, and recreation resources of the Chatanika River Corridor, and is to be retained in state ownership. The Chatanika River and the riparian areas that are part of this unit are recommended for designation as a State Recreation River. Protect cultural and historical features.</p> <p>Land sales are not allowed. Other uses may be authorized if they are consistent with the management intent of this unit or do not harm the</p> | <p>This unit contains the Chatanika River Corridor, one of the most popular hunting, fishing, and recreation rivers for Fairbanks residents. Portions of the Davidson Ditch are situated within this unit north of the Steese Highway. Portions of the Middle Ditch are situated south of this road. RST 280 (Chatanika – 12 Mile Summit (Winter)) traverses portions of this unit. A number of land sales have occurred within this unit and portions of the unit are privately owned.</p> |

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| | | | <p>integrity of the unit. At a minimum this would include recreation facilities that provide a general public benefit and improvements related to fisheries, wildlife maintenance, and erosion/flooding control. If an authorization is to be issued it is to ensure that the minimum amount of area is affected, that the impact to scenic and recreational uses is minimized, and that cultural features and access routes are protected.</p> <p>Check land status before issuing an authorization.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>This unit provides for moose wintering, rutting, and calving; caribou wintering, and brown bear and waterfowl are also present.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Chatanika River within this unit.</p> |
| F-12 | Se 2,211 | Map 3-2 | <p>Except for Potential Reoffers of lots returned to the state, further land disposals within this unit are not appropriate. The remaining state land is to be retained by the state and maintained in its natural condition or as indicated in the subdivision plat.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit comprises a number of previous state subdivisions scattered throughout the planning area, with all or nearly all of the lots having been conveyed out of state ownership. The only state land within these subdivisions is the tracts. Many of these are noted as ‘watershed study area’.</p> |
| F-13 | Ma 74 | Map 3-2 | <p>Unit is to be managed consistent with the requirements of the state authorization issued by DMLW.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, specifically those related to Material Sites.</p> | <p>Unit consists of a number of gravel extraction sites along the Steese Highway.</p> |
| F-14 | F 9,266 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, specifically, the Forestry, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Shorelands and Stream Corridors sections.</p> <p>The western subunit is recommended to be added to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of evergreen and deciduous forest situated on hilly terrain. There is no immediate road access although the Steese Highway is about 1 mile south. Moose and brown bear are present.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for caribou wintering.</p> |
| F-15 | Rm 8,119 | Maps 3-2 | <p>State land is to be retained and managed for multiple uses.</p> <p>Management emphasis is to focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.</p> | <p>Unit is hilly and is characterized by a mixture of shrub vegetation, wetlands, both deciduous and evergreen forest. Moose and caribou wintering areas exist in this unit, and brown bear are present. Belle Creek, which is not anadromous, occupies portions of the unit.</p> |

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| F-16 | Mi 59,041 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and, except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit are generally inappropriate. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are in the best interest of the state.</p> <p>Unit is to be retained and is to be managed for its mineral and habitat resource values. Recreation facilities may be accommodated to the extent that they do not interfere with mining activity. Mineral development must consider potential impacts upon recreational uses and habitat areas (moose wintering) and provide appropriate avoidance or minimization practices. RS 2477 routes and historic sites that do not conflict with current or future mining activity should be protected and retained in public ownership. Within the area that is affected by the special use area (ADL 412457), the requirements described in management unit F-10 apply to authorizations that may be issued in this unit.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat. DNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses.</p> | <p>The Poker Flat North Special Land Use Designation (ADL 412457) affects portions of this unit. The SUD is for a rocket impact zone for the Poker Flat Research Facility of the University of Alaska.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for caribou wintering.</p> <p>This large unit encompasses much of the early Fairbanks gold mining operations. This includes placer gold mines, ditches that carried water for hydraulic mining, the abandoned narrow gauge Tanana Valley Railway, and interconnecting trails. Extensive state and federal mining claims cover this unit. There are many APMAs and mining operations have been conducted on both lode and placer deposits. The area has a strong potential for future discoveries and mining activity.</p> <p>It is also an important recreation area, with many significant trails, including the original route of the Circle to Fairbanks Historic Trail, which has both unique recreational values and historic significance.</p> <p>There are a number of RS 2477 routes that traverse the unit, including RST 237 (Circle – Fairbanks Trail) and RST 2477 (Old Chatanika – Cleary – Fairbanks Creek Trail).</p> <p>A portion of the special use area (ADL 412457) related to the Poker Flat Research Facility affects the western parts of the unit. A public and charitable authorization (ADL 414207 for a facility related to rocket launch complex affects portions of section 8 and all of 9 in T003N002E.</p> <p>Moose wintering, calving, and rutting habitat is present in this unit and a migration corridor is present in the western subunits. Caribou wintering and calving is present on the eastern edge of the units. Brown bear are also present.</p> |

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| F-17 | Ha, Rd 28,709 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values and associated recreational values. Unit is to continue in its natural state and retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated to be in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Protect highway and pipeline rights-of-way.</p> <p>Check land status prior to issuing authorizations in this unit.</p> | <p>This large, spatially separated unit is situated on the western edge of the Fairbanks community area. It is an important recreation area and includes significant portions of moose winter, rutting, and calving habitat. Murphy Dome is situated in the larger of these units (T002N004W) and is an important recreation area for the community of Fairbanks and is suitable for a wide range of summer and winter activities, including hunting, berry picking, hiking, and skiing.</p> <p>The largest of these units is that within T002N004W, which contains the central and northern portions of Murphy Dome. The smaller parcels are situated along important creeks, including Spinach, Keystone, and Murphy Creeks. The topography within this unit is hilly with vegetation characterized by deciduous and evergreen forest.</p> |
| F-18 | Se 6,387 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Except for potential Reoffers of lots returned to the state, further land disposals within this unit are not appropriate. The remaining areas of the unit, occupied by tracts, are to be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit consists of a number of spatially separated subunits, each of which contains an area of previous state subdivision. ASLS 84-021 is situated in T002N003W and T001N003W and ASLS 82-158 in T001N004W. Both ASLS 82-157 and ASLS 83-23 are situated in T002N002W. All or nearly all of the lots have been conveyed out of state ownership; the only remaining state land within this unit consists of the tracts.</p> <p>Moose wintering occurs throughout these subunits, and calving and rutting is present in portions.</p> |
| F-19 | Mi, Rd 12,241 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is to be retained and is to be managed for its mineral and public recreation values. Recreation will be emphasized to the extent that it does not interfere with mining activity.</p> <p>Mineral development must consider potential impacts on recreational and residential uses and provide appropriate avoidance or minimization practices. Historic sites that do not conflict with current or future mining activity should be protected and retained in public ownership. RS 2477 routes are to be retained.</p> <p>Use of this area for small scale commercial and personal use harvest is considered appropriate to the extent that it is compatible with mining activity, both current and planned.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for more specific management guidelines for Subsurface Resources development.</p> | <p>Unit occupies a large, generally hilly area centered on Ester Dome, except that the area along Goldstream Creek in the southwestern part of the unit is generally flat, with extensive wetland areas adjoining this creek. The hilly areas of the unit are occupied by evergreen and deciduous forest and in the higher elevations, by shrub vegetation. Wintering, rutting, and moose calving areas occur throughout the unit and brown bears are present. The Alaska Railroad forms the northern boundary of the unit, and at least one RS 2477 route (Ester Dome – Nugget Creek Trail) is situated within the unit.</p> <p>This area has been characterized by significant mining activity and is considered to have high grade mineralization. Further development of subsurface resources is expected during the planning period.</p> <p>Ester Dome is also a popular recreation area for Fairbanks. There are three main values for recreation: The Equinox Trail, outstanding views of the Fairbanks region, and the presence of the alpine environment which provides a variety of outdoor recreation experiences. A significant</p> |

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| | | | | number of these trails are on mining claims. Residential development has also occurred some distance to the north of the unit in F-18. |
| F-20 | Ag 1,960 | Maps 3-2 | Manage unit for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife) apply in such disposals. Forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be reforested to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture should be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest. Avoid or minimize adverse impacts to moose calving, rutting, and wintering areas. | Unit, which consists of two closely separated parcels, is generally flat, well vegetated (deciduous and evergreen forest) and contains soils suitable for agriculture. The Tanana Valley State Forest borders this unit on the northern and western sides. Brown bear are present and moose wintering, calving, and rutting areas occur throughout this unit. The Alaska Railroad is situated to the south of the unit by about one mile. Cache Creek bisects the unit. The unit has been classified Agriculture since 1985. This unit contains habitat for waterfowl. |
| F-21 | F 2,603 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Forest management operations are to take into consideration the moose wintering/calving area as well as the adjacent residential area, and are to avoid the calving/wintering area and minimize impacts to residential uses. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding the western subunit to the Tanana Valley State Forest. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. Specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines. | This unit consists of two fairly closely situated subunits, both of which are generally hilly and are vegetated with a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest. The Chatanika River is situated to the south of this unit. Moose and brown bear are present; a moose calving, rutting, and wintering area is situated along the southern edge of the unit. The eastern subunit occupies an area within a residential subdivision. The western subunit adjoins a portion of the TVSF. |
| F-22 | Mi 9,909 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Manage unit for its mineral values. Mining operations are to take into consideration adjacent residential uses and the presence of the winter moose range, either avoiding or minimizing impacts to residential uses and to the moose winter range. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines – specifically, the Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat sections. | This unit occupies an area that is characterized by high mineral potential. Associated with the Ester Dome area geologically, lode mining may be expected to occur in this unit, generally concentrated on gold-quartz veins, often associated with geologic fractures and faults. Except for the generally level terrain adjacent to Our Creek, the remainder of the unit is hilly and is vegetated by a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest. Brown bear and moose are present; the unit is used as wintering habitat. |
| F-23 | Se 2,086 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program. It is recommended that the site be carefully evaluated during the preliminary decision or even earlier feasibility stage, given the widespread | This unit, which has been classified Settlement since 1985, is the only remaining part of a larger area classified Settlement in this township. The unit occupies both level as well as hilly terrain. The more level terrain occurs in both sections 6 and 7 near Sargent Creek. Wetlands are |

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| | | | <p>distribution of wetlands and mining claims.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. Avoid moose calving and wintering areas in siting of settlement areas.</p> <p>LLO 39 affects this unit.</p> | <p>characteristic of the more level areas; whereas deciduous and evergreen forest is typical in hilly areas. This unit is part of a moose wintering range. Mining claims affect the unit.</p> |
| F-24 | Ha, Mi 10,015 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is to be retained and managed for its mineral and wildlife habitat values.</p> <p>Mineral development must consider potential impacts on wildlife and residential uses and provide appropriate avoidance or minimization practices. RS 2477 routes are to be retained; authorizations are to ensure that the siting requirements are met. A (approximate) 100' vegetated buffer is to be maintained next to the Elliott Highway. Protect historic and cultural structures.</p> <p>ADF&G should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to wildlife populations in area.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for more specific management guidelines for Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This large unit occupies fairly hilly terrain in its southern parts (generally within T002N001W) and generally level terrain in the northern parts, especially that portion that is close to the Chatanika River. Wetlands are common in the lowland areas while a mix forest of deciduous forest and evergreen occupies the hilly terrain.</p> <p>This unit is part of the Ester Dome geologic complex, and mineral development associated with lode deposits are considered likely. State mining claims cover this unit.</p> <p>The northern part of this unit, particularly in the area near the Chatanika River, contains moose calving and rutting areas, with wintering areas occurring throughout the unit. Brown bear are present.</p> <p>Recreation occurs within this unit and there are a number of historic mining sites.</p> <p>The following traverse portions of the unit: a RS 2477 route (RST 224, Vault Creek – Treasure Creek), the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, and Elliott Highway.</p> |
| F-25 | Se 120 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during planning period.</p> <p>Because of the small size and fairly steep terrain of this unit, the feasibility of a land disposal needs to be carefully evaluated prior to or concurrent with the Preliminary Decision.</p> <p>LLO 39 affects this unit, but should be rescinded as it relates to this unit if it is determined that a land disposal in this unit is not viable.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements, especially Settlement.</p> | <p>This small unit is isolated from other state land, resulting from the extensive conveyance of state land to municipalities (Fairbanks North Star Borough), Mental Health Trust, and University of Alaska.</p> <p>It is situated on fairly hilly terrain and is vegetated by a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest except for wetland vegetation along the drainage of the unnamed stream. A winter moose range affects this unit.</p> |
| F-26 | Se 444 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during planning period.</p> <p>Because of the unit's small size and the presence of a road that cuts through it, it is unlikely that this unit is appropriate for a state land</p> | <p>Similar to unit F-25, this is also a small remnant parcel of state land. It is situated on flat terrain immediately east of a state subdivision. A small local road cuts through portions of the parcel.</p> |

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| | | | <p>disposal. However, it may be appropriate for disposal to individuals.</p> <p>The feasibility of disposal needs to be confirmed by field review.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements, especially Settlement.</p> <p>During project development, the wild land fire risk will be evaluated and, if necessary, areas may be restricted, or excluded from, development within the proposed project area.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Moose wintering, calving, and rutting areas are present.</p> <p>Wild land fire risk is considered to be moderate to high in portions of this unit.</p> |
| F-27 | Se 2,160 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>This unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for guidance, especially the section on Settlement.</p> | Moose wintering, calving, and rutting areas are present. |
| F-28 | Ha, Rd 1,696 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its mineral, recreation, and forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on mineral exploration and development, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, and protecting habitat and recreational values.</p> <p>Mineral development and forest management operations are to take into consideration the moose wintering area as well as impacts upon recreational use and utilize appropriate avoidance or mitigation techniques. RS 2477 routes and historic sites that do not conflict with current or future mining activity should be protected and retained in public ownership. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines – specifically, the Forestry, Subsurface Resources, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>This unit is similar in characteristics to the larger unit to the east, F-16. It is an important mining and recreation area, but also contains an extensive cover of moderately productive hardwood stands. Terrain is hilly and vegetation consists of a mix of deciduous and evergreen forest with scattered wetlands and shrub vegetation. Moose wintering occurs across this unit, and rutting areas are present along the southern portion. Brown bear are also present. A number of RS 2477 routes traverse portions of the unit.</p> |

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| F-29 | Ag 5,364 | Map 3-2 | Manage unit for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat) apply in such disposals. Forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be reforested to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture must be consulted prior to any forest management operations. Avoid or minimize impacts to moose calving and wintering areas. | This unit consists of two separated areas, which are situated north of Goldstream Creek in the westernmost part of the region. The Alaska Railroad bisects both parcels. Terrain is comprised of lowlands, dominated by wetland vegetation along this creek and by a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest vegetation in upland areas. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting areas occupy most of this unit. Waterfowl are also present in this unit. Comprised of soils suitable for agriculture, this unit has been classified Agriculture since 1985. Along with unit F-36, it affords the last large remaining area of state land available for agricultural use near the Fairbanks community. |
| F-30 | Ha 10,367 | Map 3-2 | Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Unit is to continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership. Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Riparian habitat should be avoided in any authorization that is issued. | The predominant feature of this large unit is Goldstream Creek, a prime habitat area. Extensive riparian vegetation adjoins this waterbody, which provides habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting areas. Brown bear, as well as most furbearers and small game are also present. The Alaska Railroad forms the northern boundary of this unit while a mixture of state land adjoins it in the south; some of the state land is part of the Tanana Valley State Forest and other is general state land, intended for settlement or agriculture. |
| F-31 | Se 1,406 | Map 3-2 | Unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period. Maintain 50' screening buffer of vegetation along Parks Highway. Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39. | Unit consists of upland vegetated by both evergreen and deciduous forests and is bisected by the Parks Highway. Portions of the unit are part of a moose wintering and rutting area. |
| F-32 | Ma 60 | Map 3-2 | Manage for material extraction values and resources consistent with this authorization. See Chapter 2 for additional guidance. | This unit consists of a material site administered by ADOT/PF under ADL 59934. The Master Material Site (MMS) designation is ADL 419463. Moose wintering and rutting is present in this unit. |
| F-33 | F 69,921 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Mining is considered an appropriate use, subject to standard permitting and regulatory requirements. The maintenance of moose and caribou calving areas is an important management objective. Forest management operations are to take into consideration moose and caribou | Unit consists of three subunits. Of the three the largest is one situated most easterly; the other two are considerably smaller and the larger of these is situated in F003N002-003E and F002N003E; the smaller is situated in F001S004E. The largest of the subunits borders the TVSF on its western, eastern, and southern sides. The two larger subunits are characterized by mountainous terrain with both evergreen and deciduous forests. The Little Chena River is situated in the larger of the two and occupies a small valley surrounded by steep mountainous terrain; |

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| | | | <p>wintering/calving areas, and the riparian area adjoining Little Chena River is to be protected. Retain in state ownership. Recommend addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, and specifically, the Forestry, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>extensive riparian areas adjoin this stream. Moose and caribou wintering and calving areas affect all three subunits. Brown bear are present. Numerous state mining claims cover large portions of the easternmost subunit.</p> |
| F-34 | F 62,723 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Mining is considered an appropriate use, subject to standard permitting and regulatory requirements. The riparian areas adjoining anadromous streams are to be protected, particularly that area associated with McCoy Creek. The various utilities and TAPS are to be taken into consideration in any forest management plan that is prepared. Retain in state ownership. Recommend addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, and specifically, the Forestry, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit consists of three subunits that border the riverine are of the Salcha River (F-116). The two southernmost subunits border the TVSF.</p> <p>Terrain is variable within the units. The southwestern unit occupies a broad lowland area associated with McCoy Creek whereas the northern unit is characterized by hilly and mountainous terrain. Evergreen and deciduous forests occupy hilly terrain, while the lowland areas consist of a mixture of the aforementioned forests as well as wetland complexes. Moose and caribou wintering occur in this unit, and brown bear are present. A variety of anadromous streams exist, the most prominent of which is McCoy Creek. A block of state mining claims occurs in the northeastern portion of F005S007E. The majority of the state mining claims in this area are situated to the east, in F005S008E, F005S009E, and F006S008E, all of which are situated in the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and an electric easement (ADL 80371) traverse the western parts of the unit. A winter trail is also present, which is aligned to the south of the Salcha River.</p> |
| F-36 | Ag 5,182 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat) apply in such disposals. Avoid or minimize adverse impacts to moose wintering and calving areas and to adjacent residential uses that may develop in unit F-35.</p> <p>Forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be reforested to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture should be consulted prior to any forest management.</p> | <p>Along with F-29, this unit is one of the last large, remaining areas of agricultural land that is close to Fairbanks. It consists of two subunits: one (mostly) in F002S004W and another part in F001S004W. There is relatively good access to it from the Parks Highway, which is about one mile away, although the riparian area of Goldstream Creek would need to be crossed. Terrain within the southern subunit is generally level; there are a series of small lakes in the central portion of the unit and much of the lowland area is characterized by wetland vegetation. The better drained areas have evergreen forest. The northern subunit is quite flat and is characterized by evergreen forest. Moose wintering, rutting, and calving areas occur in this unit. Brown bear are present.</p> <p>F-35, situated immediately to the south of the southern of the two subunits, is designated Settlement.</p> |

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| F-37 | F, Ha 2,032 | Maps 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Forest management operations are to take into consideration the moose wintering/calving area. Avoid or minimize impacts to these habitat areas. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is similar in characteristics to the adjacent Tanana Valley State Forest, which borders the unit to the north, west, and south. Evergreen vegetation predominates except for riparian vegetation, consisting mostly of wetland vegetation, along the stream corridor in the northern part of the unit. A moose wintering, rutting, and calving area affects this unit. Waterfowl are also present in this unit. Unit may be valuable in providing access, connecting the Cache Creek and Standards areas; access is currently blocked by Fortune Creek.</p> <p>A number of remote residential sales have occurred in this unit, primarily in sections 5 and 6.</p> |
| F-38 | F 3,840 | Maps 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Forest management operations are to take into consideration the moose wintering/calving area, minimizing impacts to wildlife during critical life cycle periods. Retain in state ownership. Recommended for addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest. Additional residential land disposal is inappropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. Specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is completely enclosed by the Tanana Valley State Forest and has been designated Forestry since 1985. Except for the Chatanika River, which occupies much of the central part of the unit and is characterized by wetland vegetation in the riparian area, the remainder of the unit is occupied by mixed evergreen and deciduous forest. A large number of remote sale parcels have occurred in the past and adjoin the Chatanika River. A moose wintering, rutting, and calving area affects this unit.</p> |
| F-39 | Se 80 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Appropriate for land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for guidance, especially the section on Settlement.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This small unit is a remnant of state land within this township; the remainder of the township was conveyed out of state ownership to private interests, the Mental Health Trust, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough.</p> <p>A moose wintering, rutting, and calving area affects this unit.</p> |

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| F-40 | Se 207 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>The subunit in sections 1 and 12 may be large enough to be feasible for land disposal, although significant terrain and access considerations exist. The two remaining subunits are very small and irregularly shaped; the feasibility of disposal of these subunits should be further evaluated. If not feasible, retain these (3) subunits in state ownership and manage for multiple use.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for guidance, especially the section on Settlement.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> <p>During project development, the wild land fire risk will be evaluated and, if necessary, areas may be restricted, or excluded from, development within the proposed project area.</p> | <p>Consisting of three separate subunits, these small parcels are remnant pieces of state land. The surrounding land has been conveyed to the Mental Health Trust, Fairbanks North Star Borough, or private interests and these are the leftover pieces. The largest of these units is situated on very hilly terrain and close to a previous Eielson Alaska array research site. Local roads are nearby but extension of these roads would be costly and difficult.</p> <p>Moose wintering, rutting, and calving occurs throughout this unit.</p> <p>Wild land fire risk is considered to be moderate to high in portions of this unit.</p> |
| F-41 | Se 295 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>This unit is appropriate for state land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for guidance, especially the section on Settlement.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Moose wintering, rutting, and calving occur in this unit.</p> |
| F-42 | Se 159 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>This unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance, especially Settlement.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>The land status of the area surrounding this unit has changed dramatically since the original plan in 1985; adjacent land has been disposed to private interests, the Mental Health Trust, and the University. It is now an isolated, irregularly shaped, remnant of state land which cannot perform the same function as originally intended.</p> <p>This unit was also designated as Special Use Land (ADL 80097), but this designation has since been removed and the unit is managed as general state land. It is affected by LLO 32.</p> <p>Moose wintering, rutting, and calving occur in this unit.</p> |
| F-43 | Ha, Rd 105 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit consistent with the requirements of the Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.140). Recommend as additions to this PUA. Land disposals are inappropriate in this unit.</p> | <p>Consisting of two subunits, both adjoin the Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.140).</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-44 | Se 120 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>This unit consists of two small, separate parcels. Both are affected by a land disposal project application (ADLs 417614 and 418348). This unit is closed to mineral entry.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |

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| F-45 | Se 307 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit consists of two subunits, which are separated by a subdivision (ADL 401196). Private land adjoins the parcel on the south and municipal entitlement land to the north.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-46 | Se 440 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit is partially encompassed by a state land disposal area (ADL 417611) as well as a portion of state land immediately to the north in section 6 that is not part of this project area. This latter has generally similar characteristics to the project area.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-47 | Se 94 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>While some of these subunits are of sufficient size to warrant disposal during the planning period (sections 26 and 27), others are irregularly shaped and quite small and the feasibility of a land disposal decision needs to be carefully evaluated. If not feasible, retain these subunits in state ownership and manage for multiple use.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Consisting of three separate and spatially separated subunits, these small parcels are remnant pieces of state land. The surrounding land has been conveyed to the Mental Health Trust, Fairbanks North Star Borough, or private interests and these are the leftover pieces. Several of the subunits are accessed either by a primary or local roads.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-48 | F, Ha 2,765 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage this unit for forestry values and resources. Such management is to be consistent with the management intent and management guidelines of the TVSF Management Plan and, specifically with the abutting forest management unit. Recommend inclusion within the TVSF. Special requirements (11 AAC 95) pertain to the riparian area of the Little Chena River and must be followed.</p> <p>Timber harvest is to avoid the riparian area of the Little Chena River (see USGS quad) and mitigate impacts to this area from operations that might occur in other parts of the unit. Avoid or mitigate impacts upon moose wintering and calving areas.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance, especially that related to Forestry.</p> | <p>Consisting of two subunits, both adjoin the Tanana Valley State Forest. It is situated off of Chena Hot Springs Road/Venture Road. The characteristics of this land are similar to that within the TVSF (primarily evergreen and deciduous forest) except for the riparian area of the Little Chena River. In that area, which can be quite extensive, wetland vegetation predominates. Portions of this unit have had timber sales (area behind Apple Horse Farm). Also contains a hazardous fuel reduction area associated with wetlands.</p> <p>This area contains a moose wintering, calving and rutting area.</p> |

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| F-49 | Se 460 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>During project development, the wild land fire risk will be evaluated and, if necessary, areas may be restricted, or excluded from, development within the proposed project area.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of five widely scattered subunits within two townships. All are adjoined by land now in other than state ownership, either Mental Health Trust, University, Fairbanks North Star Borough, or private. They constitute small, isolated remnant parcels of state land.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> <p>Wild land fire risk is considered to be moderate to high in portions of this unit.</p> |
| F-50 | Ag 1,760 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. Maintain a vegetated buffer of 100' adjacent to the Little Chena River and protect associated riparian areas from agricultural operations.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance, especially Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection requirements.</p> <p>This unit is appropriate for agricultural land disposal during the planning period.</p> | <p>This unit is considered suitable for agriculture use, based on soils and topography and has been classified Agricultural since 1985. Agricultural sales have occurred near this unit and the land ownership is now associated with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the University of Alaska. Topography is level, with vegetation a mix of upland vegetation (evergreen and deciduous forest) but with extensive areas of wetlands, especially in sections 34 and 36. The Little Chena River meanders (there are many oxbow formations in this portion of the river) through the unit, especially in sections 26, 34 and 35.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> |
| F-51 | Wr 317 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Land disposals are inappropriate in this unit.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit and are consistent with the management intent and values of this unit.</p> | <p>Unit is completely covered by wetlands and wetland vegetation.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> |

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| F-52 | Se 280 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period. Avoid wetlands and riparian areas associated with the small creek.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance, especially Settlement.</p> <p>During project development, the wild land fire risk will be evaluated and, if necessary, areas may be restricted, or excluded from, development within the proposed project area.</p> <p>LLO 39 affects this unit.</p> | <p>Unit is one of the last two remaining parcels of state land within this township. The northern part of the unit is occupied by a small creek, which has abutting wetlands, especially to the south. The remainder of the unit is hilly, with both evergreen and deciduous vegetation present. A portion of section 11 is occupied by residential structures, situated along a local road. At the time of analysis, this unit appeared, based on land status records, to be state land. Prior to land disposal land status should be rechecked.</p> <p>This area contains a moose wintering, calving and rutting area.</p> <p>Wild land fire risk is considered to be moderate to high in portions of this unit.</p> |
| F-53 | Se 80 | Maps 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during planning period.</p> <p>(Note: The decision has been completed on this unit, but survey and development have been postponed.)</p> | <p>This small unit is an area that contains two gravel extraction sites; the sites have been closed to this use and are available for alternative uses. The parcel is flat and contains two ponds. Unit is closed to mineral entry.</p> |
| F-54 | Wr 640 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is to be retained in state ownership and managed for its water resource values and resources. Continued dispersed recreation use is appropriate.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and inappropriate, except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit may be appropriate.</p> | <p>Unit occupies an area of extensive wetlands, immediately north of the Chena River, in generally level topography. Some evergreen forest is scattered throughout the wetlands on areas of better soils and terrain. It is surrounded by lands owned by the borough or privately and constitutes a remnant of state land.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-55 | Pr 20 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is to be retained in state ownership and managed consistent with the conservation easement (ADL 417263) and other authorizations that affect this site.</p> | <p>Unit has/used to have significant groundwater contamination; it has been included in the Arctic Surplus Superfund Site and is listed on the EPA national priority list for remediation. It is a Limited State Holding (see LSH 557 for documentation).</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting.</p> |
| F-56 | Rm 320 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage land for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Unit occupies flat terrain immediately north of the Chena River, an anadromous stream. It is characterized by a mix of wetlands and upland deciduous and evergreen forest. Wetlands are concentrated in the eastern part of the unit. Numerous remnant features of a stream(s) that once traversed this area exist. This unit contains habitat for moose wintering, calving, and rutting. Brown bear and waterfowl are also present.</p> |

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| F-57 | Ag 8,300 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. Maintain a vegetated buffer of 100' adjacent to the Chena River.</p> <p>Protect Trans-Alaska Pipeline System right-of-way and two RS 2477 routes.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>The level area north of the Chena River has been classified Agriculture since 1985 but little development has occurred, but may if access is improved. Terrain throughout the unit is level and is characterized by areas of wetlands interspersed with upland vegetation – primarily deciduous and evergreen forest. Wetlands are especially concentrated next to the Chena River. Brown bear concentrations occur along the anadromous stream, and moose calving, wintering and rutting are present across the unit. Waterfowl are also present.</p> <p>The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System crosses a portion of section 22 in the southwestern part of the unit and a number of RS 2477 routes exist (Fairbanks – Chena Hot Springs and Chena Lowland Winter Trail Connection).</p> |
| F-58 | Se 200 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>This unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period. The feasibility of development should be evaluated before or at the time of the preparation of the Preliminary Decision. There are extensive wetlands in portions of the unit. These are to be avoided, especially in those areas with wetland concentrations. If not determined to be feasible, the unit is to be managed for public recreation purposes.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for guidance, especially the section on Settlement.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>The unit contains a mixture of wetlands and uplands, which are vegetated by evergreen and deciduous forest. Wetlands are particularly extensive in the northwest and eastern portions of the unit. Moose wintering, calving, and rutting habitats are present. Waterfowl are also present. A local area adjoins the unit and access is available from both secondary and local roads.</p> |
| F-59 | Ha 228 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife, habitat, and hydrologic values.</p> <p>Other types of development are not anticipated in this unit and are inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Land disposals are not appropriate in this unit.</p> | <p>Situated north of the Chena River, this unit is characterized by level topography, several open ponds, and extensive wetland vegetation.</p> <p>Moose wintering, calving, and rutting habitat occur within the unit.</p> |
| F-61 | Se 12,312 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit has been classified Settlement for over 30 years; the southern part of the parcel has already been heavily developed with remote recreational stakings; the northern part has experienced less development and is within a project area (ADL 417470). A subdivision occupies portions of the southwestern part of the unit (ASLS 83-128). Many of the lots in the subdivision have conveyed out of state ownership but some remain available on an OTC basis.</p> <p>Unit is characterized by hilly terrain and is situated immediately north of</p> |

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| | | | | <p>the Chatanika River and the Steese Highway. A number of unimproved roads emanate from the Steese to portions of the settlement area. Vegetation is a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest, with shrub more characteristic at higher elevations in the north-central part of the unit. A RS 2477 (Davidson Ditch) route traverses an area just to the north of the Steese Highway. Portions of the southern part of the unit are used by moose as a wintering area. The White Mountain Recreation Area (federal) is situated to the north of this unit and F-63.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for caribou wintering and moose calving, wintering and rutting.</p> |
| F-62 | Ma 217 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources and consistent with the authorization issued by DNR or derived from federal patent. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>Unit consists of a number of gravel/rock extraction sites operated by ADOT/PF along the Steese Highway.</p> <p>These subunits contain habitat for caribou and moose wintering.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Chatanika River within this unit.</p> |
| F-63 | Rm 12,369 | Map 3-2 | <p>State land is to be retained and managed for multiple uses.</p> <p>The emphasis is on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and inappropriate, except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit are generally inappropriate or for other types of projects if it is determined that their authorization would be in the overall best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Unit is characterized by very hilly terrain and by a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest vegetation at lower elevations and by shrub vegetation at higher elevations. Moose and caribou wintering areas occur in this unit. Brown bear are also present.</p> <p>ADL 412457 (Poker Flat Impact Area – North) affects portions of the unit within F005N003E. The University of Alaska uses this area as a rocket impact area as part of the Poker Flat Research Facility.</p> |
| F-64 | F 14,373 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Forest management operations are to take into consideration the moose wintering/calving area. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is similar in characteristics to the adjacent Tanana Valley State Forest, which is situated to the north and south, with evergreen and mixed forest vegetation predominating throughout except for some shrub vegetation at higher elevations in the northern part of unit bordering the plan boundary. Terrain is very hilly. Moose and caribou wintering occurs in this unit, and brown bear are also present.</p> <p>A RS 2477 route traverses the unit in a north-south orientation. The Steese Highway and the Chatanika River are situated just to the south of this unit, in F-67. Access to this unit would be provided from the Steese Highway and the RS 2477 route.</p> |

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| F-65 | Ha 66,421 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Mining is recognized as an appropriate activity throughout this unit. Retain in state ownership. Mineral development is to avoid sensitive habitat areas or to mitigate impacts to these resources. See Chapter 2 management guidelines, especially related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat. Protect RS 2477 routes.</p> <p>Other than mining, development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the resources and values of the unit. Mining activity is recognized as a potential use; actual development is subject to state and federal permitting requirements, which ultimately determine the appropriateness of development and mitigation stipulations.</p> | <p>Portions of the unit are affected by PLO 4176, situated primarily in sections 9 and 16 of F005N005E.</p> <p>Mountainous terrain characterizes this unit; shrub vegetation predominates throughout the unit except for the principal river and creek drainages, which are characterized by evergreen forest. Brown bear and moose are present; both winter and calving habitat for caribou are found in most of the central and eastern parts of the unit.</p> <p>Both Federal and State mining claims blanket almost all of the unit; concentrations occur along the principal drainages.</p> <p>A RS 2477 route traverses F006N006E in a north-south direction. The Steese Highway and the Chatanika River are situated just outside this unit in F-67 and just south of F-65.</p> |
| F-66 | Se 127,677 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit occupies an extensive area, encompassing all or portions of 8 townships generally situated south of the Steese Highway and North of the Chena Hot Springs Road/Chena Recreation Area, and east of the plan boundary.</p> <p>This area has been classified Settlement since the original area plan in 1986 and there have been a significant number of land disposals throughout the unit, all of a rural recreational type. Project area (ADL 417471) occupies all but a small part of the unit in F003N008E. The unit is either closed to mineral entry or is affected by a leasehold location order.</p> <p>Terrain is generally hilly to mountainous depending on location, with vegetation predominately evergreen forest except for shrub vegetation at higher elevations and wetland complexes adjoining the principal streams. Moose and brown bear are present throughout the unit and a caribou wintering and calving area extends from the northeast into townships F006N007E, F006N008E, and F005N008E.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for caribou and moose wintering, and moose rutting and calving occur along the western edges of the unit.</p> |

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| F-67 | Se 1,049 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Consisting of three spatially separated subunits, the subunits are situated either adjacent to roads or on roads and some adjoin settlement areas. A RS 2477 passes through portions of at least two of the subunits (RST 637). Moose wintering and calving habitat exists in several of the subunits; brown bear are present. State mining claims affect some of the subunits. Terrain is rolling and vegetation consists of deciduous and evergreen forest.</p> |
| F-68 | Ha, Rd 1,293 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to preserve and maintain the recreational and habitat values associated with the drainage in sections 3, 4, 9, 10, and 15 and within the riparian area of the West Fork of the Chena River in section 18. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> | <p>Situated near Chena Hot Springs, this unit consists of two separate subunits: a western area within section 18 and an eastern area within sections 3, 4, 9, 10, and 15 of F003N008E. In the former, a riparian area includes portions of the floodplain of the West Fork of the Chena River while the remainder of the western subunit is quite steep. The riparian area is flat and consists of a mixture of deciduous forest and wetland vegetation. The eastern subunit is mountainous and is characterized by primarily shrub and to a lesser degree, deciduous and evergreen forest. Moose wintering, rutting, and calving areas occur in both subunits. Brown bears are also known to be present. This unit contains habitat for caribou wintering. Portions of this unit are affected by a mineral closing order.</p> |
| F-69 | Ha 123,297 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Retain in state ownership. Mining is recognized as an appropriate activity throughout this unit. Mineral development is to avoid sensitive habitat areas or to mitigate impacts to these resources. See Chapter 2 management guidelines, especially related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat. Protect RS 2477 routes.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Mining activity is recognized as a potential use; actual development is subject to state and federal permitting requirements, which ultimately determine the appropriateness of development and mitigation stipulations.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>Unit occupies a large, characteristically hilly to mountainous area generally south of the Steese Highway and north of the two LDAs – TVSF and the Chena Recreation Area SRA. Vegetation is predominately deciduous and evergreen forest with shrub vegetation being more common on hillsides and wetland complexes occurring within the riparian areas of the larger drainages. Brown bear, caribou, and moose are present. Moose wintering concentrations occur in the northern part of the unit generally south of the Chatanika River while the remainder of the unit is occupied by moose wintering, rutting, and calving range. Caribou wintering habitat occupies extensive areas generally east of Range 3E.</p> <p>Access to this area is limited; the Steese Highway borders the unit on the north but there are no road extensions of significance that lead into the unit. A RS 2477 route (ADL 408830) traverses the unit in a generally east-west direction. State mining claims occur throughout the unit but are particularly concentrated in townships F003N005E and F004N005E.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Chatanika River within this unit.</p> |

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| F-70 | Ha 31,690 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Mining is recognized as an appropriate activity throughout this unit. Retain in state ownership. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Except for mining, development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Mining activity is recognized as a potential use; actual development is subject to state and federal permitting requirements, which ultimately determine the appropriateness of development and mitigation stipulations.</p> | <p>Unit is situated immediately south of the Steese Highway and west of the large settlement unit, F-66. The attributes of this unit are generally similar to the larger unit to the west (F-69) and, in general, this unit is a continuation of this unit in an eastward direction, but differs in certain habitat characteristics. Essential moose habitat (calving, rutting, and wintering) does not extend eastward to this unit. Important caribou wintering habitat occupies the entirety of the unit and caribou calving habitat is present in the northeastern parts of township F005N007E. A portion of a RS 2477 route (ADL 408830) traverses the unit. There are extensive state mining claims within F005N008E.</p> |
| F-71 | F 640 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>Mining activity is recognized as a potential use; actual development is subject to state and federal permitting requirements, which ultimately determine the appropriateness of development and mitigation stipulations.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>This unit consists of a fairly small parcel of 640 acres that adjoins the TVSF on its eastern and southern sides. Vegetation is similar to that within the adjoining TVSF, consisting of a mix of deciduous and evergreen forest. State mining claims cover the entirety of the parcel.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose wintering and rutting.</p> |
| F-72 | Se 10,058 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Maintain 100' riparian area adjacent to Anaconda and Caribou Creeks.</p> <p>MCO 229 and LLO 39 affect portions of this unit.</p> | <p>Unit has been classified for settlement since the original TBAP and has experienced extensive disposals in parts of the unit. Caribou and Anaconda Creeks traverse the unit in a generally east-west direction. A Native selection occupies four of the sections (26, 27, 34, and 35) in the unit.</p> <p>Moose wintering and rutting habitat occur in this unit.</p> |
| F-73 | Ag 1,160 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for Agriculture and Grazing. Possible impacts from future agricultural operations on the Chena River Recreation Area are to be taken into consideration at the time of the Preliminary Decision preparation.</p> | <p>Unit occupies flat terrain characterized by a mix of shrub, wetland, and mixed evergreen/deciduous forest depending on location. Both the TVSF and, particularly, the Chena River Recreation Area adjoin the unit. Moose rutting, wintering, and calving habitat are present in the unit.</p> |

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| F-74 | Se 160 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Maintain access to and throughout unit.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Typified by flat terrain, this unit is occupied by evergreen and deciduous forest, although a small portion of the southeast part of the unit is occupied by wetlands. The westerly portions are crossed by the Chena Hot Springs Road. Residential development exists to the southeast and the area immediately to the east is identified as a prior disposal area. The unit is adjoined by the TVSF to the north. A number of winter trails are present.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occur in this unit.</p> |
| F-75 | Rm 639 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>State land is to be retained and managed for multiple uses.</p> <p>Management emphasis is to focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and inappropriate, except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit are generally inappropriate. Other types of projects may be appropriate if it is determined that their authorization would be in the overall best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Unit occupies an area of flat terrain; a small creek and lake are present in the central part. Vegetation is characteristically wetland types adjacent to the creek and in the central part of the unit. The remainder of the unit is occupied by evergreen forest vegetation. This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl and brown bear are also present.</p> |
| F-76 | Se 101 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of three small, scattered subunits in F001N004E. These are remnant pieces of state land and are surrounded by prior land disposals and state entitlements (University and Mental Health Trust). All occupy flat terrain and are vegetated by deciduous or evergreen forest. The Chena Hot Springs Road adjoins one of these subunits and a RS 2477 route, another.</p> |
| F-78 | Ha, Rd 634 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its habitat and recreation resources and values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, to maintain important habitat and recreation activities. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Potlatch Creek bisects this unit; a series of small lakes adjoins the creek or are extensions of it. The remainder of the unit is occupied by evergreen forest mixed with wetlands. The area adjacent to the creek is generally flat while the remainder of the unit is somewhat hilly. Moose calving, rutting, and wintering habitat is present throughout the unit. Waterfowl are also present in this unit. The TVSF borders the unit to the east.</p> |
| F-79 | Rd 520 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its recreation values. Management emphasis is to be placed on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Retain in state ownership. The northern subunit is recommended for addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest, which it abuts.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and inappropriate, except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types</p> | <p>This unit consists of two spatially separated subunits that have generally similar characteristics. Both contain level as well as hilly parts, and are occupied by mainly deciduous forest with scatterings of wetland and shrub vegetation. Mental Health Trust land abuts the subunit to the east and the Wainwright Military Reservation, to the south. The Tanana Valley State Forest abuts the northern subunit. Both contain portions of moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat. Brown bear concentrations are present along the anadromous streams. A tributary (anadromous) of the</p> |

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| | | | of projects that provide a general public benefit are generally inappropriate or for other types of projects if it is determined that their authorization would be in the overall best interest of the state. | Chena River traverses the northernmost part of each subunit. Portions of this unit are closed to mineral entry. Wetlands are especially extensive in the southern subunit. |
| F-80 | Ha 1,042 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. If conveyed, retain in state ownership and recommend addition to Chena River SRA.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Check land status prior to issuing authorizations. Note: 906(k) concurrence authority exists until this land is adjudicated by BLM.</p> | <p>Flat terrain vegetated by a mix of wetlands and deciduous forest characterize this unit. Unit abuts the Chena River SRA on the north and east and the Wainwright Military Reservation, on the south and east. Moose wintering, rutting, and calving range occupies the entirety of the unit; waterfowl and brown bear concentrations are also present along the anadromous stream. Unit is in selection status.</p> |
| F-81 | Ma 70 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources and consistent with any authorization issued by DNR or derived from federal patent.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Unit has been used for material extraction (ADL 415693) but permit has expired (8/2010). It is unclear if additional material may be extracted. However, it is appropriate to continue to authorize this use until it is determined that the site can no longer be used for gravel extraction. (Note: a new contract application is currently being adjudicated under ADL 418980.) This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering, and rutting.</p> |
| F-82 | Ag 195 | Map 3-2 | <p>Unit may be appropriate for agricultural land disposals if field review determines the unit is suitable for agriculture. If so, agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. If not, the unit is to be managed for its forest and habitat values.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements.</p> | <p>Unit consists of two subunits; both are situated on flat terrain. Portions of each are occupied by wetlands, which are extensive in the westerly area of the two subunits. The remainder of the sites are vegetated with evergreen forest. A moose wintering, calving, and rutting range is present. Unit is adjacent to previous agricultural disposals. A winter tractor road provides access to each subunit from Chena Hot Springs Road.</p> |
| F-83 | Ha 30 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> | <p>This unit adjoins an area of gravel pits to the east and is bordered in this part by an unimproved road. Terrain is flat and is vegetated with evergreen forest. It is situated near sloughs of the Nenana River; this area is classified Habitat and this unit adjoins the current area of Habitat. An electrical easement (ADL 75923) borders the unit to the north and is a prominent landscape feature.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> |

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| F-84 | Ha 475 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and would be inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> | <p>Unit adjoins the floodplain of the Tanana River and occupies level terrain that contains a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest. Area occupied by unit lies within a moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat; waterfowl and brown bear are also present. A large number of easements traverse the unit.</p> |
| F-85 | Pr 6 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Retain in state ownership. Coordinate with ADOT/PF prior to the issuance of any authorization.</p> | <p>This small, triangular shaped parcel of state land consists primarily of highway right-of-way with some adjoining uplands.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> |
| F-86 | Ag 1,700 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit may be appropriate for agricultural land disposals if field review determines the unit is suitable for agriculture. If so, agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. If not, the unit is to be managed for its forest and habitat values. Unit is in selection status and it is problematic if/when the state will receive this land. Check land status prior to issuing authorizations.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for additional guidance, especially the Agriculture and Grazing section.</p> | <p>Unit consists of two subunits of state selected land; the northernmost is affected by PLOs 5187 and 1205 and the southern, by PLOs 5187, 577, and 684. Conveyance during the planning period is therefore problematic. Adjacent lands have been conveyed out of state ownership.</p> <p>Unit is level with a mix of evergreen and deciduous forest and lies within a moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat area; brown bear are also present.</p> <p>The southern subunit is distinctly different in characteristics. The southern subunit consists of the area west of the Richardson Highway and the area east of that road. The western area is undeveloped and level, and may be conducive to agricultural development. Pile Driver Slough meanders through the subunit in a north-south orientation. The eastern part contains facilities related to the adjacent military installation (Eielson AFB).</p> |
| F-87 | Ha 1,826 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Retain in state ownership. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Depending on location, unit is characterized by a mix of shrub, wetland, and evergreen and deciduous forest and lies within a moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat area; waterfowl and brown bear are also present.</p> <p>This unit borders a flood control area situated to the west, the land of which has been conveyed to the federal government for the purposes of flood control (ADL 400028).</p> |

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| F-88 | Wr 80 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit occupies level terrain with extensive wetland areas. This unit was part of a much larger area that was classified Agriculture in the 1985 TBAP; the remainder of this area has been conveyed out of state ownership. Extensive military facilities are situated to the east associated with Eielson Air Force Base.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> |
| F-89 | Wr 800 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed Recreation is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit occupies generally level lowlands within the drainage of French Creek, much of which is characterized by wetland vegetation and deciduous forest, depending on location. Moose calving areas, and brown bear are present within the unit.</p> |
| F-90 | Wr 1,097 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed Recreation is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is unlikely and inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>This unit is similar in characteristics to that of the unit to the east, F-89. Unit occupies flat to rolling terrain; the uplands are vegetated with deciduous forest and the lowlands, by extensive wetland complexes. A large number of small lakes are situated in the central and eastern parts of the unit and may be hydrologically connected by small streams. Moose calving areas occur within the unit, and brown bear are present.</p> |
| F-91 | Wr 843 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>A tributary of French Creek occupies the central part of this north-south oriented unit, and is the dominant landscape feature. This stream evidences extensive meanders and there are a number of abandoned oxbows scattered throughout. Evergreen forest vegetation occupies the uplands, while extensive wetland complexes occupy the remainder of the unit.</p> <p>Moose calving areas occur within the unit, and brown bear are present.</p> |

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| F-92 | Ag 1,190 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Unit may be appropriate for agricultural land disposals if field review determines the unit is suitable for agriculture. If so, agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. If not, the unit may be appropriate for settlement purposes. If a final written decision determines that it is appropriate to convey the unit to the public through a land disposal, the classification changes to Settlement.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>Unit consists of a large number of generally level subunits that are, with few exceptions, heavily vegetated with evergreen or deciduous forest vegetation. These units have been classified Settlement/Agriculture for many years and extensive disposals, both land and agricultural have occurred, over many years. Certain of the very small subunits in sections 11 and 14 seem to be occupied by extensive wetlands; it is therefore advisable to carefully review these units for disposal viability. Moose calving areas occur within the unit, and brown bear are present.</p> |
| F-93 | Wr 1,660 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Applications should be carefully reviewed to ensure that there is no adverse impact to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System; consult the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section for specific requirements affecting authorizations near the Pipeline. Dispersed recreation use is appropriate. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Dispersed recreation is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit.</p> | <p>This unit is dominated by two landscape features; the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System in sections 13 and 24 and a portion of section 14 and by an extensive lowland area having a mix of wetland complexes with scattered deciduous vegetation in upland areas. Moose calving habitat is present throughout this unit.</p> |
| F-94 | Se 1,499 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit has been co-classified Settlement and Agriculture since the original TBAP in 1985, and extensive land disposals have occurred throughout this portion of the Township, both land and agricultural. It is characterized by a mix of lowlands and uplands vegetated by deciduous and evergreen forest. Settlement (predisposal) areas affect this unit (ADL 417615).</p> <p>Moose calving habitat is present throughout this unit.</p> <p>Three sections are included in this unit: 15, 16 and 22.</p> |
| F-96 | Wr 753 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation use is appropriate. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Portions of a large wetland complex are situated in parts of this unit, which consists of two closely separated subunits, both of which are level. The southern half of the parcel in section 26 is vegetated with mixed deciduous and evergreen forest. Moose calving habitat is present throughout this unit.</p> |

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| F-97 | Pr 12 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Retain in state ownership; prior to authorizing a permit, lease, or disposal, consult with ADOT/PF and DOF. | This small unit encompasses the Richardson Highway right-of-way and adjoining state land. Moose calving habitat is present in this unit. |
| F-98 | Wr 720 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation use is appropriate. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. | The Little Salcha River bisects this unit; except for deciduous vegetation along the stream itself and several upland areas, extensive wetlands occur throughout the unit. Moose calving habitat is present throughout this unit. Waterfowl and brown bear are also present. This unit occupies a portion of section 25. |
| F-99 | F 1,938 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. The riparian area adjacent to the Little Salcha is to be protected. Applications for land uses should be carefully reviewed to ensure that there is no adverse impact to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System; consult the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section for specific requirements affecting authorizations issued near the Pipeline. Maintain the Little Salcha Military Winter Trail. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest. See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines. | Unit occupies generally level terrain, especially in the floodplain and riparian areas that adjoin the Little Salcha River, an anadromous stream, which bisects it from east to west. Except for a small area of wetlands in a portion of section 31, evergreen and deciduous vegetation areas are characteristic. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System traverses each of the sections. Note: Previous pipeline applications (ADL 413342, 403427) have expired and are no longer in effect. The Little Salcha Military Winter Trail traverses sections 31 and 32. Moose calving habitat is present in the western portion of this unit. |
| F-100 | F 1,440 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. The riparian area adjacent to the Little Salcha River, an anadromous waterbody, is to be protected. Maintain the Little Salcha Military Winter Trail. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest. | The characteristics of this unit are similar to those described for the unit to the west, F-99, except that the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System is not present to a significant degree (it crosses a small portion of the SW1/4SW1/4 of section 33 in F004S005E). The Little Salcha Military Winter Trail traverses sections 33 and 34. |

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| | | | See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines. | |
| F-101 | Ha 71 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Retain in state ownership. Manage unit for its scenic and forestry values. Its management should be consistent with the management intent and guidelines of the adjacent parcel in the TVSF Management Plan. Recommend addition to the TVSF.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Land disposals are inappropriate.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>This small unit adjoins the TVSF and the Tanana River. Based on its characteristics and immediate adjacency to the TVSF, this unit should be managed to be consistent with the management intent of that LDA and with the specific requirements of the TVSF Management Plan.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Salcha River within this unit.</p> |
| F-102 | Rd 9 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Retain in state ownership. Manage for its scenic values and to maintain the riparian area of the Salcha River, of which it is a part.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Land disposals are inappropriate.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>Unit immediately adjoins the Salcha River and has been classified Public Recreation since 1985. It is part of the riparian area of the Salcha River.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting. Waterfowl are also present.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Salcha River within this unit.</p> |
| F-103 | Wr 533 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its wetland values and resources. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation use is appropriate. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Except for a small area of uplands, this unit consists of a large wetland complex. The uplands consist mostly of deciduous forest vegetation. The area of wetlands is level. The TVSF adjoins the unit on the south and east.</p> <p>Moose calving habitat is present throughout this unit.</p> |

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| F-104 | Ag 300 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Unit may be appropriate for agricultural land disposals if field review determines the unit is suitable for agriculture. If so, agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the planning period. If not, the unit is to be managed for its wetland and public recreation values, in a manner similar to unit F-103, situated to the north.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Maintain easement.</p> | <p>Unit is flat and consists of a mix of wetlands with scattered, vegetated uplands consisting of deciduous forest. The land immediately to the south of this unit has been conveyed out of state ownership as an agricultural disposal. An easement (ADL 416796) crosses portions of this unit.</p> <p>This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting.</p> |
| F-105 | Rd 356 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Retain in state ownership and manage for its recreational and habitat values. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Because of the small size and adjacency to Harding Lake, development is generally inappropriate since the functions of the unit would likely be compromised. Projects should only be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit is situated immediately northeast of Harding Lake. Land disposals, including settlements, occupy areas surrounding the unit. A stream and easement (ADL 416796; issued to ADF&G) for an ATV and snowmachine trail traverses section 32. Vegetation is mixed but is mostly evergreen forest, which occupy the uplands in section 32. A large lake and an area of wetlands occupy section 5 in F006S005E. This unit contains habitat for moose calving, wintering and rutting along the northern edge. Waterfowl are also present in this unit.</p> |
| F-106 | Ma 14 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources and consistent with any authorization issued by DNR or derived from federal patent. Retain in state ownership. Check land status before issuing authorization.</p> | <p>Unit is in selection status and has been used as a gravel pit. Portions of site are disturbed.</p> |
| F-107 | Se 358 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>Check land status prior to issuing authorizations, including disposals.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of two subunits, which are situated just east and south of Harding Lake, behind the first tier of lots. Both are level and are well vegetated, except for a fairly extensive wetland complex in the southern subunit. Conveyances (municipal) and residential development adjoin the unit. Portions of this unit may be in selection status.</p> |
| F-108 | Se 112 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>If conveyed to state, evaluate the feasibility of additional land disposal in this unit. If determined to be feasible, lots are appropriate for land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Check land status prior to issuing authorizations, including disposals.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of both developed and undeveloped lots and tracts of a previous subdivision. The unit adjoins the east shore of Harding Lake. It is in selection status.</p> |
| F-109 | Rd 108 | Map3-2, 3-2b | <p>Retain in state ownership and manage for its recreational and habitat values. The resource sale is recognized as an appropriate use in the northern subunit. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> | <p>Consisting of two subunits, both are situated adjacent to the Tanana River and are part of the riparian area of this river. Both are heavily vegetated with deciduous and evergreen forest. Wetlands are also present.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Because of the small size of these units, terrain, and the presence of riparian habitat, development is generally inappropriate since the functions of the unit would likely be compromised. Projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>The Richardson Highway bisects the northern of the two subunits. The area of this subunit is generally flat between the highway and the river while terrain is steep north of the highway. This subunit is also affected by a material sale (ADL 51144). The southernmost subunit contains fairly steep terrain as well as an anadromous stream. Evergreen and deciduous forest vegetation are present in both.</p> |
| F-110 | Rd 265 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Retain in state ownership and manage for its recreational and habitat values. Land disposals are inappropriate within this unit.</p> <p>Because of the presence of riparian habitat, recreational use, and extensive wetlands, development is generally inappropriate since the functions of the unit would likely be compromised. Projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit occupies level terrain immediately to the east of Birch Lake, but does not adjoin that lake – residential lots adjoin this lake. The Richardson Highway bisects the eastern portion of the unit and the western part adjoins the Tanana River. Depending on location, areas of wetlands and vegetated uplands (forest) occur. A number of trails cross various parts of the unit. A winter trail is identified on the USGS quadrangle in the western part of the unit, and a pedestrian easement bisects the center of the unit (ADL 413945). Because of the presence of extensive wetlands and the recreational use, residential development of the unit is inappropriate.</p> |
| F-111 | F 824 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis should focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership. Recommended for addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>The riparian areas adjacent to the Little Delta and Tanana Rivers are to be protected.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is situated on uplands between the Little Delta River on the west and the Tanana River. The confluence of the two streams occurs immediately north of the unit. Reflecting terrain and soils, vegetation is a mix of evergreen and deciduous forests, which are separated by extensive wetland complexes. Areas classified Forestry are situated to the west of the Little Delta River on uplands.</p> |
| F-112 | Se 55 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>If conveyed, determine land status and, if appropriate, evaluate the feasibility of a land disposal. Given the presence of structures on at least a portion of the unit, it is problematic if areas still remain that are appropriate for additional residential structures. If it is determined that such use is not feasible or appropriate, manage the remaining portions of this unit for its recreation values.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit, which is in selection status, occupies a vegetated promontory extending into Birch Lake. Imagery indicates the presence of both an area that has been developed with residential structures and a portion that remains undeveloped. A road provides access to the site. Conveyance to the state is therefore unlikely.</p> |
| F-113 | Se 153 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of three closely spaced but separated subunits situated along the Richardson Highway just east of Birch Lake. Units are level and vegetated with deciduous and evergreen forest. Areas adjacent to the unit have been conveyed out of state ownership; residential development occurs at Birch Lake.</p> |

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| F-114 | F 1,035 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding unit to Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> <p>Recommended to be added to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> | <p>This large unit is situated on the Richardson Highway about six miles east of Birch Lake. Terrain is hilly to very steep and vegetation is almost uniformly deciduous forest. The Richardson Highway forms the southern boundary along most of this unit. This unit adjoins the TVSF on its northern boundary.</p> |
| F-116 | Ha, Rd 266,826 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Land is to be managed to maintain the hydrologic, wildlife, and recreation resources of the Salcha River Corridor, and is to be retained in state ownership. Protect cultural and historical features and maintain access on the Salcha Caribou Sled Road.</p> <p>Land disposals and all other permanent structures not consistent with this management intent are not allowed. Other uses such as material sites, land leases, or permits may be allowed if consistent with this management intent. Authorizations, if issued, are to ensure that the minimum amount of area is affected, impacts to scenic and recreational uses are minimized, and cultural features and access routes are protected.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>This unit contains the Salcha River corridor, an extensive area that includes the river, riparian areas, and adjoining uplands. Areas adjacent to the river are generally level, especially in wetland areas, but are hilly to mountainous the farther away from the stream. Vegetation in the upland areas is predominately evergreen forest vegetation. The Salcha River is an anadromous stream and is one of the most important king salmon spawning and rearing systems in interior Alaska.</p> <p>Wintering habitat for moose, caribou, and Dall sheep occur in the eastern portions of this unit, and moose calving and rutting habitat occurs throughout the unit.</p> <p>This river, which is a clear water stream, is popular for boating and fishing, and gets extensive use given its proximity to Fairbanks. The Salcha Caribou Sled Road, an RS 2477 route (RST 322) runs the length of the river in the western part.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Salcha River within this unit.</p> |
| F-117 | Rm 60,739 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage for multiple uses. Management emphasis is to be on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if in the best interest of the state and if consistent with the management intent of this unit.</p> | <p>Situated just east of Chena Hot Springs, this large unit is characterized by mountainous terrain with evergreen forest at lower elevations and a mixture of shrub and barren rock at higher elevations. Caribou wintering takes place in this unit. Access to this unit from roads or trails is not known to exist. There are no known mineral, oil and gas, forest, or other resources within this unit.</p> |

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| F-118 | Ha, Rd 87,265 | Map3-2 | <p>Land is to be managed to maintain the hydrologic, wildlife, and recreation resources of the Chena River Corridor (Middle and East Forks), and is to be retained in state ownership. Protect cultural and historical features and maintain access on the Salcha Caribou Sled Road.</p> <p>Land disposals and all other permanent structures not consistent with this management intent are not allowed. Other uses such as material sites, land leases, or permits may be allowed if consistent with this management intent. Authorizations, if issued, are to ensure that the minimum amount of area is affected, impacts to scenic and recreational uses are minimized, and cultural features and access routes are protected.</p> | <p>Unit consists of the Middle and East Forks of the Chena River, an important recreation component of the Fairbanks area. Vegetation is predominately evergreen vegetation mixed with wetland vegetation adjacent to the stream, and the area contains a moose wintering area that is an extension of the area along the Chena River Corridor.</p> <p>Note: This unit also includes uplands within townships F002N011E, F002N012E, and F002N013E. These areas are mountainous and are vegetated by evergreen forest and shrub. Barren rock is also present in scattered areas.</p> |
| F-119 | Rm 387,230 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage for multiple uses. Management emphasis should focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if in the best interest of the state and if consistent with the management intent of this unit.</p> | <p>This large unit, situated in mountainous terrain south of the Chena River, is vegetated by evergreen forest at lower elevations and by shrub at higher elevations. Barren rock outcrops are present at the highest elevations. Moose and brown bear are present. Caribou wintering takes place in this unit, and Dall sheep wintering occurs at higher elevations. Extensive state mining claims are present in townships F001N010E through F001N131E.</p> |
| F-120 | Ha 362,654 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>This large unit, situated in the northeastern part of the region, is characterized by mountainous terrain vegetated by evergreen forest at lower elevations and by shrub at higher elevations. Barren rock is present at the highest elevations. Moose and brown bear are present and unit contains caribou wintering and calving habitat, and sheep wintering occurs at higher elevations. There are no known mineral, oil and gas, forest or other resources associated with this unit.</p> |
| F-121 | Ha 129,830 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Consisting of two subunits, one of which is situated directly east of the Wainwright Military Reservation, mountainous terrain is characteristic of both. This area is vegetated by evergreen forest at lower elevations and by shrub at higher elevations. Barren rock outcrops are present at the highest elevations. Moose wintering and calving, and rutting occurs within this unit. Caribou wintering also occurs in this unit.</p> |

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| F-122 | Rm 129,688 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage for multiple uses. Management emphasis should focus on maintaining the natural character of the unit, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if in the best interest of the state and if consistent with the management intent of this unit.</p> | <p>This large, inaccessible unit is characterized by mountainous terrain vegetated with evergreen forest at the lower elevations and by shrub vegetation at higher elevations. Moose and brown bear are present. Caribou and Dall sheep wintering occurs in this unit. There are no known mineral, oil and gas, forest or other resources associated with this unit.</p> |
| F-123 | Mi 82,572 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its mineral values and resources, while maintaining the natural character of the unit and its wildlife values. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Unit is considered to have high mineral potential and is similar in character to the mineral deposits at the Pogo Mine.</p> <p>Mountainous terrain is typical throughout the unit; the lower elevations are vegetated with evergreen forest while the higher elevations either are barren rock or shrub. The latter are particularly prevalent in the eastern portions of the unit.</p> <p>Moose calving areas exist along the northern edge of this unit, however wintering areas for moose, caribou, and Dall sheep occur across the unit.</p> <p>There are no roads or trails to or within this unit. A landing strip is present in F004S014E.</p> |
| F-124 | Se 5,399 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate.</p> <p>Maintain RS 2477 route and riparian buffer of 200' adjacent to the Salcha River and principal anadromous tributaries.</p> <p>DMLW shall consult with ADF&G during the development of land disposal projects.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Consisting of two subunits, each occupies flat areas along the Salcha River, which is characterized by wetland and evergreen vegetation at this location. The Salcha River is an anadromous stream and is the most important king salmon spawning and rearing system in interior Alaska. This river, which is a clear water stream, is popular for boating and fishing, and gets extensive use given its proximity to Fairbanks. Moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat are present. Caribou wintering occurs in this unit. Waterfowl are also present. The Salcha Caribou Sled Road, an RS 2477 route (RST 322) crosses portions of these subunits.</p> <p>Much of the western portion of the unit has braided channels that routinely shift within the floodplain. This river activity could affect structures within this unit.</p> |

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| F-125 | Rm 75 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage for multiple uses. Development of all or portions of this unit would be appropriate during the planning period; however, it is unclear as to what uses would be developed at these sites. It is intended that state disposal decisions will determine when and if disposal is appropriate. | Unit consists of two subunits situated immediately west of Birch Lake. The characteristics of the two parcels are generally similar; both are level, are vegetated with a mixture of forest and wetlands, adjoin the Richardson Highway, and both are situated close to an area identified as appropriate for material extraction (F-126). A RS 2477 route (RST 464) crosses a portion of southernmost subunit and a local road adjoins the easternmost boundary of the unit. |
| F-126 | Ma 25 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its material resource values. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. | This material site was never actually used and the site was closed. ADOT/PF had made application for the use of this pit under ADL 409021. |
| F-127 | Rd 161 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its recreation resources and values. Retain in state ownership. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Land disposals are inappropriate for this unit. | Unit is situated northwest of Birch Lake (but is separated from the lake by private land) and occupies level terrain vegetated with both forest (deciduous and evergreen) and by shrub and wetlands. Gunnysack Creek, a non-anadromous stream, traverses the northern part of the unit, and a RS 2477 route (RST 464) crosses the eastern most part. Dispersed recreation probably occurs on the unit and the unit is important for recreation purposes due to its proximity to Birch Lake. |
| F-128 | Se 51 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate. Maintain public easements and a 100' vegetative buffer from the Richardson Highway. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. This unit is affected by LLO 39. | Unit occupies fairly level, vegetated terrain (deciduous and evergreen forest) adjacent to the Richardson Highway. A public easement (ADL 49746) related to the Richardson Highway affects the unit. |
| F-129 | Ag 40 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Agricultural land disposals as Potential Reoffers are appropriate during the planning period. | An agricultural land disposal (ADL 407094) previously occurred in this unit, but the contract has since been terminated. It is available on a Potential Reoffer basis. This unit contains habitat for moose calving. |
| F-130 | Se 125 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Check land status prior to issuing authorizations and check for hazardous | Unit is comprised of state-selected and state topfiled land. The parcel is heavily wooded (deciduous and evergreen forest) and contains a prominent hill. An undisclosed facility occupied the top and an access road connects to local roads. The eastern edge of the unit adjoins the Chena Ridge Road. |

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| | | | materials. (Note: the land should be conveyed to the state after remediation, but it is prudent to review this aspect of the site prior to issuing significant authorizations or preparing a land disposal.) | Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit. |
| | | | This unit is affected by LLO 39. | |
| F-131 | Ha, Rd 35,205 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its water resources, public recreation and habitat values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat, and recreational use of the river. Shorelands within the unit are to be managed in a similar way as the water column and are to be retained in state ownership except for authorized material sales.</p> <p>This management intent only applies to those parts of the Tanana River that are not included within the Tanana Valley State Forest. Areas within the State Forest are to be managed under the authority of AS 41.17 generally and, more specifically, according to the requirements of the Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>This unit contains the Tanana River, which is defined as the area within the ordinary high water marks of this stream. As such, it includes the river and the shore lands associated with the river, which include islands, gravel bars, and similar upland type features. The requirements of this unit apply to both the water column and the shore lands associated with it. It also, at times, contains upland riverine areas adjacent to the water body. Public and transportation use of the Nenana is moderate to high, depending on river segment.</p> <p>Note: Some riverine areas are situated in adjacent upland units, outside the management unit of the Tanana River itself. The management requirements for these riverine areas are derived from the management intent of the upland unit. In those instances where the upland unit may provide for development, it is the intent of this plan that the riverine areas are to be retained or protected through the use of stipulations. See the ‘Shorelands and Stream Corridors’ section of Chapter 2 for specific requirements affecting riverine areas.</p> <p>Note: This unit also occurs within other regions and is identified in a different and separate management unit. The management requirements for each management unit that encompasses the Tanana River are identical to that described for the management unit in the Fairbanks Region.</p> <p>Note: Portions of the Tanana River within the Fairbanks region are included within the Tanana State Forest. See management intent.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> <p>Reservations of water exist for the Chena and Tanana Rivers within this unit.</p> |
| F-132 | Rd 40 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Unit is to be retained in state ownership and is to be managed for its recreation uses and resources. Uses should not be authorized in this unit that conflict with recreation use. | Unit consists of Tracts F and G of EPF 57001. Residential uses surround the unit to the north and south. There is immediate road access to the unit, terrain is generally flat to gently sloping, and vegetation consists predominately of deciduous forest. These tracts serve as part of the Skarland Loop ski trail and are heavily used for recreation. This area was proposed for a settlement project but was subsequently dropped from |

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| | | | | consideration because of the heavy recreation use. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit. |
| F-133 | F 320 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding this unit to the Tanana Valley State Forest. See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines. | Unit includes a prominent knoll and a moderately sized value associated with a tributary of Gunnysack Creek. Vegetation corresponds to location, with deciduous forest being present on the knoll and evergreen forest within the valley. The TVSF adjoins the unit to the north. The characteristics of this unit are essentially identical to lands within the State Forest. |
| F-134 | Rp 40 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for a public facility (Birch Lake Recreation Site), consistent with the ILMA to DPOR (ADL 67058). | This unit contains the Birch Lake State Recreation Site. |
| F-135 | Se 654 | Map 3-2 | Land Disposal during the planning period is appropriate. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39. | Consisting of three separate, spatially separated units, each is vegetated with deciduous and evergreen forest and, with the exception of the subunit in section 2, which occupies the western slope of a knoll, is generally flat. Spatially, the subunit in section 4 adjoins the Elliott Highway, the subunit in section 2 is situated immediately adjacent of an existing subdivision (F-12), and the one in section 11 adjoins the Chatanika River and was previously Mental Health Trust land. Moose wintering habitat occurs in the southern subunit. |
| F-136 | Ha 1,169 | Map 3-2 | Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Retain in state ownership. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized but only if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. | Unit is situated immediately north of the Chatanika River corridor (F-11) in an area of flat terrain occupied by extensive wetlands. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs along the southern edge of the unit. |
| F-137 | Se 1,303 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Land Disposal during the planning period is appropriate. A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Chena River. Protect road and pipeline rights-of-way. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. | This unit is comprised of three subunits. The northern unit consists of a small parcel in sections 4 on the north bank of the Chena River. Terrain in this subunit is level and is dominated by evergreen trees. It is accessible via the Chena River. |

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| | | | <p>During project development, the wild land fire risk will be evaluated and, if necessary, areas may be restricted, or excluded from, development within the proposed project area.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>The second unit consists of a small parcel in section 9 on the south bank of the Chena River. Terrain in this subunit is level and is dominated by evergreen trees. It is accessible via Sternwheeler Drive and Freeman and North Freeman roads as well as the Chena River which forms the northern border. The adjacent lands are developed for residential use.</p> <p>The third unit occupies sections 15 and 22 generally south of the Chena River. Development is most suitable in the area south of the Chena River that has the closest access to/from Peede Road and the area immediately adjacent to the Chena River. Wetlands occupy portions of the unit, although deciduous and evergreen vegetation is also present. The Chena River traverses the northernmost portion of section 15. Peede Road bisects the subunit at the common boundary of sections 15 and 22. The southern portion of section 22 is bisected by the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Wild land fire risk is considered to be moderate to high in portions of this unit.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> |
| F-138 | Se 160 | Map 3-2 | <p>Land disposal during the planning period is appropriate. A 100' vegetated buffer is to be maintained along the Chena Hot Springs Road.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit occupies flat terrain on a site that is characterized by a mixture of wetlands and uplands vegetated by evergreen forest. The Chena Hot Springs Road traverses the unit. The Chena River SRA adjoins the unit on the east.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> |
| F-139 | Ma 282 | Map 3-2 | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources consistent with the authorization issued by DNR. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Consists of small gravel pit adjacent to Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and several material extraction sites along the Elliott Highway.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in the southern subunits.</p> |
| F-140 | Ag 144 | Map 3-2 | <p>Agricultural land disposals as Potential Reoffers are appropriate during the planning period.</p> | <p>An agricultural land disposal (ADL 416419) previously occurred in this unit, but the contract has since been terminated. It is available on a Potential Reoffer basis.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> |

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| F-141 | Rm 35 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage for multiple uses. Development on this unit is suitable in some respects, given immediate access to the Richardson Highway, but it is likely that topography will make that difficult. | Unit occupies steep terrain and is vegetated with deciduous and evergreen forest. The Richardson Highway adjoins the unit on the west. Because of the steepness of the terrain, development of this unit would be problematic. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit. |
| F-142 | Ma 44 | Map 3-2, 3-2b | Manage unit for its material values and resources consistent with the authorization issued by DNR. Retain in state ownership. | Unit consists of several gravel pits situated along the Richardson Highway. Moose calving habitat occurs in the northern subunit. |
| F-143 | Se, Rd 9 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | Land Disposal during the planning period is appropriate for that portion of the unit that is situated north of the Chena River. A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Chena River. For purposes of recordation this portion of the unit is identified as 'F-143-01'. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. LLO 39 affects this portion of the unit. The area south of the Chena River is designated Public Recreation-Dispersed and is to be retained in state ownership and managed for its recreation uses and values. For purposes of recordation this portion of the unit is identified as 'F-143-02'. | Unit consists of two subunits; one is situated north of the Chena River in section 4 and the other, south of that river in section 9. Each adjoin that river, have flat topography, and are well vegetated with a mix of deciduous and evergreen forest. The southern of the two subunits is currently a disposal project area (ADL 419921), with a Preliminary Decision issued. Presently the project area appears to be used primarily for recreation and access to the Chena River. Residential uses adjoin the southern subunit to the south and east. The area to the north is vacant. Because of the extensive recreation use in this portion of the unit, this area was dropped from the Riverwood Subdivision decision. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit. |
| F-144 | Mi, Rd 586 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | F-144 is co-designated Minerals and Public Recreation. It is intended that this area will be managed for its mineral value and that authorizations are not to be issued that would be inconsistent with the management intent of this unit. Dispersed recreation uses are appropriate within this unit. Development of new recreational facilities should not be authorized unless they are determined to be a reasonable concurrent use with mining activities. If irreconcilable conflicts between recreational facilities are identified, recreational activities may need to be relocated or terminated. Conveyances are prohibited within the planning unit, although authorizations (permits, lease or another lawful method) may be issued, if determined to be in the best interest of the state and consistent with the management intent of this unit. Retain in state ownership. | Unit encompasses the area around Cleary Summit. It is characterized by steep topography with a mix of wetland, deciduous, and evergreen vegetation. It has been an important recreation area over the last 25 years, a portion of the unit having been used for a recreational ski area. It continues to be important for recreation, although the ski lift is no longer in operation. Currently, this unit is used for dispersed recreation. This unit also has considerable mineral value. It is situated between two significant, either operational or historic mines – True North and Fort Knox. A third significant resource was identified in 2013 at the Dolphin and Cleary prospects, one mile north of the unit. Historic hard rock lode prospects are located in the unit; DGGs collected at least one sample with significant gold, silver, copper, lead, arsenic and antimony from one of the prospects. Gold, silver, arsenic, antimony, and lead-bearing quartz veins and veinlets are widely distributed in the Fairbanks schist in the immediate vicinity of the unit. It is expected that mineral development in the form of |

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| F-145 | Se 48 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Disposal may be appropriate during the planning period. A decision to dispose of land through a competitive or non-competitive process will only occur if it is determined to be in the best interest of the State. The impact of a disposal action on valid existing rights (including mining claims) must be evaluated in the determination. Lands within this unit will remain designated and classified as Settlement for a period of time not to exceed 15 years from the adoption the plan.</p> <p>If the State determines that continued lease or disposal of the property is not in the State's interest or if a lease expires without being renewed, lands within the unit will be combined with, and part of, Unit F-144.</p> <p>This action is not considered to be an amendment of the plan and will not require a new classification and will be executed through a written determination. A lease shall not be issued for a period that exceeds 15 years from the adoption date of this plan.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>geophysical surveys, rock and soil sampling, and exploration drilling may occur in the unit and could potentially identify a mineral resource. Reflecting this mineral value, the unit has been co-classified Minerals and Public Recreation for the last 30 years. State mining claims - currently owned by Freegold Ventures - affect the entirety of the unit.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> |
| F-146 | Ma 14 | Map 3-2, 3-2a, 3-2b | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources consistent with the authorization issued by DNR. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Various small ADOT/PF material sites exist along the Richardson Highway.</p> <p>Moose calving, wintering, and rutting habitat occurs in this unit.</p> |
| F-147 | Se 31 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Unit is appropriate for land disposal during the planning period.</p> <p>Future disposals or authorizations shall consider the present and continued airstrip-related uses within this unit.</p> <p>Continued use of the airstrip is appropriate and shall be continued in this unit.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit is located on a bluff, directly northeast of the Tanana River. Unit is directly adjacent to Cripple Creek Road and is accessible by multiple other local roads as well. A small unimproved airstrip is present in the SE portion of this unit.</p> <p>Moose wintering, rutting, and calving habitat is present throughout this unit.</p> |

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| F-148 | F 311 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values and resources. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding this unit to the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines and specifically, the Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat guidelines.</p> | <p>This small unit abuts the Tanana Valley State Forest on its west side and a residential subdivision on its north and east sides. Portions of the unit are occupied by Mc Cloud Creek. Wetland areas adjoin portions of the creek and are present at other locations. The remainder of the unit is occupied by heavily vegetated, fairly steep terrain.</p> <p>Moose wintering habitat is present in this unit.</p> |
| L-01 | F 452,040 | Map 3-2, 3-2a, 3-2b | <p>Tanana Valley State Forest (AS 41.17.400): Manage uses consistent with the legislative purposes described in AS 41.17.200 and with the Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) management plan. The primary purpose of this State Forest is timber management while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources. The public use of lands within a state forest is only to be restricted when necessary to carry out the primary management objective of timber management.</p> <p>Authorizations issued by the Division of Mining, Land and Water within the Tanana Valley State Forest are to be consistent with the management intent of AS 41.17.200(a) and the adopted Management Plan.</p> <p>Note: LCO NC-10-004 does not affect the TVSF; the current land classification order(s) remain effective within the Forest.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>A management plan is required under AS 41.17.230 and is adopted (2001); uses and activities in the TVSF are to be guided by this management plan. The management plan constitutes a more specific statement of the purposes of the state forest. See management plan for detail on permitted uses. State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> <p>Reservations of water exist for the Chena and Tanana Rivers within this unit.</p> |
| L-02 | Ha 2,704 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Creamers Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge (AS 16.20.039): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Refuge (AS 16.20.039(c) and with the management plan under AS 16.20.039 (d)). The primary purpose of this Refuge is to protect and enhance habitat for migratory birds with special emphasis on waterfowl.</p> <p>A management plan for the Refuge has been prepared (Interim Management Plan, 1993). Authorizations are to conform to the general purposes of the Refuge and are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan.</p> | <p>Recreational and agricultural activity is expressly permitted within the Refuge if consistent with the management plan. See management plan for detail on permitted uses. State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> |

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| L-03 | Rd 252,814 | Map 3-2 | <p>Chena River State Recreation Area (AS 41.21.475): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Recreation Area (AS 41.21.475) and with the management plan. The primary purpose of state recreation areas is to provide for public recreation.</p> <p>A management plan for the State Recreation Area (SRA) has been prepared (Management Plan, 2006). Authorizations are to conform to the general purposes of the SRA and are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan.</p> | <p>Specific prohibitions on the restriction of uses are identified in AS 41.21.490. Such restrictions shall not prohibit work on valid mineral leases or mining claims, the legal taking of fur bearing animals, and the traditional use of roads and trails by any means of transportation occurring regularly before the creation of the SRA on June, 18, 1967. State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> |
| L-04 | Rd 3,213 | Map 3-2, 3-2a | <p>Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.170): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Public Use Area (PUA), which recognize the area as a public use area intended to protect and enhance the present uses of the PUA, and with the management plan.</p> <p>A management plan for the PUA has not been prepared. Until prepared, the PUA is to be managed for the general use of state land by the public. A listing of allowed uses is included in AS 41.23.150(c) and should be consulted prior to the issuance of an authorization. When prepared, authorizations are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan and with AS 41.23.150(c).</p> | <p>The Goldstream PUA is open to mineral entry under AS 41.23.150(d). State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> |

Map 3-2: Fairbanks Region Boundary and Unit Boundaries

Map 3-2a: Fairbanks Region, Fairbanks Area Detail and Unit Boundaries

Map 3-2b: Fairbanks Region, Salcha Area Detail and Unit Boundaries

Delta Region (2)

General

The Delta Region encompasses 3,444,436 acres of land and water, of which approximately 2,381,590 acres are state-owned or state-selected. The region extends from the southern boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough in the north to the high glacial peaks of the Alaska Range in the south and from the community of Big Delta in the west to Lake George and Macomb Plateau in the east. Fort Greely, a large military reservation that includes the Donnelly Training Area occupies approximately 710,347 acres of land south and west of Delta Junction. Other land ownership within the region includes large tracts of private land owned by Alaska Native corporations, the Mental Health Trust, and the University of Alaska. Some federally owned land exists in the northeastern portion of the region. Development within the region is constrained by the steep mountains of the Alaska Range to the south and the Tanana River and mountainous terrain in the north. Because of these constraints, most development has been concentrated adjacent to the Alaska and Richardson highways in the area of Delta Junction. Population centers in this area include: Deltana, Delta Junction, Big Delta and Fort Greely. The total population for these communities is 4,414 people with 2,309 people residing in the Deltana area. The second largest community in the region is Delta Junction with a population of 1,101 people.¹⁵ A majority of the planning area is remote and undeveloped except for some small private parcels and development associated with the Pogo mine. Certain areas north of the Alaska Highway are mineralized and numerous state mining claims cover these areas.

Like other areas in Alaska, waterbodies are important for access, recreation, and for subsistence uses. The Tanana and Delta rivers are the largest waterbodies within the region, however many other streams and lakes are important to residents of Alaska and visitors to the state. Among these are the Delta Clearwater Creek, Clearwater Lake, Goodpaster River, Shaw Creek, Clearwater Creek, Jarvis Creek, Gerstle River, Johnson River, and the many small tributaries that connect to these waterbodies. They are important because they provide the majority of the salmon spawning habitat within the region. These waterbodies are also used by residents and visitors alike for access and recreational uses.

Amount and Distribution of State Land

Land ownership is mixed within the planning area with a majority of the land already in state ownership (approximately 2,381,590 acres) with an additional 156,067 acres selected for conveyance to the state. Of the state land within the region, approximately 411,581 acres are within the Tanana Valley State Forest and another 88,385 acres are within the Delta Junction

¹⁵ Population numbers are based on Department of Labor 2013 estimates included on Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; Community and Regional Affairs website.

Bison Range - the only two Legislatively Designated Areas (LDA) within the region.¹⁶ Much of the state-owned and selected lands are located in remote mountainous areas both north and south of the Alaska Highway. Other state land within the planning area includes both Mental Health Trust land and University land.¹⁷

There are differences in how state lands are managed based on whether the land is general state land or if the land has been legislatively designated as a special purpose site by the Legislature. General state lands are public domain lands that are managed consistent with Title 38 of the Alaska Statutes and Title 11 of the Alaska Administrative Code. Consistent with The Constitution of the State of Alaska these lands are managed for multiple use consistent with the public interest. In contrast to general state lands, LDAs are special purpose sites that are managed consistent with enabling statutes and are not general public domain lands. Within this region, the Tanana Valley State Forest is managed by DNR consistent with enabling statutes under Title 41 while the Delta Junction Bison Range is managed jointly by ADF&G and DNR consistent with statutes under Title 16. More specific management direction for these LDAs is provided by management plans that have been developed subsequent to the creation of each LDA. Except for the classification established by this plan that affects the Bison Range, this plan has no direct impact on LDA areas.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land

Access: The populated core area of the region is accessed by two major highways - the Alaska Highway and Richardson Highway. The Alaska Highway traverses generally northwest and southeast through the region and intersects the Richardson Highway at Delta Junction. A continuation of the Al-Can Highway, the Alaska Highway connects communities from the eastern interior region of the state to the Delta area and ultimately the greater Fairbanks area. The Richardson Highway bisects the eastern portion of the region in a generally north/south orientation. This highway extends from the community of Glennallen north to Fairbanks. A fairly well developed network of state maintained roads and collector streets access the agricultural and residential areas in the Big Delta, Delta Junction, and Deltana areas. With the exception of the Pogo Mine Road, other areas remain accessible only by aircraft, boat, ORV, or snowmobile. Many small unmaintained airstrips exist in the remote areas of the region, while the Delta Junction Airport is the only public airport.¹⁸

Agriculture: This region supports the largest agricultural area in the Alaska Interior. The Delta Agriculture Development Project was surveyed in 1978-1979 (ASLS 78-93). This area was identified for agriculture use because of its rich soils, flat terrain, climate, and proximity

¹⁶ A Legislatively Designated Area is an area of state land that has been designated by the Legislature as a Special Purpose Site. Typically these areas have a more detailed plan and are managed consistent with that plan.

¹⁷ Plan does not affect these areas.

¹⁸ Delta Junction Airport is owned by the City of Delta Junction.

to the Alaska and Richardson highways. Since the project area was surveyed, all but a few of the large agricultural parcels have been conveyed into private ownership. Many of these parcels remain in agricultural production to this day.

Forest: Forest resources are fairly extensive and are of moderate to high commercial value depending on location, market value, and access considerations. The management orientation of lands within the TVSF and the adjacent state lands classified Forestry has changed since the preparation of the 1985 TBAP. Recently, in response to rising fuel costs associated with heating private homes, businesses, or even public buildings in the interior; Division of Forestry has shifted its management orientation to include the assessment of resources and economics associated with the use of forest stands in this area for long-term biomass production. This new assessment is in addition to existing assessment for saw log, cabin log, or firewood production. Most high value timber stands are currently within the TVSF; however, several large commercially valuable stands exist on general state lands. One of these stands is located adjacent to the Tanana River and on several large islands in the Tanana River west of Big Delta and Delta Junction. The other area of high value timber exists in the area around the middle reach of the Goodpaster River. Areas that could support biomass production have been identified within this plan and are designated Forestry. Where appropriate, this plan recommends several units or tracts of land be included in the TVSF in the future.

Minerals and Hydrocarbons: Large areas within the region are mineralized, with many of these areas covered by mining claims. One large mine - Pogo - is currently producing gold and other minerals from a large area of state lands that have high mineral potential. The Pogo Mine is situated on leased state land adjacent to the middle reach of the Goodpaster River. Freegold Rob, International Tower Hills' LMS, and West Pogo properties projects also occur in this highly mineralized area and lie generally east of Pogo Mine. A number of prospects are located around Freegold's Rob project including: the Gray Lead, Blue Lead, Grizzly Bear, Yellow Jacket, Granite Creek, Last Chance Creek, and Michigan Creek lode prospects. The Carrie Creek Prospect is a lode deposit which lies a few miles south of the Rob project. Situated a few miles north of the confluence of the Goodpaster and Tanana rivers, the LMS prospect consists of 92 claims that cover a mineralized zone that is somewhat comparable geologically to the ore body at Pogo Mine. Rubicon Minerals Inc. holds approximately 380,000 acres of state mining claims in the area of Pogo Mine. An oil and gas basin is present in the central portion of the region but development of this resource has not occurred. A coal basin is located in the central and southwestern portion of the region. The Jarvis Creek Coal Field, which is east of the Richardson Highway and south of Delta Junction was mined in the 1960s, has considerable proven coal resources (17 million short tons of measure coal and up to 500 million short tons of hypothetical coal). There has been interest in developing a new coal lease in the Jarvis Creek area in recent years. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System corridor bisects the western portion of the region and is closed to mineral entry by Mineral Order 1147 and several additional small mineral closing orders. Several other large mineral orders close certain areas of state land to mineral entry. Among

these are MCOs which close the important Delta Clearwater Creek and associated wetlands to mineral entry and multiple MCOs that close the subsurface estate under the settlement or agricultural land disposal areas to mineral entry.

Recreation: Recreation occurs at different levels and densities throughout the region; however, some areas are more heavily utilized by the public. People recreate on the region's rivers and lakes throughout the year. Boating, fishing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, hunting, and trapping are among the typical uses of waterbodies. Rivers and lakes are also used to provide access by boat, plane, or snowmobile for hunting that occurs on the surrounding uplands. Access to the more remote and mountainous areas of the region occurs by small plane landings at numerous small unmaintained airstrips, or by ORV via the many trails. Delta Clearwater Creek receives high use levels through the summer and fall season as people engage in recreational boating, late summer fishing for salmon and other fish species, and fall hunting for waterfowl and moose. Another area that receives concentrated public use, particularly during the summer months, is the Quartz Lake. The Quartz Lake Recreation Area is managed by DPOR through a land management agreement. The recreation area is a popular summer destination for lake based recreation. All Generally Allowed Uses under 11 AAC 96.020 are allowed within the region. This plan does not recommend the creation of special use designations that could result in a restriction of such uses.¹⁹

Settlement: Existing and planned areas of settlement are generally located adjacent to the Alaska and Richardson highways. The population centers of Deltana, Big Delta, Delta Junction, and Fort Greely are all located in close proximity to the intersection of the Alaska and Richardson highways. Other remote areas of settlement can be found in the region and are typically associated with lakes and rivers. The remote settlement areas at Volkmar Lake and the Goodpaster River are examples of the latter.

Wildlife and Habitats: Extensive areas of habitat exist within this region. Caribou and sheep habitat tends to occur in the mountainous areas north and south of the Alaska Highway while moose habitat ranges from mountains to low-lying riverine and wetland areas. Bison habitat is generally south of the Tanana River between the Delta and the Gerstle Rivers. Inclusive of most of the higher elevation areas in the region, caribou wintering habitat is diffuse and generally not concentrated in a particular area. By contrast caribou calving habitat is relatively concentrated in just a few areas in the north and south. In the north, calving occurs in the area around the upper reaches of the Goodpaster River. In the south, calving generally occurs around the Macomb Plateau, the area between Jarvis Creek and the Delta River and west of the Delta River near the upper portions of Delta Creek. Sheep are distributed widely at higher elevations in the region and occupy all suitable habitat of the Tanana Highlands and the Alaska Range. In the north, habitat generally straddles the northern region boundary while the habitat in the south is found at higher elevations around Granite Mountain, Macomb Plateau, and the glacier capped peaks to the south. Sheep lambing occurs in a concentrated area generally located within the Granite Mountain. Moose winter in all areas

¹⁹ This statement is not intended to prevent the creation of special use designations in the future, should they be warranted.

with a significant component of willow in the plant community (at all elevations). Moose rutting and calving are very widespread throughout the regions. Moose calving is generally indicated as occurring in low-lying wetlands associated with Shaw and Delta Clearwater creeks and the flat area south of Deltana and the Alaska Highway. Moose rutting is indicated as occurring in the area west of the Delta River near Delta Creek. A concentrated area of bear habitat is indicated for the area around Delta Clearwater Creek as is a concentrated area of waterfowl nesting and molting.

Management Planning Constraints

The City of Delta Junction is the only incorporated city within this region. It was incorporated as a second class city under Alaska laws on December 19, 1960. The Community Development Plan for the city provides guidance for development within the community but contains little direction for lands outside of the city limits.

There are three state plans affecting all or portions of this region. These include the TBAP (1985), the TVSF Management Plan, and the Delta Junction Bison Management Plan (DJBMP). The TVSF and DJBMP provide specific management direction and guidance on resource development within the LDAs. While certain public uses are allowed within the LDAs, these areas have specific management guidance provided by Alaska Statutes and they must be managed consistent with these laws. In some cases the LDAs are managed more restrictively than the adjacent general state lands. Because of this, the plans were not particularly useful when applied to the adjacent general state land that is the subject of this plan. The third plan, the 1985 TBAP, provides management direction for all of the general state land within the region. The 1985 plan resulted from a multi-year planning process that involved staff from many state agencies and the public. Where new or updated resource information indicated a change in management direction or change in the configuration of a unit, the change was made in this plan revision. In the Delta Region, many changes were made to the configuration of units based on new and updated resource information. Another notable change from the 1985 TBAP is the use of designations (two per unit) in the current plan vs. the multiple primary and secondary uses provided in the previous plan. The 1985 plan was used as the basis for this plan revision.

Management Summary

Despite the changes in unit configuration, the overall management intent for this region remains similar to that of the 1985 TBAP. This revision maintains the balance of land that should be available for settlement and agricultural uses and the preservation of habitat, recreation, forestry, and other values on other lands. All general state land continues to be managed for multiple use and sustained yield consistent with the public interest. The following table identifies the designations and their acreages within the Delta Region.

| Designation | Acreage, Region 2 |
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| Habitat | 999,721 |
| Public Recreation | 218,266 |
| Resource Management | 216,469 |
| Settlement | 30,166 |
| Minerals | 458,021 |
| Forestry | 486,834 |
| Agriculture | 13,599 |
| Water Resources | 110,398 |
| Materials | 770 |
| Reserve Use | 15,333 |
| Transportation Corridor | 4,611 |

Agriculture remains important within the region and several new areas of agriculture have been identified and existing areas of agricultural disposal have been identified for reoffer to the public. Similar to the 1985 plan, settlement areas are primarily situated adjacent to the population centers and the major highways of the region. More remote settlement areas have been identified where favorable access exists. These settlement areas include expansions of existing areas while some are newly proposed areas. Agricultural and settlement areas near communities will allow for community expansion and agricultural expansion in areas where similar uses are already occurring. The more remote settlement and agricultural areas provide an appropriate land base for the long-term viability of these two programs. Soils, aspect, vegetation, access, and proximity to communities were all considerations in the identification of settlement and agricultural areas. Some level of development should be expected on lands designated Settlement and Agriculture within the planning period. It is intended that all of the land designated Agriculture and Settlement will be conveyed out of state ownership during the planning period.

Concentrated habitat areas where a sensitive life stage occurs have been identified and management intent to maintain the habitat values has been identified. In some instances the Habitat designation in the 2015 ETAP coincide with the uses identified in the 1985 TBAP; however, newer habitat information has resulted in a better understanding of important habitat and therefore changes in habitat areas. Lands designated Habitat or that have a significant habitat value identified and indicated in the management intent statement for a particular unit are to be retained in state ownership. Similarly, major river drainages have been identified and will be managed to protect and preserve their high habitat, recreational and public use values. These areas will be retained in state ownership for continued use by the public.

Lands designated minerals and forestry should experience some level of use and development during the planning period. The amount of development will depend on cost, demand, and the availability of similar resources at lower cost, among other factors. Mineral development typically includes road and infrastructure development to the projects site. While these developments are anticipated, this plan does not make any recommendations as to where these developments should occur. Timber harvest is likely to occur in areas

designated Forestry that are situated close to major access routes. Where indicated in the management intent or where determined appropriate in other areas, harvest of timber prior to agricultural or settlement development areas is appropriate. Similarly, timber harvest in advance of mineral developments should occur where feasible. Forestry will work with ADF&G to determine where forestry operations can be used to enhance wildlife habitat for terrestrial species.

Public recreation lands have been identified where the level of public use is apparent, and the lands should be retained in state ownership to ensure the continued use of the land and water by the public. In this region, recreation lands have been identified for major waterbodies (Tanana and Delta rivers) and for lands adjacent to other important waterbodies like Shaw Creek and the Goodpaster River. These lands will be retained in state ownership.

Material sites have been identified where this use is permitted or is actively occurring. Within this region, these sites are typically under authorization to ADOT/PF, however a few sites not under current authorization have been designated Materials. It is intended that these areas continue to be used for this purpose and be retained in state ownership.

Only four small areas of land have been identified as reserved use land. Two of these parcels have been identified because they are situated at either end of the Delta Junction Airport and should be maintained as an airport buffer. The third area is under management agreement with the Alaska National Guard for future use as an armory. The final unit is currently under lease to the military for use as a cold weather testing facility. These lands are intended to remain in state ownership.

Transportation corridor lands within this plan consist of lands that have a current or proposed pipeline, highway, or some other infrastructure corridor located within the unit. These lands will be retained to maintain the existing infrastructure or to maintain the possibility that proposed infrastructure could be developed in the future. Most of these lands are located adjacent to the Alaska Highway.

Water resources lands were identified where large intact wetland complexes exist. Water resources designations can occur independently or with another designation, typically Habitat or Public Recreation-Dispersed. Clear Creek and its associated wetlands receive little use as compared to other units in the region, as such the area is designated Water Resources. The Shaw Creek drainage is co-designated Water Resources and Public Recreation-Dispersed in recognition of the recreational use that occurs in the unit in addition to the extensive wetland complex associated with the lower reaches of the waterbody. The Delta Clearwater Creek, Clearwater Lake, and two small wetland areas are designated Water Resources and Habitat in recognition of the overlying concentrated habitat values in addition to the waterbody and wetland values. Development within these areas is not intended or considered appropriate. These lands are to be retained in state ownership.

The remaining lands in this region are designated Resource Management. Lands designated Resource Management are considered not to have a dominant land use and are considered to be a multiple use category. In the case of the southernmost unit, the very large land area is remote and inaccessible and development is not likely to occur within a 10 year period. The northernmost parcel is located close to the community of Big Delta, but has one or more resource values that are relatively equal in value.

Resource Allocation Table – Delta Region (2)

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
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| D-01 | Mi, Ha 123,769 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its mineral and habitat values. Mineral development must consider impacts to habitat. Unless included as part of a mineral development project, the unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, sheep, bison, and salmon habitat prior to authorizing uses.</p> <p>Other than mineral exploration and operational facilities, development is not anticipated and is generally inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit or is part of an authorized mineral development. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>The majority of this unit is comprised of the Upper Goodpaster River including Glacier, Rock, and Slate creek drainages. A second portion of this unit is comprised of the mountainous area between the Goodpaster River and Eisenmenger Fork. The unit is characterized by mountainous terrain with steep to rolling topography. Evergreen forest predominates the lower elevations with shrub vegetation at higher elevations. With few exceptions the entire unit is mineralized and is part of a larger mineralized area extending into the Fairbanks Region. Habitat within the unit includes: moose, caribou, and sheep wintering, and caribou calving. Public use of the areas is low and is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit.</p> |
| D-02 | Ha 106,005 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, sheep, and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain this unit in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of the upper most reaches of the Goodpaster River and Eisenmenger Fork. The unit is characterized by mountainous terrain with relatively steep to rolling topography. Much of this unit is relatively high in elevation with several mountain peaks over 5,000 feet in elevation. The upper elevations are dominated by shrubby vegetation while evergreen forest is found at the lower elevations. Habitat within the unit includes: moose, caribou, and sheep wintering, caribou calving, and general bison. Public use of the areas is low and is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit. RST 379 (North Fork of Fortymile-Big Delta) traverses the northern portion of this unit. One trapping cabin (ADL 419039) is authorized in the southern portion of the unit near Eisenmenger Fork. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-03 | Mi 60,301 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for mineral values. Mineral development must consider potential impacts on moose and caribou wintering habitat. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose and caribou habitat prior to authorizing uses. Public uses requiring authorizations will be managed so they do not interfere with mining activity. Any authorizations shall ensure access provided by the RS 2477 routes is maintained. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Unit occupies a mountainous area on the south side of the Upper Goodpaster River and includes portions of Last Chance, Tibbs, and Boulder creek drainages. Conifers dominate the forest vegetation in drainages while the upper elevations are dominated by shrubby vegetation. Lying just east of Pogo Mine, the entire unit is mineralized. Portions of this unit are indicated as having moose wintering habitat, however these areas are small in relation to the remainder of the unit. Public use of the areas is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping.</p> |

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| | | | See Chapter 2 for more specific management guidelines for subsurface development. | Caribou and moose wintering habitat is indicated within the unit. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit. RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail) & RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.) traverse portions of the unit. |
| D-04 | F, Mi 127,380 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its mineral and forestry values. Mineral development and forestry operations must consider potential impacts on moose, caribou, and sheep wintering habitat. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding identified habitat prior to authorizing uses. Public uses requiring authorizations will be managed so they do not interfere with mining activity. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Forestry.</p> <p>A riparian buffer of 100' is to be maintained along Indian Creek and anadromous portions of unnamed waterbodies. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>This unit lies northeast of Big Delta and is comprised of two large subunits. Subunit 1 lies between Upper Shaw Creek and the Goodpaster River and includes Seven Mile and Indian creek drainages. Subunit 2 is east of Subunit 1 and includes the area around Shawnee Peak south of the Goodpaster River. A portion of Pogo Mine, which began production in 2006, is located on leased state lands (ADL 416949) in this subunit. Several other prospects occur throughout this unit, and there is on-going exploration which could result in additional discovery of economic mineral deposits. This unit is characterized by mountainous terrain with relatively steep topography. Both subunits are indicated as having mineral potential. Both subunits contain high value timber conifer timber stands. Public use of the areas is low and is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to remain low due to remoteness of unit. Moose, caribou, and sheep wintering habitat are indicated for the unit. Portions of Indian Creek and several unnamed waterbodies are indicated as anadromous. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-05 | F 120,315 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Forestry operations must consider potential impacts on moose wintering habitat. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose habitat prior to authorizing uses. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Mineral exploration is anticipated in and around this unit and may be appropriate subject to standard permitting and regulatory requirements, and with consideration to forestry operations and moose wintering habitat.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>South of Unit D-04 and east of the Goodpaster River, this unit encompasses the portions of White Creek and South Fork Goodpaster River and Big Swede Creek. One mineral prospect is on the northern border of this unit. The central portion of the unit is characterized by mountainous terrain that gives way to the South Fork Goodpaster River valley. High value conifer and deciduous timber stands are located at lower elevations with shrubby vegetation dominating higher elevations. Public use of the areas is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit. Moose wintering habitat and bison habitat is indicated in the northern portion of the unit. RST 449 (Goodpaster Trail), RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.), and RST 500 (Michigan Creek Trail) traverse through portions of the unit. One personal use cabin (ADL 412017) is authorized in the northern portion of the unit near the confluence of Senora and Central creeks. Portions of Central Creek, South Fork Goodpaster River, and several unnamed waterbodies are indicated as anadromous.</p> <p>Mining claims are present across the northern part of this unit, and future mineral exploration may occur.</p> |

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| D-06 | Mi, Ha 42,765 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its mineral and habitat values. Mineral development must consider impacts to habitat. Unless included as part of a mineral development project, the unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, and sheep habitat prior to authorizing uses. RS 2477 routes are to be retained.</p> <p>Other than mineral exploration and operational facilities, development is not anticipated and is generally inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit or is part of an authorized mineral development. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>The unit is located at the headwaters of the West Fork of the Goodpaster River and Tibbs Creek near Black Mountain and includes portions of smaller drainages such as Wolverine, Antimony, Johnson, King, Summit, and Boulder creeks. Much of the unit is comprised of mountain uplands with several large valleys in the west and south. Typical of mountain units, the higher elevation areas are dominated by shrubby vegetation while the lower elevations are dominated by evergreen and deciduous trees. The entire unit is mineralized, and there is a concentration of gold-molybdenum, antimony and lead prospects that overlap this unit. Public use of the areas is low and is primarily related to hunting moose and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit. Moose and caribou wintering habitat and general sheep habitat are indicated. RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail) and RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.) traverse through this unit.</p> |
| D-07 | F, Mi 6,345 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its mineral and forestry values. Public uses requiring authorizations will be managed so they do not interfere with mining activity. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding caribou habitat prior to authorizing uses. Retain in public ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Forestry.</p> | <p>This heavily forested unit lies between the upper reaches of the West Fork and South Forks of the Goodpaster River. This unit is characterized by lower elevation mountainous terrain. Topography is generally rolling to steep. The entire unit is mineralized. Timber stands are comprised of both deciduous and evergreen trees. Public use may occur but it is anticipated to be at low levels due to remoteness of unit and dense forest conditions. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated throughout the unit.</p> |
| D-08 | F 33,209 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on providing opportunities for forestry operations while maintaining the natural character and habitat values of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding caribou and moose wintering habitat prior to authorizing uses. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. The western subunit is recommended for inclusion in the Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Mineral exploration is anticipated in and around this unit and may be appropriate subject to standard permitting and regulatory requirements, and with consideration to forestry operations.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of 2 subunits. Subunit 1 is topographically similar to, and lies directly south of, Unit D-07. Like the previous unit it is heavily forested with evergreen trees. It encompasses portions of two drainages – South Fork Goodpaster River and Michigan Creek. Subunit 2 is southeast of the first subunit and is primarily comprised of the heavily forested Healy River valley. Portions of this unit are mountainous and shrubby vegetation is found at higher elevations. This unit differs from the previous unit in that it is not mineralized. Public use may occur but it is anticipated to be at low levels due to remoteness of unit and dense forest conditions. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated throughout the unit while moose wintering habitat is indicated only in portions of subunit 2. RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.) traverses east-west through the northern portion of subunit 1.</p> <p>Mining claims are present surrounding this unit, and future mineral exploration may occur.</p> |

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| D-09 | Ha 78,095 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>The majority of this unit is comprised of mountainous terrain at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Goodpaster River and the Healy River southwest of Mount Harper. Higher elevations support shrubby vegetation while lower elevations and valleys support deciduous and evergreen forests. Moose and caribou withering habitat and general bison are indicated throughout the unit. Public use of the areas is low and is primarily related to hunting moose, sheep, and caribou and trapping. Use levels are anticipated to be low due to remoteness of unit. RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.) traverses through the northern portion of the unit. One seasonal recreation camp (LAS 27086) is authorized just south of the upper reaches of Volkmar River.</p> |
| D-10 | F 72,657 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on providing opportunities for forestry operations while maintaining the habitat values of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. The RS 2477 route is to be retained. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>This large unit is composed of seven forested subunits adjacent to Shaw Creek. Subunits 1 through 5 are located north of Shaw Creek while subunits 6 and 7 lie to the south of the creek. While mountainous in most areas, rolling to nearly level terrain is found in the large subunit north of Shaw Creek. All subunits within this unit have deciduous and evergreen forests. Access to these subunits is provided by the Pogo Mine Road. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated in the western portion of the unit while sheep wintering habitat is indicated only in the large subunit north of Shaw Creek. Small areas of the subunits are indicated as moose calving habitat. Due to its close proximity to population centers and the Richardson Highway, this subunit receives higher levels of use related to hunting and trapping although this use is still expected to be low. Shaw Creek and portions of Gilles Creek provide Chinook salmon habitat. RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail) traverses through the southeastern portion of the unit. One trapping cabin (ADL 417593) is located near Gilles Creek north of Shaw Creek. A portion of Sevenmile Creek is indicated as anadromous. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-11 | Ha, Wr 62,798 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect water resources associated with Shaw Creek and the associated wetland complex, to maintain habitat values, and to preserve dispersed recreation opportunities. Uses inconsistent with this management intent should not be authorized. Other uses that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. Unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>This unit includes the lands and waters around Shaw Creek. It is situated adjacent to the Richardson Highway. The terrain is flat to rolling and is characterized by an extensive wetland complex associated with Shaw Creek. Vegetation is primarily composed of wetland species, however some forested areas do exist. Moose calving habitat and bison habitat are indicated within the unit. Dispersed recreation occurs in the unit and includes hunting and trapping. RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail) traverses through the southern portion of the unit. Four trapping cabins (ADL 416594 and 416595) are located in the Shaw Creek drainage. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |

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| D-12 | F, Ha 14,112 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry and habitat values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Mineral exploration is anticipated in and around this unit and may be appropriate subject to standard permitting and regulatory requirements, and with consideration to forestry operations and moose wintering habitat.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of the area generally east and south of Quartz Lake and includes Thompson Lake. Terrain consists of rolling ridges with low lying wetland areas. Much of the area is vegetated with evergreen and deciduous forests. The northern portion contains moose calving habitat and the entire unit is within bison habitat. Public use occurs throughout the unit. Two RS 2477 routes (RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail) and RST 379 (North Fork Fortymile-Big Delta) traverse through the unit. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> <p>Mineral exploration including drilling has occurred in F008S011E. Two mineral Alaska Resource Data File Occurrences present in the township. Continued mineral exploration should be expected in and near this township.</p> |
| D-13 | Rd 6,597 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for continued public recreation while maintaining habitat values. Management emphasis will focus on enhancing recreation use and preserving and enhancing habitat values. Development shall not be authorized except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Surrounding Quartz Lake, this unit receives moderate to high levels of recreational use. The forested ridges in the eastern and southern portion of the unit give way to flat wetlands in the west and north. The uplands are forested with evergreen and deciduous trees while the wetlands are dominated by typical wetland and shrub species. The Quartz Lake State Recreation Area is located in the unit. It is managed by DPOR and is a popular destination for residents in the area. Many private parcels are located on the eastern shore of Quartz Lake. Access to the site is good with a well-developed road. Moose calving habitat occupies the northwest portion of the unit while bison habitat is present throughout. An Oil Spill Contingency Containment Site (LAS 28337) is located in the southern portion of the unit adjacent to the pipeline and Richardson Highway. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-14 | Se 613 | Map 3-3 | <p>New land disposals and potential reoffers are appropriate within the life of this plan. The large tracts are not to be developed and are to be retained by the state.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO Number 39.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of the existing Tenderfoot Subdivision that is situated on rolling terrain on an upland ridge north of the Tanana River. Much of the unit remains forested with deciduous trees. While most of the lots have been conveyed out of state ownership, several lots have been identified for potential reoffer.</p> |

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| D-15 | Ha, Rd 98,628 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect and maintain habitat and public recreation values. Management emphasis will focus on enhancing recreation use and preserving habitat values. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Development shall not be authorized except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects or other activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Additional land offerings are not appropriate in this unit. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This large unit is comprised of the majority of the Goodpaster River drainage. With few exceptions, it remains unchanged from the 1985 TBAP. Most of the unit is mountainous however some level terrain associated with wetlands is found in the southern portion of the unit. Much of the upper Goodpaster River valley is forested with evergreen trees while the lower portions are a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. The Goodpaster River is popular for river related recreation and as an access route for hunting and trapping within and beyond the river corridor. Many private parcels exist on the lower river. Moose and caribou wintering habitat is located in much of the unit and bison habitat is found at the lower reaches of the Goodpaster River and Quartz Lake. Moose calving habitat is indicated in the southern portion east of Volkmar Lake. Multiple trapping and personal use cabins (ADLs 411951, 411952, 412055, 412042, 411957, 411982) are located in the river corridor. Several RS 2477 routes traverse through the unit. They include RST 379 (North Fork Fortymile-Big Delta), RST 449 (Goodpaster River Trail), and RST 392 (Trail #52-Black Mt.). The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-16 | Se 4,729 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>New land disposals and potential reoffers are appropriate within the life of this plan. Land disposals within the wetland area west of Volkmar Lake shall not occur and this land is to be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses the existing Volkmar Lake remote staking area and an additional area of state land around the lake. Upland ridges and valleys dominate all but the western portion of this unit which is low-lying and flat. Vegetation consists of both deciduous and evergreen trees and typical wetland species. Several parcels have been conveyed already and several more have been identified for potential reoffer. The additional land area immediately adjacent to the lake will provide for an increased number of lake front parcels around the lake and provide opportunity for some lot development away from the lake. Settlement is appropriate here given the adjacent land use.</p> |

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| D-17 | F, Ha 14,729 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on providing opportunities for forestry operations while maintaining the habitat values. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Retain in state ownership. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> <p>FRPA riparian buffers apply to commercial forest operations in this unit. A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Tanana River for all other activities. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>This large unit is adjacent to the Tanana and Delta river and consists of two subunits – northern and southern. It is heavily forested with primarily evergreen trees and is an important forest resource. The mostly flat terrain is accessed seasonally to conduct forestry operations via an ice road across the Delta River. This high value timber resource produces logs used for home and cabin construction. Public use of the area is limited seasonally due to difficult access, however, this is expected to change as more agricultural and settlement areas are developed on lands adjacent to this unit. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated throughout much of the area and the entire area is considered within the current core bison area. Portions of the Tanana River and several unnamed waterbodies are indicated as anadromous. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-18 | F 12,019 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on providing opportunities for forestry operations while maintaining the natural character and habitat values. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Due to the high value timber stands and proximity to adjacent lands within TVSF, this unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Retain in state ownership. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> <p>A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Tanana River. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>This large forested unit is situated on the south bank of the Tanana River between the Little Delta River and Delta Creek. High value evergreen timber stands are located throughout this unit. The terrain trends from a low broad ridge in the south to the nearly flat area of sloughs and side channels adjacent to the Tanana River in the north. Similar to the previous unit, harvest operations are limited to winter when road access is available. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated for the entire unit, while moose wintering and calving habitat is limited to the southern portion of the unit. One personal use cabin (ADL 411969) and one trapping cabin (ADL 416114) are authorized. Portions of the Tanana River, Kiana Creek, and Clear Creek are indicated as anadromous waterbodies. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |
| D-19 | F, Ha 11,204 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry and habitat values. Management emphasis will be focused on providing opportunities for forestry operations while maintaining habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Due to the high value timber stands and proximity to adjacent lands within TVSF, this unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>Similar to Unit D-18, this unit contains high value timber stands and is located adjacent to lands within the TVSF. The southern boundary of the unit abuts Fort Greely. Several portions of this unit extend to lands east of the Delta Creek. The unit contains a mix of forested uplands and large wetland areas. Evergreen and deciduous trees are found on uplands while shrubby vegetation typical of wetlands occupies lowland areas. Caribou wintering habitat is identified for the majority of the unit while moose wintering and rutting habitat is indicated in a small area in the southern portion of the unit. One trapping cabin (ADL 415934) is located in the northern portion of the unit. Portions of the Kiana Creek and an unnamed stream are indicated as anadromous waterbodies. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit.</p> |

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| D-20 | Wr 13,507 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to protect water resources associated with Clearwater Creek including its expansive wetland complex and maintain the unit in its natural state. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. If these types of developments are authorized the impacts on the creek and wetlands should be avoided to the greatest extent practicable. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. Retain in state ownership. | The unit is characterized by expansive wetland areas interspersed with forested upland ridges adjacent to Clearwater Creek. Densely forested uplands exist in northwestern and southeastern areas as well. Caribou wintering habitat is found throughout. Public use of the area is limited seasonally due to difficult access, however this is expected to change as more agricultural and settlement areas are developed on lands adjacent to this unit. A permit authorizes collection of diamond willow across a large area by an individual (LAS 26053). The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit. |
| D-21 | F, Ha 61,565 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on forest management while maintaining habitat and recreational values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. Retain in state ownership. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry. | This very large unit contains extensive areas of uplands that are densely vegetated with evergreen and deciduous trees. It also contains expansive wetland areas that are interspersed with forested upland ridges. Most upland ridges occur in the western and eastern portions of the unit with the low-lying wetlands bisecting the middle of the unit. Caribou wintering habitat is indicated for the entire unit while moose wintering and calving habitat is limited to a small are in the northwest. Much of the unit is within the bison core habitat area. Public use of the area is limited seasonally due to difficult access, however this is expected to change as more agricultural and settlement areas are developed on lands adjacent to this unit. An unnamed tributary to Clear Creek is indicated as an anadromous waterbody. One trapping cabin (ADL 416114) is located northeast of Rainbow Lake. |
| D-22 | Se 14,649 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams. This unit is affected by LLO 39. | This large settlement area is located approximately four miles west of the community of Delta Junction. It is comprised of a large upland bluff that is interspersed with a number of small kettle hole lakes and wetland areas. The dominant forest type is a mixture of deciduous and evergreen trees typical of the area. |
| D-23 | Ag 10,327 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the life of this plan; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. Forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be revegetated to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture shall be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. | Located west of the Delta River between Delta Junction and Big Delta, this large agricultural unit is comprised of relatively flat terrain that contains a mix of evergreen and deciduous forests and large wetland complexes. Drainage may be problematic in some wetland areas. |

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| See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams. | | | | |
| D-24 | Rm 2,560 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for multiple uses. Development is not anticipated in this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. | Located south of the Tanana River and west of Cabin Bluff Ridge, this large unit includes large wetland areas vegetated uplands and several islands. Evergreen forests are present on much of the unit with typical shrubby wetland vegetation in the low-lying areas. It is close to the communities of Big Delta and Delta Junction and is immediately adjacent to the Bluff Cabin Ridge settlement area. Within the unit, the most densely forested area occurs on the large island in the north. Moose rutting habitat is indicated in the south and general bison habitat is indicated throughout. Public use occurs and is evidenced by a well-developed ORV trail network. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within the unit. |
| D-25 | Se 1,403 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | New land disposals and potential reoffers are appropriate within the life of this plan. Staking areas or land offerings should exclude wetland areas, particularly in the wetland area south of Cabin Bluff. Manage wetland areas to preserve wetland functions. Wetland areas should be retained by the State to facilitate general use by property owners and the public. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams. Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39. | Unit encompasses the existing Bluff Cabin Ridge remote staking area and has been expanded to include a large area of land adjacent to the original staking area. Designating these lands as settlement is appropriate given the land use patterns of the adjacent lands and the popularity of land offerings in this area previously. This unit is dominated by a large upland bluff (Cabin Bluff Ridge) that is located approximately 4.5 miles east of the community of Big Delta. Several parcels have already been conveyed into private ownership and several more parcels have been identified for potential reoffer. A fairly well developed road and trail network exists within the unit and is the primary method of access. |
| D-26 | Se 324 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | New land disposals and potential reoffers are appropriate within the life of this plan. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams. Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39. | This unit consists of four parcels generally east of the Richardson Highway near the communities of Big Delta and Delta Junction. Designating these lands as settlement is consistent with the adjacent land use as these parcels are generally located adjacent to other private homes or farms. The first parcel is located just south of Fourmile Hill in section 14. It is densely vegetated and has a number of trails/roads including public easements (ADL 400064) and RST 333 the Tanana Crossing-Grundler Trail traversing portions of the parcel. Two private parcels exist near the middle of this parcel and a gravel pit abuts the parcel to the south. The second parcel is located approximately 1.5 miles south of Big Delta on the Richardson Highway and a relatively small area of state lands in section 9. A federal right-of-way (F13508) and the Haines-Fairbanks Military Pipeline (ADL 100833) traverse this unit. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System forms the northern border of this parcel. The third parcel is located on the heavily forested bluff above Clearwater Lake and |

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| D-27 | Se 75 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Clearwater Creek. This new settlement area has road access from the south and is adjacent to existing small private lots. The northern border of this parcel is the toe of the slope. The fourth parcel is located in Jack Subdivision and is a reoffer of an existing parcel (ADL 405117). It has already been surveyed and is identified as a potential reoffer parcel.</p> <p>Unit consists of six parcels of land on Delta Clearwater Creek. For the most part, these parcels are located in an area where other small waterfront parcels have been sold. Portions of these five parcels have been surveyed previously. Parcel 1 is located on the north side of an island. Private lots are located to the north and east of this parcel. Parcels 2 and 3 are just east of the first parcel on the same island. These two parcels are surrounded by private lots of similar size. The fourth parcel is east of parcels 2 and 3 across Delta Clearwater Creek and similarly has private parcels around it. Parcel 5 is located south and east of the previously describe parcel. It is situated on the north bank of Delta Clearwater Creek adjacent to other private lots. The sixth parcel is a relatively large parcel of land ½ mile east of parcel 5 and is situated on an inside bend of Delta Clearwater Creek. The parcel is heavily treed and appears to have buildable uplands. Several private parcels are situated to the north of this state land. Brown bear and bison concentrations and moose calving and wintering habitat are indicated. Waterfowl nesting and molting is indicated on a couple of the parcels and is adjacent to the others.</p> |
| D-28 | Se 57 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement, Fish and Wildlife Habitat, and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit consists of two parcels in the community of Delta Junction. Parcel 1 is composed of a number of smaller previously surveyed parcels located in the area of Salcha Ave. and Richardson Ave. Many of the adjacent parcels appear to be used for private residences or as small commercial businesses. Parcel 2 is located south and west of parcel 1 and is at the intersection of Grizzly Street and Jarvis Ave. Adjacent land use appears to be a mixture of private residences and commercial businesses.</p> |
| D-29 | Se 157 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Three parcels of state land southeast of Delta Junction on the Alaska Highway comprise this unit. Parcel 1 consists of two previously surveyed lots and is just over 8 acres in size. One of the lots fronts on the Alaska Highway. Much of the vegetation is cleared from this parcel and earth moving activities are evident. Parcel 2 is approximately 5 acres in size and is located behind the Trophy lodge and Delta Building Supply store on Emmaus Road. Much of this parcel remains vegetated. Access to this parcel may be problematic. Parcel 3 is approximately 140 Acres in size and is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Delta Junction on the Alaska Highway. Much of this parcel remains heavily vegetated and near natural state. Just under one mile of this parcel fronts on the Alaska</p> |

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| D-30 | Pr 52 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Maintain current management of public facilities. Retain in state ownership. | Highway. A federal right-of-way (F-24538) crosses a small portion of the northeast corner of this parcel. Adjacent land use is a mixture of commercial and residential uses. |
| D-31 | Ag 1,387 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the life of this plan; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. While many of these parcels are relatively small in size, forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be revegetated to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture shall be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams.</p> | Unit consists of eight parcels located in the large agricultural area surrounding the communities of Delta Junction and Big Delta. All of these parcels are flat and vegetated. One parcel in F010S011E12 is indicated as pre-disposal (AG 40042) all other parcels are reoffers or new agricultural areas. |
| D-32 | Ag 643 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the life of this plan; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. While many of these parcels are relatively small in size, forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be revegetated to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture shall be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams.</p> | Unit consists of five parcels that are adjacent to the Richardson Highway. All of these parcels are flat and most are vegetated with evergreen trees. These parcels are configured to exclude the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System right-of-way. They do however include the land area that contains the Golden Valley Electric easement. Two of the parcels are currently indicated as potential reoffers (ADL 400460) while the others are new parcels or are reoffers of previous agricultural disposals. Moose wintering habitat is indicated for the far eastern portions of parcels in this unit. |

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| D-33 | Rs 29 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | This unit should be retained in state ownership and continue to serve as a buffer area for approaching and departing the Delta Junction Airport. | This unit consists of two parcels that lie on the approach/departure route from the Delta Junction Airport. This unit is indicated as having moose wintering habitat values and is in the bison concentration area. Several ORV trails are evident in the eastern parcel and abundant in the western parcel. |
| D-35 | Rd 32 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed as a wayside by DPOR consistent with the interagency agreement. Retain this unit in state ownership. DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information. | Situated on the Delta Clearwater River, this small unit encompasses the Clearwater Alcan Wayside. Managed by DPOR through an Interagency Land Management Agreement (ADL 50054) facilities within this unit provide access for recreation opportunities. Facilities include a boat launch, parking area, and waste facilities. Unit is indicated as having moose calving and wintering habitat. Use of the Delta Clearwater by bear and bison are all identified as well. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within or very near to this unit. A reservation of water exists for the Delta Clearwater River within this unit. |
| D-36 | Sc 16 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Disposal of this parcel is appropriate within life of this plan. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams. This unit is affected by LLO 39. | This 16 acre parcel is located on the south side of the community of Delta Junction. Vegetation has been removed from a portion of the parcel previously and some ground disturbing activities have occurred. Access to this parcel is from the Richardson Highway. Adjacent land uses are primarily commercial and public service. |
| D-37 | Sc 0.5 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to maintain current and future public facilities, rights-of-way, and easements. Retain in state ownership. | This small (0.5 acre) parcel of land is located adjacent to an existing commercial rental business. Some of the parcel appears to be currently used as a parking area for the commercial business. |
| D-38 | Tc 183 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to maintain current and future public facilities, rights-of-way, and easements. Retain in state ownership. | This unit is comprised of five more or less linear subunits of land near Delta Junction that have existing public facilities and rights-of-way on them. These include the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System right-of-way, Richardson Highway, and Golden Valley Electric Transmission Line easement. Sheep wintering and lambing habitat, moose wintering habitat, and the bison concentration area are indicated for this unit. |
| D-39 | Ha, Wr 27,002 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to preserve the habitat values and to protect water resources associated with the Delta Clearwater Creek and its associated wetland complexes and other isolated wetland complexes. This unit should be maintained in its natural state. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. | The Delta Clearwater Creek, Clearwater Lake, and associated wetlands are included in this large unit. It is comprised of three individual subunits. Situated northeast of Delta Junction, this extensive river and wetland complex abuts the agricultural area to the south and the TVSF to the north. Subunits 1 & 2 are smaller wetland areas while subunit 3 contains the large area of wetlands and the Delta Clearwater Creek and Lake. This unit |

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| | Ag 941 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. If these types of developments are authorized, the impacts on the creek and wetlands should be avoided to the greatest extent practicable. The subsurface estate is closed to new mineral entry for the largest of the three subunits. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Because of the recreational, fisheries, and habitat importance of these areas, they are recommended for designation as a LDA (State Recreation River). Until its designation as a State Recreation River the unit is to be managed according to the previous management intent.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>is characterized by low-lying level terrain with typical wetland vegetation while slightly higher elevations support stands of evergreen trees. Many habitat types are indicated in this unit. They include: moose wintering and calving, sheep wintering and lambing, concentrated use of the river by bears, and a waterfowl molting area in the large subunit. This area receives moderate to high levels of public use. One personal use cabin (ADL 411982) is authorized on the Delta Clearwater River. RST 333 (Tanana Crossing-Grundler Trail) traverses the large subunit in this unit. The largest of the three subunits is affected by Mineral Closing Order #601. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within this unit.</p> <p>Clearwater Lake, and the lower Delta-Clearwater River are in a region of upwelling water from the alluvial fan of the Delta and Gerstle rivers. This water makes these areas some of the few waterbodies in interior Alaska that remain ice-free year-round. As a result, they are extremely important spawning areas (and for Clearwater Lake, a coho salmon rearing area) for late-run salmon. Clearwater Lake also provides nesting habitat and is an important spring staging area for waterfowl. These waterbodies remain an important recreation area.</p> <p>A reservation of water exists for the Delta Clearwater River within this unit.</p> |
| D-40 | | | <p>Unit is to be managed for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the life of this plan; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. While many of these parcels are relatively small in size, forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be revegetated to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Ag shall be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams. Public use of the road as a means of access to recreation opportunities beyond the unit should be maintained while the road is being used for cleanup operations of the adjacent lands. When cleanup operations are complete, the road should be repurposed as a sustainable trail that does not impede surface flow of water from the adjacent agriculture lands.</p> <p>A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Tanana River. See</p> | <p>Three parcels comprise this unit. They are all generally located in the area of the Delta Clearwater Creek area. The parcel adjacent to the Richardson Highway (ADL 419028) is identified as a potential reoffer for agricultural sale. Recreational use occurs on the temporary road on the eastern boundary of the unit. The road is intended to be removed upon completion of remediation of the Gerstle River Expansion Area. The remaining 2 parcels are new offerings. Moose wintering and calving habitat and the bison concentration area are indicated for this unit. The Tanana River is indicated as an anadromous waterbody.</p> |

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| Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance. | | | | |
| D-41 | Pr 15 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed consistent with the management agreement. Retain in state ownership. | This small 15 acre unit is managed by the Alaska Army National Guard through a management agreement (ADL 403101). The intended purpose of the unit is for an armory complex. |
| D-42 | Ag 310 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its agricultural values. Agricultural land disposals are appropriate during the life of this plan; Chapter 2 requirements (Agriculture and Grazing) apply in such disposals. While many of these parcels are relatively small in size, forestry activities are also appropriate within this area and may occur independently of or can precede an agricultural land disposal. If a timber harvest is scheduled far in advance of agricultural operations, the land should be revegetated to protect soils. Timber sales may occur immediately before an agricultural disposal, subject to Chapter 2 requirements. The Division of Agriculture shall be consulted prior to any forest management activity, especially commercial timber harvest. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Agriculture and Grazing, and riparian protection for streams.</p> | This relatively flat unit abuts the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System to the west and University land to the east. It is vegetated with evergreen and deciduous trees. Access to this unit has not been developed yet, but this unit should remain designated for agricultural use. Moose wintering and the bison concentration area are identified in this unit. The AHRS indicates cultural resources within or very near to this unit. |
| D-43 | Se 83 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | This unit consists of 4 parcels of land approximately 5 miles southeast of Delta Junction. Parcel 1 is approximately 25 acres in size and is located just north of the Alaska Highway. It is level, well vegetated, and appears to contain a mixture of uplands and some wetlands. A relatively well established trail bisects the parcel in a north-south direction and it is bounded by section lines on its southern and eastern boundary. Parcels 2, 3, & 4 are located approximately ½ mile north of the Alaska Highway on Clearwater Road. Parcel 2 is approximately 20 acres and is located ½ mile west of Clearwater Road and appears to be accessible by Bueno Road. Parcel 3 is bisected by Clearwater Road and is approximately 28 acres in size. Lots within this parcel have been previously surveyed. Parcel 4 is approximately 9 acres in size and is located southwest of parcel 3. Clearwater Road bisects this parcel. All parcels are relatively flat and heavily vegetated except where the road right-of-way exists. Adjacent land use is residential and agricultural. |

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| D-44 | Se 1,204 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Reoffers and new land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of six previous land disposal areas, several of which were surveyed in 1978. Most of the parcels within this unit have been sold previously. With few exceptions, disposals within this unit are reoffers of previous parcels, although several new offerings may occur as well. Adjacent land use is residential and agricultural.</p> |
| D-45 | Tc 4,462 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed to maintain current developed facilities, rights-of-way, and easements. Only developments consistent with these uses are appropriate. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>This large linear unit is comprised of multiple subunits which encompass, or are in close proximity to, the Alaska Highway. The land adjacent to the highway serves two purposes. First, it currently serves as a vegetated wind break and as a flood water attenuation area. Second, it is intended this linear corridor can be used for future rights-of-way or easements that are beneficial to the public. The abandoned Haines-Fairbanks Military Pipeline (ADL 100833) exists within portions of this unit. The USDA maintains a SNOTEL site (ADL 419859) within the unit.</p> |
| D-46 | F, Ha 40 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry and habitat values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining this site for future forestry operations while maintaining habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Due to its proximity to private lands, this unit could be considered for personal firewood collection. Coordinate with DPOR SHPO staff regarding cultural resources. As a unit that abuts the TVSF and is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This unit appears to be a previous agricultural parcel based on the cleared vegetation. It abuts the TVSF to the north and private lands on the other sides. Denuded at one time, the site appears to be revegetating naturally with deciduous and evergreen tree species. Recreational use appears limited. Moose wintering habitat and the bison concentration area are indicated within this unit.</p> |
| D-47 | Mi, Ha 61,833 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to facilitate development of the coal and mineral resources while maintaining habitat values. Mineral development must consider impacts to habitat. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, and sheep habitat prior to authorizing uses or mineral development. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of state lands within four townships on the north flank of the Alaska Range east and south of Donnelly Dome and includes portions of Ober, Jarvis, and McCumber creeks. It is characterized by relative low mountain ridges west of Jarvis Creek with higher more rugged peaks of the western Grantie Mountains east of Jarvis Creek. Jarvis Creek is a relatively wide braided glacial stream that bisects the unit generally north to south. Higher elevations consist of shrubby vegetation typical of sub-alpine and alpine environments while lower elevations and valleys support deciduous and evergreen forests. Public use of the area includes mining activities and moose, sheep, and caribou hunting. Moose wintering and calving habitat, sheep wintering and lambing habitat, caribou calving and wintering habitat are identified.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Placer gold prospects and one lode prospect are present in McCumber Creek, and a lode prospect is 8 miles east of Mount Hadjukovich; this mineralization may be part of a contiguous trend of mineral occurrences and prospects in Unit D-61.</p> <p>A portion of the Middle Tanana Basin Coal Field is situated within a relatively thin coal-bearing Tertiary rock formation in the area of Jarvis Creek. Immediately adjacent to the Richardson Highway, this was mined in the 1960's and has measured reserves for more than 17 million short tons, and hypothetical reserves of up to 500 million short tons.</p> <p>RST 695 (Donnelly Dome: Old Valdez Trail Segment), RST 686 (Ober Creek Trail), and RST 687 (Jarvis Creek Trail) traverse portions of this unit.</p> |
| D-48 | F, Ha 980 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on forest management while maintaining habitat and recreational values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Due to its proximity to private lands, this unit could be considered for personal firewood collection. As a unit that abuts the TVSF, this unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>This unit lies adjacent to agricultural lands to the west and is surrounded by TVSF lands on the remaining sides. It is heavily vegetated with evergreen and deciduous trees. Public use is considered low due to difficulty in access. Moose wintering and calving habitat and the bison concentration area are present in the unit. RST 333 (Tanana Crossing-Grundler Trail) traverses through the northern portion.</p> |
| D-49 | F 227 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on forest management while maintaining habitat and recreational values. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose wintering and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Due to its proximity to private lands and the Alaska Highway, this unit could be considered for personal firewood collection. As a forested unit that abuts the TVSF, this unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>This unit abuts the Alaska Highway to the south and TVSF lands to the north and east. Some public use of the unit is evidenced by trail and road development. Moose wintering habitat and the bison concentration area are identified in this unit. RST 480 (Little Gerstle River-Sheep Creek) is within or very near to this unit and a winter road (LAS 25025) is authorized through a portion of the unit.</p> |

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| D-50 | F 2,560 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on forest management operations. As a forested unit that abuts the TVSF, this unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> | <p>Unit consists of 2 heavily vegetated subunits that abut TVSF lands in the area of Lake George. The terrain is hilly with moderately steep slopes in drainages. Vegetation includes evergreen and deciduous trees on the uplands and typical wetland vegetation in low-lying areas. Because the unit lies north of the Tanana River it does not receive much public use.</p> |
| D-51 | Se 160 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>This unit is approximately 160 acres of gently rolling terrain that is intersperses with low-lying areas and kettle hole lakes. Vegetation ranges from dense to sparse depending on landscape. Fort Greely Ridge Road bisects this unit in a north-south direction. The military reservation of Fort Greely surrounds this unit.</p> |
| D-52 | Se 497 | Map3-3 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan. Development should not occur in the wetland areas adjacent to the uplands and these lands should be retained in state ownership for use by new property owners and people recreating in this area.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Previously identified at habitat in the 1985 TBAP, this unit is approximately 500 acres in size and lies about 40 miles southeast of Delta Junction on the southwest shore of Moosehead Lake. The upland mountain ridge dips toward Moosehead Lake and is flanked by low lying areas and wetlands on both sides. Vegetation is primarily deciduous on the ridge and gives way to conifers in flat and low-lying areas. Access to this unit is via aircraft landing on Moosehead Lake.</p> |
| D-53 | Rs 15,274 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed to accommodate the cold weather testing and clean-up of the area. Any authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that access via the RS 2477 routes is maintained. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Situated south and east of Delta Junction on the south side of the Alaska Highway; this unit is comprised of 2 subunits which are both located southeast of the DJBR. Subunit 1 is located in F012S012E and is surrounded on three sides by the DJBR. Subunit 2 lies southeast of subunit 1 and is bordered by the DJBR and PLO 910, an existing military reservation, to the north. The terrain is mountainous in the south and west and transitions to fairly level in the north and east. Moose wintering and calving habitat, caribou wintering habitat, sheep wintering habitat, and the bison concentration area are indicated. RST 1609 (Richardson Hwy-Gerstle River) traverses both subunits. Subunit 1 was leased to the Department of Defense from 1964-1972 (LAS 19708). The area is commonly referred to as the Gerstle River Test Site. Portions that were used to test weapons are considered to be potentially hazardous (ADL 25072). The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation changed the case status for the site to cleanup complete in 2013; however, data gaps have been identified and additional investigations may be required.</p> |

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| D-54 | Ha 311,587 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, sheep, and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Rights to locatable minerals under and around identified mineral licks are affected by LLO 14. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This expansive unit is comprised of the north flank of the Alaska Range. It is characterized by high mountain peaks and steep glacial valleys. The headwaters of the Gerstle and Johnson river originate in the mountains in the southern portion of the unit. Higher elevations have snow-capped peaks, barren rocks, and shrubby vegetation while lower elevations and valleys support deciduous and evergreen forests. Public use of the area is primarily related to moose and sheep hunting and caribou hunting to a lesser extent. Moose wintering and calving habitat, sheep wintering and lambing habitat, caribou calving and wintering habitat, and the bison concentration area are identified. Nine mineral licks are identified within this unit, located generally within: F014S012E4, 24; F015S010E34; F015S011E17; F015S012E3, 28; F016S016E32; F017S015E24; and, F017S016E8. The subsurface estate under and around these mineral licks is affected by LLO 14. RST 1609 (Richardson Hwy-Gerstle River), RST 3 (Hajdukovich-Macomb Planteau), RST 613 (Hadjukovich-Horn Mountain Trail), RST 480 (Little Gerstle River-Sheep Creek), and RST 687 (Jarvis Creek Trail) traverse portions of the unit.</p> |
| D-55 | F, Ha 10,769 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry and habitat values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining this site for future forestry operations while maintaining habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>Lying south of the Alaska Highway near the confluence of the Johnson and Tanana rivers, this unit is mountainous in the west but quickly transitions to relatively flat terrain interspersed with kettle hole lakes and low-lying wetlands. Vegetation includes dense stands of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubby vegetation typical of alpine and wetland areas. The primary public use is for hunting and for access to adjacent units for hunting. A few ORV trails exist within the unit. Moose and caribou wintering habitat are indicated in this unit. RST 480 (Little Gerstle River-Sheep Creek) traverses just inside the northwestern boundary closely following the Little Gerstle River.</p> |
| D-56 | Se 6,184 | Map 3-3 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the life of this plan but must be developed in a manner that avoids or minimizes impacts to the historic resources or physical character of this road segment. Manage to protect National Register listed property and other cultural resources that are present in this unit. Forestry operations within this settlement area are appropriate. Forestry staff shall consult with Land Sales and Contract Administration Section staff during the Best Interest Finding and Forest Land Use Plan processes to ensure harvest methods, road placement, and operation timing compliments proposed land sale activities. An area of land including the ADF&G maintained tent platform should be retained by the state to preserve public use opportunities and maintain the remote setting.</p> | <p>This large settlement area is a significant expansion of the existing Craig Lake disposal area. This large unit has rolling terrain that contains a mixture of upland ridges and low lying wetlands and kettle-hole lakes. The uplands are dominated by deciduous trees while the flat and low-lying areas are dominated by conifers. In response to a recent blow down event that occurred in September 2012; a large portion of this unit has been identified for a salvage timber harvest by the Division of Forestry. ADF&G maintains a tent platform on the eastern shore of the Craig Lake. Access to the platform is provided via public easement (ADL 415268). The western portion of this settlement area has been identified as moose wintering habitat. The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) has identified a historically significant portion of the original Alaska Highway</p> |

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| | | | <p>The OHA shall be consulted before any earth disturbing activities, issuance of authorizations, or the commencement of forestry activities that may have direct or indirect effects on the known cultural resources within this unit.</p> <p>Disposals will not occur within the relatively large wetland area located in sections 25 and 36 F13S15E or sections 30 & 31 in F13S16E.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Settlement and riparian protection for streams.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>and other cultural resources that are present in this unit. This segment of the Alaska Highway retains its original physical appearance and is still used as a road today. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.</p> |
| D-57 | Rd 960 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to maintain and enhance public recreation values. Facilities or developments that enhance public recreation opportunities may be appropriate. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>The unit is comprised of the uplands adjacent to Lisa Lake. This area is popular for recreation and has a well-developed ORV trail accessing the lake from the Alaska Highway. Terrain includes uplands in the east that grade into wetlands as you travel west. Upland areas support evergreen and deciduous tree stands while typical wetland vegetation is found in the low-lying areas.</p> |
| D-58 | F, Ha 14,175 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on forest management operations. Due to proximity to communities and the Alaska Highway this unit should be considered for biomass and personal firewood harvest. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding caribou habitat prior to authorizing uses. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry.</p> <p>A riparian buffer of 200' is to be maintained along the Tanana River. See Chapter 2 requirements for additional guidance.</p> | <p>This unit consists of lands between the Alaska Highway and the Tanana River in the north and continues in a southerly direction to include lands north of the Macomb Plateau near the confluence of the Johnson and Tanana rivers. The community of Dry Creek is within this unit. The steep terrain of Horn Mountain quickly gives way to the rolling and level terrain that continues to the Tanana River. Vegetation ranges from dense stands of evergreen and deciduous trees to shrub wetlands dominated wetland and alpine areas. Public use does occur, but levels could be considered low. Two areas of state land are authorized for use by the University of Alaska (LAS 19739 & 23365). RST 3 (Hajdukovich-Macomb Plateau) and RST 613 (Hajdukovich-Horn Mountain Trail) traverse through the middle of the unit and provide access to the Macomb Plateau. The Tanana River and Johnson Slough are identified as anadromous waterbodies. Important caribou is identified in the area of the Macomb Plateau.</p> |
| D-59 | Ha 3,251 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to protect and maintain wildlife and habitat values. Development is inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Unit is to continue in its</p> | <p>This unit lies west of, and adjacent to, the Delta River north of Mount Pillsbury. A relatively narrow unit, the mountain terrain in the west quickly levels out on deltas and wetland areas adjacent to the river. Public use is very limited due to difficulty accessing across the Delta River. Moose wintering and the bison concentration area are identified.</p> |

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| | | | <p>natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Retain in state ownership.</p> | |
| | | | <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | |
| D-60 | F, Ha 10,604 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for forestry and habitat values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining this site for future forestry operations while maintaining habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding habitat prior to authorizing uses. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>Across the river from Unit D-59, this unit is situated between the high mountains in the east and the Delta River in the west. The Richardson Highway closely follows the river traversing through the unit. Similar to the previous unit, the steep mountain terrain quickly gives way to sloping to level terrain adjacent to the river and highway. Large forested areas of deciduous and evergreen trees dominate the areas east of the road. These areas are suitable for forestry operations. Moose and caribou wintering habitat, sheep wintering habitat, and the bison concentration area are identified. RST 687 (Jarvis Creek Trail) and RST 686 (Oder Creek Trail) traverse through the northern portion of the unit.</p> |
| D-61 | Mi, Ha 35,650 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed to facilitate development of the coal and mineral resources while maintaining habitat values. Mineral development must consider impacts to habitat. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose, caribou, sheep, and bison habitat prior to authorizing uses. Rights to locatable minerals under and around the identified mineral lick are affected by LLO 14.</p> <p>Other than mineral exploration and operational facilities, development is not anticipated and is generally inappropriate in this unit except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit or is part of an authorized mineral development. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially those related to Subsurface Resources and Fish and Wildlife Habitat.</p> | <p>This remote mineralized area is situated generally around Mount Hadjukovich in the Alaska Range and includes 9 documented gold and polymetallic vein and intrusion hosted lode prospects and placer prospects and mines stretching from McCumber Creek to 8 miles east of Mount Hadjukovich. Portions of the unit are covered in glaciers while others include deep glacial valleys and river systems like the headwaters of the Gerstle and Johnson rivers. Most of the higher elevations of the unit consist of barren rock, snow, or glaciers. Lower elevations do have a mix of shrubby vegetation and some forest stands. Little public use occurs in this unit. Moose, caribou, and sheep wintering habitat are indicated within this unit. One mineral lick is identified within this unit and is located at F015S014E23. The subsurface estate under and around this mineral lick is affected by LLO 14.</p> |

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| D-62 | Rm 213,663 | Map 3-3 | <p>Unit is to be managed for multiple uses. Development is not anticipated and is inappropriate. Rights to locatable minerals under and around the identified mineral licks are affected by LLO 14.</p> <p>Authorized uses should avoid mineral licks identified in this unit. ADNR shall consult ADF&G to determine lick location, and potential impacts to sheep prior to authorizing uses.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of the high mountains and glaciers of the Alaska Range. It is remote and difficult to access. Vegetation in this unit primarily exists at lower elevations associated with drainages and mostly consists of shrubs. Two antimony lode prospects are located near the historic Black Rapids lodge in the northeastern corner of the unit. Four mineral licks are identified within this unit. They are located at: F016S010E13; F016S011E8; F017S012E18; and F017S015E21. The subsurface estate under and around this mineral lick is affected by LLO 14.</p> |
| D-63 | Ma 736 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its material resources. Material sales to the public may be considered with the concurrence of ADOT/PF. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>This unit is comprised of many small subunits of material sites. Most of these sites are authorized for use by ADOT/PF. Many of the sites are within or adjacent to state maintained roads or in populated areas near Big Delta and Delta Junction.</p> |
| D-64 | Ha, Rd 18,365 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | <p>Unit is to be managed for its water resources, public recreation and habitat values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat, and recreational use of the river. Shorelands within the unit are to be managed in a similar way as the water column and are to be retained in state ownership. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>This management intent only applies to those parts of the Tanana River that are not included within the TVSF. Forestry operations may continue to be authorized on islands if impacts to adjacent habitat – aquatic and terrestrial – can be minimized. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G prior to authorizing operations on islands. Areas within the State Forest are to be managed under the authority of AS 41.17 generally and, more specifically, according to the requirements of the Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>This unit contains the Tanana River, which is defined as the area within the ordinary high water marks of this stream. As such, it includes the river and the shore lands associated with the river, which include islands, gravel bars, and similar upland type features. The requirements of this unit apply to both the water column and the shore lands associated with it. It also, at times, contains upland riverine areas adjacent to the waterbody. Public and transportation use of the Tanana is moderate to high, depending on river segment.</p> <p>Note: Some riverine areas are situated in adjacent upland units, outside the management unit of the Tanana River itself. The management requirements for these riverine areas are derived from the management intent of the upland unit. In those instances where the upland unit may provide for development, it is the intent of this plan that the riverine areas are to be retained or protected through the use of stipulations. See the Shorelands and Stream Corridors section of Chapter 2 for specific requirements affecting riverine areas. Certain islands within the unit have high value timber stands.</p> <p>Note: This unit also occurs within other regions and is identified in a different and separate management unit. The management requirements for each management unit that encompasses the Tanana River are identical to that described for the management unit in the Fairbanks Region.</p> <p>Note: Portions of the Tanana River within the Fairbanks and Delta regions are included within the Tanana Valley State Forest. See management intent.</p> |

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| D-66 | Ha, Rd 30,526 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for its habitat and public recreation values. Management will focus on maintaining water quality, habitat, and recreational use of the river. Shorelands within the unit are to be managed in a similar way as the water column and are to be retained in state ownership. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. See the Shorelands and Stream Corridors section of Chapter 2 for specific requirements affecting riverine areas. | <p>A reservation of water exists for the Tanana River within this unit.</p> <p>This unit contains the Delta River, which is defined as the area within the ordinary high water marks of this stream. As such, it includes the river and the shore lands associated with the river, which include islands, gravel bars, and similar upland type features. This unit excludes the portion of the lower river encompassed by the Interagency Land Management Agreement (ILMA) with ADF&G (ADL 414914). The requirements of this unit apply to both the water column and the shore lands associated with it. It also, at times, contains upland riverine areas adjacent to the water body. Use of the Delta River is moderate to high, depending on river segment.</p> <p>Note: Some riverine areas are situated in adjacent upland units, outside the management unit of the Delta River itself. The management requirements for these riverine areas are derived from the management intent of the upland unit. In those instances where the upland unit may provide for development, it is the intent of this plan that the riverine areas are to be retained or protected through the use of stipulations.</p> |
| D-67 | Ha, Wr 508 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for its habitat and water resource values. Management will focus on maintaining habitat for spawning salmon and recreational use of the river. Shorelands within the unit are to be managed in a similar way as the water column and are to be retained in state ownership. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the spawning habitat and water resource values of the unit. Until this unit is legislatively designated, ADF&G will maintain management authority consistent with the ILMA (ADL 414419). This unit remains closed to new mineral entry. See the Shorelands and Stream Corridors section of Chapter 2 for specific requirements affecting riverine areas. | This unit consists of the lower portion of the Delta River that is encompassed by the Interagency Land Management Agreement (ILMA) with ADF&G (ADL 414914). The unit includes a portion of the Delta River fed by upwelling spring water after summer flows in the river subside. This area, along with several other upwelling areas nearby, serves as one of the two major fall chum spawning areas within the Yukon Drainage. Because of its importance as salmon habitat, this plan recommends that the area of upwelling be legislatively designated as a critical habitat area. Use of this segment of the Delta River is moderate to high. MCO 601 closes land within this unit to new mineral entry. |
| D-68 | Hr, Wr 6,635 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to protect and preserve the archaeological resources and the water resources associated with Keystone and Shaw creeks and the associated wetland complexes. The OHA shall be consulted before any earth disturbing activities or prior to authorizing any activity within this unit. Development shall not be authorized except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Unit is to continue in its natural state. ADNR shall consult with ADF&G regarding moose habitat prior to authorizing uses. Retain in state ownership. Because of the significance of the archaeological resource, these lands are to be retained in state ownership. | This unit includes the lands and waters around Lower Keystone Creek adjacent to the Richardson Highway, contiguous with the Lower Shaw Creek drainage. The terrain is primarily level to gently sloping wetland complex. Vegetation is primarily composed of wetland species, however some forested areas exist. Moose calving habitat is indicated in the southeast portion of the unit. Dispersed recreation occurs in the unit and includes hunting and trapping. A small portion of the Pogo Mine access easement (ADL 416817) is located in Section 17, F007N009E. The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) has identified significant archaeological resources within the unit. |

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| D-69 | Ma 4.8 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for its material resources. This small unit contains a material sale site (MS62-4-165-2, ADL 419552) adjacent to the Richardson Highway within the TVSF. This small quarry encompasses a bedrock extrusion on a south-facing bluff above the highway near the Tanana River. The Office of History and Archeology has identified significant archeological resources within or surrounding this unit. | This small unit contains a material sale site (MS62-4-165-2, ADL 419552) adjacent to the Richardson Highway within the TVSF. This small quarry encompasses a bedrock extrusion on a south-facing bluff above the highway near the Tanana River. The Office of History and Archeology has identified significant archeological resources within or surrounding this unit. |
| D-70 | Rd 329 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to preserve and enhance access and recreational opportunities. | Encompassed by this unit is Fourmile Hill, a somewhat isolated prominence that rises above the adjacent relatively level agricultural and residential lands adjacent to the communities of Big Delta and Delta Junction. It is densely forested except for the southern exposure of the hill and has a well-developed network of trails or roads including public easements (ADL 400064). Currently, these lands are used for dispersed recreation by community residents. |
| D-71 | Pt 5 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | The conveyance of these lands to the City of Delta Junction was appropriate under the TBAP and may remain appropriate within the ETAP. If determined in the best interest of the State, the unit may be conveyed to the City of Delta Junction within a period of five years after the adoption of the plan. If the unit is not conveyed during the five-year time period, the unit will automatically convert to a Settlement-Commercial designation (classified Settlement Land) and the disposal of these lands by the State will be appropriate. | Unit consists of three parcels of State land within the City of Delta Junction. The adjacent land uses are a mixture of commercial and residential uses. Currently, these parcels are leased by the City of Delta Junction (ADL 415300) for the purpose of creating a park within the city. The City has applied to acquire this land for the purpose of creating a public park (ADL 419913). |
| D-72 | Sc 20 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | The conveyance of these lands to Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit group, for the development of the Delta Career Advancement Center Expansion facility may be appropriate. If determined in the best interest of the State, the unit may be conveyed to Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc. within a period of five years after the adoption of the plan. If the unit is not conveyed during the five-year time period, the disposal of these lands by the State will be appropriate. This unit is affected by LLO 39. | Unit consists of a 22 acre parcel of state land (Tract B in ASLS No. 2005-12) within the City of Delta Junction. The unit is level with the eastern portion densely vegetated with a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees. Vegetation in the western portion of the unit is less dense, and has a well-developed network of trails. The adjacent land uses are a mixture of school land, commercial land, and residential uses. The airport lies just north and west of the unit. |
| D-73 | Pr 19 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | All existing state land and acquired land in this unit shall be managed to preserve and enhance public use and access. It is intended that these lands will be managed by DPOR via ILMA or Management Right. Activities that detract from this management intent should not be authorized. | Situated on the south bank of the Tanana River just off the Alaska Highway, this unit includes all land managed by DPOR as Rika's Roadhouse/Big Delta State Historical Park (ADLs 400067 & 404607). This relatively flat area of land has a high level of development in support of public use and includes the road house, access roads, trails, and parking areas. Access to a portion of these lands has been provided by a license agreement between the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System owners and DPOR. Two utility easements (ADLs 1794 & 414474) bisect this unit. |

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| D-74 | Rs 30 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed to support activities associated with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Retain in state ownership. | Located south of Fort Greely on the Richardson Highway, this unit is comprised of 3 parcels. All three parcels are in close proximity to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, appear to be undeveloped, and are heavily wooded. Parcel 1 lies just north of Pump Station 9. It is a small parcel of land at just over 2 acres. Parcel 2 is approximately 30 acres in size and is immediately adjacent to Pump Station 9. Parcel 3 lies south of the previous parcels and is just east of the Richardson Highway. It is approximately 30 acres in size. |
| D-75 | Rm 247 | Map 3-3, 3-3a | Unit is to be managed for multiple uses. Development is not anticipated in this unit due to lack of adequate access. | This flat unit lies east of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Vegetation is dominated by evergreen trees with typical wetland vegetation found near the middle of the unit. A few trails are evident. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System right-of-way is on the western boundary and the Golden Valley Electric easement bisects the eastern portion. Bison habitat is indicated. |
| L-01 | F 411,581 | Map 3-3 | <p>Tanana Valley State Forest (AS41.17.400): Manage uses consistent with the legislative purposes described in AS 41.17.200 and with the Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) management plan. The primary purpose of this State Forest is timber management while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources. The public use of lands within a state forest is only to be restricted when necessary to carry out the primary management objective of timber management.</p> <p>Authorizations issued by the Division of Mining, Land and Water within the Tanana Valley State Forest are to be consistent with the management intent of AS 41.17.200(a) and the adopted Management Plan.</p> <p>Note: LCO NC-10-004 does not affect the TVSF; the current land classification order(s) remain effective within the Forest.</p> <p>DMLW Water Resources Section should be consulted prior to development to determine impacts to the reserved water resources in this unit. See Appendix E for more information.</p> | <p>A management plan is required under AS 41.17.230 and is adopted (2001); uses and activities in the TVSF are to be guided by this management plan. The management plan constitutes a more specific statement of the purposes of the state forest. See management plan for detail on permitted uses. State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> <p>Reservations of water exist for the Chena and Tanana Rivers within this unit.</p> |
| L-05 | Ha 88,443 | Map 3-3 | <p>Delta Junction Bison Range Area (AS 16.20.300-320): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Bison Range Area and with the current management plan for this area. Because of the interim nature of this plan and the absence of a firm method of bison management, DNR should consult with ADF&G prior to issuing any authorizations in this Area. The Area is open to most public uses provided the activity does not damage the range's resources, disturb wildlife or disrupt existing public uses. Allowed activities include hunting, trapping, fishing, wildlife watching,</p> | <p>The Delta Junction Bison Range (DJBR) was established by the Legislature in 1979 (AS 16.20.300-320). Management of the Delta Bison Range is currently guided by the Delta Bison Interim Management Plan (2012). The 2012 plan is an update of the 2000-2005 Delta Bison Management Plan that preceded it. A plan for this area is required under AS 16.20.310. AS 16.20.310 provides for timber sales within the DJBR and directs that they should be done by the Division of Forestry.</p> |

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| | | | hiking, boating, snowmachining, and camping. Sale of timber is appropriate and must be conducted consistent with AS 16.20.315. | The Gerstle River Test Site, a former weapons test site (PLO 910) is almost entirely contained in the Delta Junction Bison Range. |
| | | | DOD should be contacted prior to accessing this area. | |

Map 3-3: Delta Region Boundary and Unit Boundaries

Map 3-3a: Delta Region, Delta Junction Area Detail and Unit Boundaries

Upper Tanana Region (3)

General

The Upper Tanana Region encompasses an area of 4.1 million acres and is the easternmost region within the planning area. Within this area, there are 2.1 million acres of state land. The region includes the area from the Alaska-Canada Border on the east, extending south along the border of the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge, to the eastern edge of the Alaska Range on the west, and finally continuing past the Alaska Highway to Billy Creek. Significant river drainages – primarily the Tanana River, Little Tok River, and Robertson River – are contained within the region. The Tanana River traverses this region, as well as other regions in the Plan area.

The Upper Tanana Region includes the communities of Northway, Mentasta Lake, Tok, Tanacross, and Dot Lake. The Alaska Highway crosses the center of the region, providing excellent access to several communities. However, much of the area off the road system is mountainous and inaccessible. Refer to Map 3-4 to locate the map of a particular area within the region.

Amount and Distribution of State Land

Land ownership within the region is mixed, and includes 2.1 million acres of state-owned and state-selected land throughout the region.²⁰ Of the state-owned land, 487,816 acres of this are associated with the TVSF which is primarily located north of the Alaska Highway and Tanana River. The remaining 1.6 million acres of state general domain land is spread throughout the remainder of the region. Large tracts of state land are present in the less accessible areas within the Alaska Range, west of the Glenn Highway.²¹ The central portion of the region has experienced considerable growth, especially in the area surrounding the community of Tok. Some commercial development has occurred along the Alaska Highway – with concentrations near Tok, at the intersection of the Alaska and Tok Cutoff Highways. Mixed land ownership consists mostly of private and Native-owned land. Private land is primarily within, and surrounding, the community of Tok. Although Native-owned land exists throughout the region, the largest concentration is the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and the adjacent lands to the west.

²⁰ Not all of this land will be conveyed to the State. The State has two types of selections: selections and topfiled selections. In the instance of the topfiled selections, it is possible the Native corporations will receive title to the land. Also, the state is considerably over-selected and not all of the selections that have been submitted will become state land. BLM is still in the process of adjudicating Native and State selections.

²¹ The portion of the Glenn Highway between Gakona and Tok is also referred to as the Tok Cutoff. Within this plan, the name Glenn Highway is used.

There are different requirements for the management of state land, depending on whether it is general state land or special domain land. Special domain land is land that has been withdrawn from the public domain by the legislature as a special purpose site, in this case for the TVSF. General state land is to be managed as public domain land consistent with Title 38 and with the requirements of this plan. Special purpose land is to be administered under Title 41 and according to the requirements of the management plan that applies to the LDA area. The amount of land within the TVSF totals 1,348,436 acres of which 487,816 acres are located within the region boundary. The TVSF Management Plan provides specific management guidance for the State Forest and is to be consulted for issues pertaining to the TVSF.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land

Access: Access to and within the Upper Tanana Region is predominantly via the Alaska, Richardson, and Glenn highways along with some secondary roads. Several RS 2477 trails traverse the region and the Tanana River and larger waterways provide access for boats and float/ski planes. Additionally, air access is available through the Northway Airport – a State airport – and several private airstrips.

Wildlife and Habitats: The region functions to provide important habitat to a wide variety of species, particularly waterfowl, brown bear, moose, caribou, and Dall sheep. Brown bear habitat is distributed near many streams and rivers in the eastern portion of the region. Moose and caribou are present throughout the region and many areas are important as wintering, calving, or rutting habitat. Dall sheep are present in the western portion of the region and important salt licks can be found in the Alaska Range. The Tanana River is categorized as anadromous by ADF&G. Many other streams are believed important as habitat for resident fish species.

Settlement: The principal natural resources in the region are related to state land available for mining, forestry, settlement, and a small amount for agriculture. Except for the area surrounding the community of Tok, land for residential development consists primarily of a remote recreational type and is scattered throughout the region. All of the disposal areas have road access, and one can also be accessed via the Tanana River.

Forest Resources: Much of the region is valuable for forest resources. The TVSF LDA is present throughout much of this region and encompasses 487,816 acres. Outside of the TVSF, over 185,019 acres of general domain land designated Forestry exists in this region. Areas designated Forestry represent those areas that are part of the DOF Priority 1 areas, or those areas of highest priority for inclusion in a program of systematic forest management, which would include timber harvest at certain locations. Areas designated Forestry may also be important habitat to a wide variety of species, including brown bear, moose, and caribou.

Agriculture: Although agricultural operations occur in portions of the region this plan revision does not recommend any additional areas of agriculture in this region.

Minerals and Hydrocarbons: The western portion of the unit, in the mountainous Alaska Range, contains volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits and is highly mineralized. The potential exists for future mining activity, and several mining claims exist throughout the region. There are no known coal or oil and gas resources within the region.

Recreation: Public recreation during the summer is focused on the major recreational rivers: the Tanana, Little Tok, and Robertson Rivers. Winter recreation is widespread and includes dog sledding, snowmachining, skiing, trapping, and snowshoeing to name a few. Moose, caribou, brown bear, and black bear are the most popular big game species and hunting pressure tends to be the greatest near the areas of access available in the region.

Management Planning Constraints

No known local management plans affect this region. Several state management plans affect this region: the 1991 Tanana Basin Area Plan (TBAP), which will be superseded by this update, and the Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan 2001 Update. The latter is not affected by the ETAP revision. The 1991 TBAP was consulted and was helpful in allocating land uses and resources. In addition, the BLM Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan was consulted to ascertain the intent of federal land management for the extensive holdings of federal land situated to the north and south of this region. This plan was of limited utility to plan revision since, at the time of plan revision (2015), it was in the process of being revised and the draft plan did not identify a preferred alternative that would have indicated the general intent of federal land management.

Management Summary

The overall management intent for this region is similar in many respects to the original recommendations of the 1985 TBAP as it applies to this portion of the planning area. The focus of management is the continuation of the present patterns of land development, multiple and sustained yield of state land resources, and the protection of key habitats, fisheries, and wildlife populations. Essentially, the plan balances the competing demands of resource development, a major theme of Article 8 in the Alaska Constitution, with the need to protect and maintain critical habitats and environments. The plan provides for the use and development of the important agricultural, forest, and mineral resources within the planning area where these resources exist. Concurrently, it provides large areas designated Habitat (or co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed) within the major river drainages and in extensive portions of the western and southern parts of the planning area where important habitat (moose and caribou) exist and where there is heavy subsistence hunting pressure.

State land is to be managed consistent with the plan designations and management intent/recommendations contained in the Resource Allocation Table (RAT). Most land will be managed in a manner similar to its designation, which means that state land in the Upper Tanana Region is divided between mineral, settlement, forestry, and habitat/recreation use.

In addition, land has been designated for the development of agriculture and some land situated in the remote portions of the region is assigned a Resource Management designation. The following table lists the acreage assigned to each of the primary designations used in this region.

Over 1,126,942 acres of state land is designated to protect habitat and recreation uses²². The Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed designations are often paired with each other or with the co-designation of Water Resources to acknowledge equally important values present on the land. Areas of state land affected by these co-designations are to be preserved in their natural state and retained in state ownership. In the case of a co-designation with Water Resources, the intent is to maintain the integrity of a large wetland complex. Many areas are also co-designated Habitat and Forestry since both values and resources are present in the same management unit. In these instances the intent is to provide for forest management activities while recognizing the associated wildlife and habitat values.

About 272,436 acres in the region are designated Minerals and are to be managed for mineral values and resources. These areas contain potential for volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits and are considered highly mineralized. Many of the deposits have good grades in copper, lead, zinc, silver, and gold. There is the possibility of more deposits being developed during the planning period. Areas designated Minerals are to be retained in state ownership.

In addition to the TVSF LDA, about 185,019 acres in this region are designated Forestry and are to be managed for several forest resources. This includes timber harvest at specific locations, but in such a way that access is preserved, public recreation allowed to continue, and habitats and wetlands protected. Not all of the areas designated Forestry contain forest resources; many areas consist of a mix of wetlands and forested uplands, with many of these areas providing important habitat and recreation functions. The inclusion of large areas of state land with a variety of resources within a Forestry designation is appropriate, since such areas can be managed comprehensively for multiple uses under this designation. The Forestry designation is a multiple use designation that encompasses the principles of forestry, recreation use, and habitat protection. Accordingly, the management intent statement for management units designated Forestry will often contain statements concerning the protection of wetlands and habitats, provision of recreation, and maintenance of public access. This management intent is consistent with the Division of Forestry's 'working forest' management concept. All areas designated Forestry are to be retained in state ownership.

Over 56,999 acres of state land are identified for Settlement. These areas tend to be distributed around resources such as rivers, lakes, and areas with a scenic view. Most of the Settlement areas in this region are road accessible, with one accessible via the Tanana River. All areas designated Settlement are appropriate for disposal. Most of the best land for settlement has been conveyed out of state ownership over the past 30 years.

²² All Generally Allowed Uses under 11 AAC 96.020 are permitted within the region; this plan does not recommend the creation of areas of special use designation that could restrict such uses, although it does not preclude their establishment if necessary and in the state interest.

Nearly 309,491 acres of state land is designated Resource Management. Areas designated Resource Management do not have a dominant resource value and are considered to be a multiple use category. Nonetheless, these areas are usually remote (in comparison to the other units in the region), lack access, and often contain terrain and soils that are not conducive to development. These areas are to be retained in state ownership with only limited, public or utility improvements considered appropriate. Other forms of development may be appropriate if in the best interest of the state but widespread development of areas designated Resource Management is not intended.

| Designation | Acreage, Region 3 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Habitat | 1,126,863 |
| Public Recreation | 287,487 |
| Resource Management | 301,491 |
| Settlement | 57,000 |
| Minerals | 272,436 |
| Forestry | 185,019 |
| Agriculture | 0 |
| Water Resources | 120,442 |
| Materials | 818 |
| Reserved Use | 0 |

Resource Allocation Table – Upper Tanana Region (3)

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|--|---|
| U-01 | Rm 49,013 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Any development that may be authorized shall consider its effects upon moose and caribou wintering habitat.</p> | <p>Unit is located along the north boundary of the Region, north and east of the Tanana Valley State Forest LDA. Eagle River traverses across the unit. Billy Creek runs along the southeastern boundary of the unit. Mineral occurrences (TC001, TC006) are present (porphyry type).</p> <p>The terrain is hilly throughout, with flatter areas at lower elevations surrounding the river corridor. Vegetation is primarily evergreen forest in the lower elevations, shrubs in the higher elevations and woody wetlands present surrounding the river corridor.</p> <p>Moose and caribou wintering areas occur throughout the unit and surrounding region.</p> |
| U-02 | Ha 94,339 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. This unit is to be retained in state ownership and continue in its natural state.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit.</p> | <p>Unit is located near the northeast corner of the TBAP Region boundary, northeast of the Tanana River and Alaska Highway. The unit consists of three subunits all adjacent to the northeast boundary of the region.</p> <p>Topography consists of mountain and river valleys, with peaks over 4,000 feet. Groundcover consists mostly of shrubs and evergreen forests. Mineral occurrence (TC010) is present (porphyry type).</p> <p>Caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit and surrounding area. Moose calving, rutting and wintering occur in most of the unit.</p> |
| U-03 | F, Ha 36,738 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for its forest resources and wildlife habitat. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for select and personal harvest, and maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational resources. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Continued use of the resource extraction site is considered appropriate. Timber sales are also considered appropriate.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines, especially related to Forestry and riparian protection for streams.</p> | <p>Unit is located south of the Tanana River and adjacent to the Alaska Highway just west of Dot Lake. The topography is hilly, with knobs and ridges cresting 2,000 foot elevation. Vegetative land cover consists of mainly evergreen forest, with some stands of deciduous trees dispersed throughout. Woody wetlands occur adjacent to the creeks in the unit.</p> <p>Important waterfowl migration habitat is present through the eastern portion of the unit. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit, with caribou generally present throughout the unit and north to the Tanana River. Moose occur throughout the unit and surrounding area.</p> <p>ADL 403427 (TAPS ROW) traverses through the unit, adjacent to the Alaska Highway. A resource sale (ADL 408997) is present within the unit, north of the Alaska Highway near Sam Creek.</p> |

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| U-04 | Ha, Wr 3,871 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wetland hydrologic, wildlife and wildlife habitat values. Continued dispersed recreation uses are appropriate. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of several subunits that are bisected by the Tanana River. It is located between the Tanana River and Alaska Highway, west of Dot Lake. The terrain is flat and groundcover is primarily riverine and freshwater wetlands.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present throughout the unit and along the Tanana River corridor. Caribou and moose are present throughout, and adjacent to, the unit. Caribou wintering occurs in the easternmost portion of the unit. The Tanana River is an anadromous stream.</p> <p>RST 333 (Tanana Crossing – Grundler Trail) crosses the northeast corner of the unit.</p> |
| U-05 | Ha 17,884 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat values. This unit is to be retained in state ownership and continue in its natural state.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that the RS 2477 route is maintained.</p> | <p>Unit is located north of the Robertson River and southwest of the Alaska Highway. The unit is characterized by creek and river channels and hills and knobs in the 2,000-3,600 foot range.</p> <p>Vegetative cover in the unit is composed of deciduous and evergreen forests and mixed shrubs. Woody wetlands are present adjacent to Fish Lake, Berry Creek and Chief Creeks.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present adjacent to Fish Lake. Moose and caribou are present throughout the unit, with caribou calving present throughout the majority of the unit and both moose calving and wintering areas also occurring throughout.</p> |
| U-06 | Ha 5,920 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat values. This unit is to be retained in state ownership and continue in its natural state.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of one large and three smaller subunits. The large subunit is located north of the Robertson River and southwest of the Alaska Highway. The smaller subunits are located along the west side of the Alaska Highway. The unit is characterized by creek and river channels and hills and knobs up to 2,500 foot elevation.</p> <p>Vegetative cover in the unit is composed of deciduous and evergreen forests. Freshwater/ shrub wetlands are present adjacent to Bear Creek and Chief Creek. Smaller parts of the unit exist adjoining the highway, at Indian Village and a small tract south of Indian Village.</p> <p>Caribou wintering habitat is indicated on all subunits. Moose wintering and calving habitat is indicated for all but the western portion of the largest subunit. Moose rutting habitat is indicated in the southwest portion of the largest subunit. Waterfowl are present along the southeast and southwest portions of the unit and a waterfowl migration corridor is</p> |

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| | | | | <p>present through the unit.</p> <p>MCO 67A03 affects a portion of the unit.</p> |
| U-07 | Ha 29,566 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat values. This unit is to be retained in state ownership and continue in its natural state.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Robertson River, at the west edge of the Region. The terrain is very mountainous with elevations from 3,000-6,000 feet, occupying a portion of the Alaska Range. Vegetation consists of shrubs in the north and east portions of the unit, while the southern and western portions of the unit are primarily dwarf shrub leading up to barren rock, ice/snow and glaciers.</p> <p>The north and east half of the unit supports moose rutting and wintering. Caribou calving occurs throughout the majority of the unit and caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit. Bison and Dall sheep are present throughout the unit with Dall sheep wintering in the southern portion of the unit.</p> <p>Several state mining claims are present in the northwest portion of the unit.</p> |
| U-08 | Ha, Rd 110,340 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for wildlife, habitat, and recreation values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Any development that may be authorized shall protect easements and rights-of-way.</p> <p>The existing material sale is considered appropriate and may continue.</p> <p>Mineral licks are considered important to the life cycle of Dall sheep. Manage unit for its mineral potential, allowing for mineral exploration and development, while protecting the mineral lick for wildlife use. Consult ADF&G prior to issuing an authorization.</p> <p>Forest Lakes is recommended to be designated a state recreation site.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Alaska Highway and generally encompasses the Robertson River valley. The terrain of the unit is varied, ranging from flat in the northeast portion of the unit, to 7,000+ foot mountain peaks in the southwest portion of the unit. Vegetation ranges from wetlands adjacent to the river, to evergreen and deciduous forests, then ascending up through shrub, dwarf shrub, barren rock and ice and snow at the peaks.</p> <p>Dall sheep are present throughout the south half of the unit. Waterfowl habitat and a migration corridor are present in the northern portion of the unit. Caribou are present throughout the unit, with wintering and migration corridors occurring in the majority of the unit. Moose calving and wintering areas occur throughout the unit. A mineral lick is present in C019N008E.</p> <p>Fishing occurs at the confluence of the Robertson and Tanana Rivers, and Forest Lakes has previously been recommended for a state recreation site.</p> <p>ADL 415485 (material sale) is present at the junction of the Robertson River and Alaska Highway. ADL 415250 (access easement) traverses a portion of the unit south of the Robertson River. ADL 403427 (lease for the pipeline ROW) crosses the east edge of this unit, generally paralleling the Alaska Highway.</p> |

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| U-09 | Se 3,250 | Map 3-4 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program. Protect wildlife habitat values.</p> <p>A 100’ buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes. Any portion of the unit not affected by MCOs 67, 383, and 483, and MO 1031 shall be affected by LLO 39.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou wintering habitat and moose calving and wintering habitat. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts.</p> | <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>Unit is located adjacent to the Alaska Highway, north of the Robertson River. Terrain is generally flat, and vegetation consists of evergreen forest, with scattered deciduous stands in the west half of the unit.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present throughout the unit and portions of the unit are used as a waterfowl migration corridor. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit and surrounding region. Moose calving and wintering are present throughout the unit.</p> <p>Several disposals have occurred throughout this unit. ADL 403427 (TAPS ROW) affects this unit, as do the following mineral orders: MO 1031, MCO 383, and MCO 483.</p> |
| U-10 | Se 16,450 | Map 3-4 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program.</p> <p>Protect wildlife habitat and anadromous stream values. Maintain a 100’ buffer adjacent to the Alaska Highway and a 200’ buffer adjacent to the Tanana River and at least a 100’ buffer along the Robertson River. The existing resource and material sales are considered appropriate and may continue. Easements and rights-of-way are to be protected.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou wintering habitat and moose calving and wintering habitat. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts.</p> <p>Protect anadromous stream values.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit is located adjacent to the Alaska Highway, south of the Robertson River. Terrain is generally flat throughout the unit, with vegetation consisting primarily of evergreen forest throughout. A portion of the Cathedral Rapids fault, an active fault that has ruptured within the last 15,000 years, exists within this unit.</p> <p>Dall sheep are present throughout the south and west portion of the unit and waterfowl in its north and east parts. Caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit, and migration corridors exist across the Robertson River. Moose calving and wintering are also present throughout the unit. The Tanana River is adjacent to the easternmost portion of the unit and is anadromous. The anadromous values should be protected.</p> <p>Multiple disposals have previously occurred throughout this unit.</p> <p>MCO 764, and MO 1068 affect the unit. ADLs 400889 (Public ROW) and 419512 (resource sale) affect this unit. ADL 410396 (P&C use) is also present. ADL 403427 (lease for the pipeline ROW) traverses the northeast corner of this unit, generally paralleling the Alaska Highway.</p> |
| U-11 | Ha, Rd 2,724 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for its habitat and recreation values. Retain unit in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the community of Tok, north of the Alaska Highway and adjacent to the south shoreline of the Tanana River. U-19, a reserved lease for the Alaska Railroad extension bisects the unit.</p> |

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| | | | <p>certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. The material extraction site is an appropriate use and can continue, however.</p> | <p>The terrain is flat, and vegetation is primarily evergreen forest with scattered shrubs throughout the unit. Waterfowl are present throughout the unit and along the Tanana River corridor. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit and surrounding region. Moose calving and wintering are present throughout the unit. The Tanana River is an anadromous stream.</p> <p>ADL 410305 (ADOT/PF material sale) is present within the unit.</p> |
| U-12 | <p>F, Ha 15,784</p> | <p>Map 3-4, 3-4a</p> | <p>Manage unit for its forestry and habitat values. Retain unit in state ownership. Protect anadromous stream values.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>Main part of unit is located west of the community of Tok, north of the Alaska Highway, generally surrounding Galman Lake. Several smaller subunits of this unit are composed of selected lands. These include one directly north of Tanacross and one along the highway to the west of Tanacross. The Tanana River traverses the main part of the unit.</p> <p>Terrain is hilly throughout most of the unit, but is flat in the south portion of the unit. Vegetation consists of evergreen forests with wetlands and scattered deciduous stands throughout.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present throughout the south and east portions of the unit with molting habitat indicated in the northeastern portion of the unit on Mansfield Lake. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit and surrounding region. Moose calving, wintering, and rutting are indicated in the unit, and rutting is additionally present within the west portion of the unit. The Tanana River is an anadromous stream.</p> <p>Several disposals have occurred within the unit. RST 333 (Tanana Crossing – Grundler Trail) traverses the north and northeast portion of the unit.</p> <p>Recreation is concentrated in river corridors.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-13 | <p>Rm 11,340</p> | <p>Map 3-4, 3-4a</p> | <p>Manage for multiple uses and for compatibility with the Tanana Valley State Forest.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of two subunits - northern and southern. Unit is located east of the Tanana River, north of the Alaska Highway, northeast of Tetlin Junction and is adjacent to the Tanana Valley State Forest LDA.</p> <p>The terrain is primarily mountainous with elevations up to 3,500 ft. Vegetation is primarily evergreen forest and shrubs. Caribou wintering and moose are present throughout the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>Multiple state mining claims are present in the unit.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The Taylor Highway runs through the unit. ADL 414716 a Public Easement for the Taylor Highway Realignment Project also runs through the unit.</p> |
| | | | | <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-14 | Rm 45,485 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> | <p>Unit is located at the western boundary of this region, in the Alaska Range east of the Robertson River and south of the Johnson River. Terrain is mountainous throughout, with barren rock throughout the unit. Shrubs and evergreens are present adjacent to the West Fork of the Robertson River, and glaciers are present through the south and west portions of the unit. The Delta mineral belt overlaps the southern edge of this unit, several polymetallic massive sulfide prospects and occurrences are present on the southern edge of the unit. Access to this resource would be up the Robertson River from the Alaska Highway.</p> <p>Dall sheep, caribou, and moose are present throughout the unit. Caribou are present throughout the east half of the unit.</p> |
| U-15 | Mi, Ha 272,456 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for its mineral values and resources. Provide for mineral exploration and development, while protecting the mineral licks for wildlife use and avoiding or mitigating impacts to important habitat areas. Anadromous streams are to be protected. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. ADNR shall consult ADF&G regarding habitat and to determine lick location, and potential impacts to sheep prior to authorizing uses.</p> <p>Any mineral development shall, in addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose wintering habitat, bear concentrations and salt licks.</p> | <p>This large unit is located in the eastern Alaska Range, generally southwest of the community of Tok and surrounding the Robertson River, Tok River and Rumble Creek. It is classified as mineral land based on volcanic massive sulfide potential. Many of the deposits have good grades in copper, lead, zinc, silver, and gold. There are identified resources at two locations containing an aggregate of 91,899 tonnes copper, 316,792 tonnes lead, 759,140 tonnes zinc, 37.7 million ounces silver, and 37,717 ounces gold. Drilling has confirmed mineralized zones up to 50 feet thick.</p> <p>Terrain is mountainous with snowcapped peaks, glaciers and river valleys. Groundcover is barren rocks and snow at high elevations, shrubs on mountain slopes and evergreen and deciduous forests in the valleys.</p> <p>Brown bear occur throughout the river valleys. Dall sheep are present throughout the unit except the most glaciated areas and Dall sheep wintering habitat is indicated throughout much of the eastern portions of this large unit. Caribou wintering habitat is present in the northeastern portion of the unit. Moose wintering, calving, and rutting is indicated. The Tok River is anadromous.</p> <p>Salt licks are present in C016N007E and C018N008E. Mineral licks are heavily used, especially in the spring. Dall sheep are particularly known to use these licks. Bison, caribou, and moose are present in the west half of the unit, with caribou wintering present in the easternmost portion of</p> |

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| | | | | <p>the unit.</p> <p>Several mining claims exist in the east half of the unit. LLO 3 affects the southernmost portion of the unit.</p> |
| U-16 | Ha 165,124 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage to protect and maintain habitat values. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Any mineral development shall, in addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou and moose wintering habitat, bear concentrations and salt licks. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts.</p> <p>Mineral licks are considered important to the life cycle of Dall sheep. Manage unit for its mineral potential, allowing for mineral exploration and development, while protecting the mineral licks for wildlife use. ADNR shall consult ADF&G to determine lick location, and potential impacts to sheep prior to authorizing uses.</p> | <p>This unit is located south of the Alaska Highway and west of the Glenn Highway near Tok. It is bordered on the east by a portion of the Tanana Valley State Forest LDA. The Tok River runs through the southern portion of the unit and is anadromous. The unit is very mountainous and includes the eastern end of the Alaska Range, with peak elevations between 6,000 and 7,000 feet. Vegetation consists mostly of shrubs. Evergreen forests are present along the river corridors, and barren rock occurs at the highest elevations.</p> <p>Moose rutting and wintering occurs throughout this unit. Caribou wintering occurs through the northern and southern portions of this unit. Brown bear spring concentrations are also present around Yerrick Creek. Dall sheep are present throughout the unit, and salt licks are present in C017N010E22 and C018N008E.</p> <p>There are mineral claims in C016N011E and a mineral occurrence (TC 018) LLO 3 is present in C017N010E and C017N011E. ADL 403427 (lease for the pipeline ROW) traverses the northeast corner of this unit, generally paralleling the Alaska Highway in C018N009E.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-17 | Rp 22 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>This unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for operation of the Moon Lake State Recreation Area. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>A 100' buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> | <p>This small unit is north of the Alaska Highway, at Moon Lake.</p> <p>Unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the Moon Lake State Recreation Site (ADL 50067). The terrain surrounding the unit is generally flat, and vegetation consists of evergreen forests.</p> <p>Moose calving and wintering and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and the surrounding region.</p> |
| U-19 | Sc 190 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Area may be appropriate for mixed settlement and commercial use. Settlement already occurs to the north, while the southern portions adjacent to the Alaska Highway may be suitable for commercial development. Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State's land disposal program.</p> <p>Protect wildlife habitat and anadromous stream values. Maintain a 100'</p> | <p>Unit is located adjacent to the Alaska Highway, west of Tanacross and south of the Tanana River. Terrain is generally flat throughout the unit, with vegetation consisting primarily of evergreen and mixed forest throughout.</p> <p>Caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit. Moose calving and wintering are also present throughout most of the unit. The Tanana River</p> |

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| | | | <p>buffer adjacent to the Alaska Highway and a 150' buffer adjacent to the Tanana River. The existing resource and material sales are considered appropriate and may continue. Easements and rights-of-way are to be protected.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou wintering habitat, and moose calving and wintering habitat. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>is adjacent to the northern portion of the unit and is anadromous. The anadromous values should be protected.</p> |
| U-20 | Pr 994 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Unit is comprised of federal State-selected land and encompasses the Tanacross Airport. If acquired by the state it is to be managed for aviation purposes related to the Tanacross Airport.</p> <p>Public access on RS 2477 route will be maintained. Protect anadromous stream values.</p> <p>Maintain a 200' buffer along the Tanana River.</p> <p>Check land status prior to issuing authorizations.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of selected lands encompassing the Tanacross Airport which is operated by the BLM. The unit straddles and lies mostly south of the Tanana River which is anadromous. Terrain is flat. Vegetation is developed open space, mixed forest and woody wetlands. Caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit.</p> |
| U-21 | F, Ha 13,141 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for its forestry and wildlife habitat resource values. Retain in state ownership. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF.</p> <p>Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest, biomass use and forest management, while maintaining habitat values. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts.</p> <p>A 100' buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> | <p>Unit is comprised of northern and southern subunits. The northern subunit is located generally adjacent to the north and west end of the community of Tok. Unit is bisected by the Alaska Highway and lies south of the Tanana River. The terrain is flat, and vegetation consists of evergreens throughout the unit with some scattered shrubs throughout.</p> <p>The southern subunit is located west of the community of Tok, south of the Alaska Highway. The Slana-Tanana Crossing (RST 188), also known as the Eagle Trail, traverses the southern portion of the unit. The terrain in this segment of the unit is flat, with vegetation consisting of evergreen forest throughout. A wetland complex is present in this subunit. There are shrubs present in the west end of the unit.</p> <p>A waterfowl migration corridor is present through the unit. Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>Just over 4,000 acres of lands in the northeast corner of this unit is</p> |

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| | | | <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon waterfowl migration corridor and caribou wintering habitat.</p> | <p>currently used as long-term growth and yield forestry study plots and is subject to LLO 31.</p> <p>ADL 408701 (ADF&G lease) is present in the southwest portion of the unit. ADL 403427 (pipeline ROW lease) traverses the unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-22 | Se 26,479 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program.</p> <p>Maintain access provided by the RS 2477 routes. Maintain a 150’ natural vegetated buffer on either side of the Alaska and Glenn (a.k.a. Tok Cut-Off) highway rights-of-way. The existing material sale is considered appropriate and may continue.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon waterfowl migration corridor and caribou wintering habitat.</p> <p>Timber harvest prior to subdivision development for biomass supply and hazardous fuel reduction is considered appropriate after consultation with the Land Sales Section and if authorized by the Regional Manager, NRO.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit consists of multiple subunits surrounding and within the community of Tok. The area is generally accessed via the Alaska Highway, the Glenn Highway and various local roads from the highways. The terrain within and surrounding the community is flat, and the vegetation is mostly evergreen forest, with a mix of shrubs and wetlands east of the Glenn Highway. Waterfowl migration corridors occur across the community, caribou wintering occurs throughout the community and surrounding region, and moose are present throughout the community and adjacent areas.</p> <p>The immediate vicinity is quite developed with a mix of residential and commercial uses, schools, and a local airport. Several disposals have occurred over time to support the development activity within the community. RST 188 – Slana-Tanana Crossing Trail is adjacent to the southern boundary of this unit and RST 233 – Tok River Road is present in the northeast portion of the community. MCOs 67, 76, 77, 224, 269, 67A03, 356, 367, 1023 and 1045 affect the unit. ADLs 27158, 416035, and 418771 (DOT material sales) and MHT 9400381 affect this unit. ADL 403427 (pipeline ROW lease) traverses the unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-23 | Rm 855 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>This unit is to be managed for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> <p>Any development that may be authorized shall consider its effects upon waterfowl migration and caribou wintering habitat. Any proposed development or uses should maintain a 100’ buffer from the Glenn Highway.</p> | <p>Unit is east of, and adjacent to, the Glenn Highway. The terrain in the area is generally flat, with evergreen forest and woody wetlands being the primary vegetation type. A waterfowl migration corridor traverses the north section of the unit. Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>The unit surrounds a land disposal that was granted for use as a community landfill. MCO 356 affects a portion of the unit.</p> |

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| U-24 | F 14,607 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest, biomass use and forest management, while maintaining habitat, values. Protect anadromous stream values. This unit is recommended for inclusion in the TVSF due to the presence of timber resources and proximity to the TVSF.</p> <p>A 100' buffer on either side of the Glenn Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>The maintenance of wildlife movement corridors along the Tok River is to be considered in any authorization that may be adjudicated by DNR. These areas are to be maintained in order to ensure their continued use as movement corridors. DNR shall consult with ADF&G in the adjudication of decisions affecting such corridors.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou wintering habitat.</p> <p>Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>Unit is located south of the community of Tok and is adjacent to the Glenn Highway (the highway traverses the southern portion of the unit), west of the Tok River. The terrain of the area is generally flat and consists of mixed forests, shrubs, and some wetlands in the northwest portion of the unit.</p> <p>Caribou wintering occurs within the unit and surrounding region. Moose are present throughout the unit, with wintering habitat present in the southern portion of the unit. The Tok River is present in the southwest portion of the unit and is anadromous. Wildlife movement corridors are present in this unit.</p> <p>RST 188 – the Slana-Tanana Crossing Trail runs along the southwest edge of the unit.</p> |
| U-26 | Pr 146 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for public facilities (Tok ADOT/PF Maintenance Station and Tok School) under ADL 416123 and ADL 403582.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses the Tok ADOT/PF Maintenance Station on the West side of the Glenn Highway and Tok school on the east side of the Glenn Highway.</p> <p>Affected by DOT management agreements ADL 416123 and ADL 403582.</p> |
| U-27 | Pr 12 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for public facility (Tok Volunteer Fire Department) under ADL 58889 and ADL 402482.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses land used by the Tok Volunteer Fire Department under ADL 58889 and ADL 402482.</p> |
| U-28 | Pr 7 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for public facility (Tok Community Clinic) under ADL 45004.</p> <p>A 100' buffer on either side of the Glenn Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses site of the Tok Community Clinic. ADL 45004.</p> |

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| U-29 | Sc 89 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>This area is appropriate for mixed settlement and commercial use as it is adjacent to the Alaska Highway and Glenn Highway in the middle of Tok. Settlement and commercial development already occur throughout the unit. Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program. Protect cultural resources.</p> <p>A 100’ buffer on either side of the Alaska and Glenn highways is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines regarding settlement and cultural resources.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit is located in the heart of Tok around the junction of the Tok Cutoff (Glenn Highway) and Alaska Highway also extending east along the Alaska Highway north of the Tok Airport.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-30 | Pr 21 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for public facilities (Tok DMV and Tok Public Lands Information Center) under ADL 416123 and ADL 403582.</p> <p>A 100’ buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes. Ensure protection of cultural resources.</p> | <p>Unit lies adjacent to the Alaska Highway just north of the Tok Junction of the Alaska Highway and Glenn Highway. Tok DMV and Alaska Public Lands Information Center are located on unit.</p> <p>Unit is affected by management agreement with ADOT/PF under ADL 32636. Unit is also affected by permit for the Tok Lions Club to manage the Tok Memorial Park and Playground under LAS 23304.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-31 | Pr 93 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Unit is managed by ADOT/PF for operation of the Tok Airport under ADL 413309. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Refer to Interior ADOT/PF Alaska Transportation Plan (or successor documents) for management intent and guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is managed by ADOT/PF for operation of the Tok Airport under ADL 413309. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Refer to Interior ADOT/PF Alaska Transportation Plan (or successor documents) for management intent and guidelines. Unit surrounds the Tok Airport which is managed by the ADOT/PF under an ILMA, ADL 413309. Unit extends past the ILMA area to the east to encompass the Tok Airport. RST 1759, the Tok Dog Musher’s Trail is a well-used RS 2477 which loops around the Airport and through the unit.</p> |
| U-32 | Se 584 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State’s land disposal program.</p> <p>A 100’ buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> | <p>Unit is located just east of Tok adjacent to the Alaska Highway and surrounding the Tok River.</p> <p>Topography is flat. Vegetation is mostly woody wetlands surrounding the river and evergreen forest to the east of the river with some shrubs and deciduous forest as well. The Tok River is an anadromous stream.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Any land disposal that may be authorized shall consider its effects upon caribou wintering habitat. Protect anadromous stream. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines for settlement and riparian protection requirements.</p> | <p>RST 1759 – Tok Dog Musher’s Trail runs through unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| | | | <p>Portions of this unit are affected by LLO 39.</p> | |
| U-33 | Rp 9 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for operation of the Tok River State Recreation Site. Protect anadromous stream values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>A 100’ buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>This small unit is north of the Alaska Highway, and adjacent to the Tok River. Unit is completely surrounded by U-31, a settlement unit.</p> <p>Unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the Tok River Wayside Public Use Area (ADL 50053). The terrain surrounding the unit is generally flat, and vegetation consists of evergreen forests. Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and the surrounding region. The Tok River is an anadromous stream.</p> <p>RST 1759 – Tok Dog Musher’s Trail is on the north, west, and south sides of the unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-34 | F, Ha 2,435 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for its forestry and wildlife habitat resource values. Retain in state ownership. That portion of the unit in C019N015E is recommended as an addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest, which it adjoins on its southern and western boundaries.</p> <p>Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal use wood harvest, biomass use and forest management, if authorized by the Regional Manager, NRO. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Maintain significant habitats and protect anadromous stream. See specific riparian standards under 11 AAC 95. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>This unit consists of one large and three geographically scattered, smaller subunits. All subunits are located north of the Alaska Highway. The large subunit is bisected by the Tanana River, which is anadromous. The terrain is generally flat. Vegetation in the main part of the unit is primarily evergreen and deciduous forest north of the Tanana River and shrubs and wetlands south of the Tanana River. In the two smaller subunits to the west, vegetation is evergreen forest.</p> <p>Moose calving and wintering and caribou wintering occur within the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>Several disposals are present north of the Tanana River. ADL 65065 (P&C lease for a Coast Guard LORAN station) and ADL 403427 (lease for the pipeline ROW) are adjacent to the southern portion of this unit, generally parallel to the Alaska Highway.</p> <p>The Tok River Road is an RS 2477 that runs through one of the smaller eastern portions of the unit.</p> |

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| U-35 | Ha, Wr 2,483 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit to protect and maintain wetland hydrologic and habitat values. Retain in state ownership. Continued dispersed recreation uses are appropriate.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized.</p> | <p>Unit is located north of the Alaska Highway and is bisected by the Tanana River, which is anadromous. The terrain is generally flat, and the vegetation is primarily a mix of evergreen, deciduous forests and wetlands in the northern part of the unit and shrub and wetland in the southern part of the unit.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present throughout the unit, with nesting and molting present in the eastern portion of the unit. Moose calving and wintering and caribou wintering occur within the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-36 | Ha, Wr 640 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit to protect and maintain wetland hydrologic and habitat values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained.</p> | <p>Unit is located along the Alaska Highway at Midway Lake. It is exactly one section in size. Topography is hilly and vegetation consists of evergreen and deciduous forest and wetlands surrounding the lake.</p> <p>Waterfowl nesting occurs throughout the unit except the far northern portion in the hills. Moose calving occurs throughout the unit. Caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit.</p> <p>There are two RS 2477 trails that run through the unit. These are the Ladue River Trail (RST 1854) to the north of the highway and the Tetlin – Alaska Highway Trail (RST 1852) to the south of the highway.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-37 | F 7,314 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for personal harvest, biomass use and forest management, while maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Timber harvests should evaluate potential effects upon caribou wintering habitat prior to authorization. Maintain a 100' buffer from the Alaska Highway.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon caribou wintering habitat.</p> | <p>Unit consists of three subunits. Two large subunits lie mostly northeast of the Alaska Highway while the smaller subunit lies southwest of the highway. The majority of the unit consists of hills sloping up from the highway and a plateau that encompasses the eastern part of the unit. Vegetative cover in this unit consists of evergreens with small deciduous stands throughout. A wetland complex is present in the unit.</p> <p>Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and throughout the surrounding region.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |

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| U-38 | Rm 29,270 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for multiple uses. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts upon moose wintering and rutting habitat and mineral licks.</p> | <p>Terrain is mountainous with elevations to 6,500 ft. Vegetation consists of barren rock and shrubs at high elevations and evergreen forest in river valleys. Dry Tok Creek runs through the eastern portion of the unit. Dall sheep are present throughout the unit. Moose rutting and wintering occur at the lower elevations.</p> <p>Most of the eastern portion of the unit is state-selected land.</p> <p>A mineral lick is present in C015N006E just west of the unit. Mineral licks are heavily used, especially in the spring. Dall sheep are particularly known to use these licks.</p> |
| U-39 | Rm 11,996 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for multiple uses. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Except for mining, development is unlikely in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar projects that provide a general public benefit.</p> <p>Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. Any potential development shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts upon moose wintering habitat.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Glenn Highway and north of the Sikonsina Pass Trail, generally south and west of the community of Tok. Dry Tok Creek runs through the southeast portion of the unit. Terrain is mountainous. Groundcover consists of barren rock on north facing slopes, shrubs on south facing slopes and evergreen forests in the Dry Tok Creek valley.</p> <p>The Delta mineral belt within unit U-15 overlaps this unit. There are nine documented mineral prospects and occurrences in this unit, recent exploration includes testing by drilling, continued exploration is expected.</p> <p>Dall sheep are present throughout the unit. Moose are present throughout the lower elevations of the unit, with rutting and wintering present in the Dry Tok Creek valley.</p> <p>Mining claims are present throughout the northwestern part of the unit.</p> |
| U-40 | Rm 16,000 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for multiple uses. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is inappropriate except for certain communication facilities, roads, and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit consists of state and state-selected land north and west of the Glenn Highway and north of the Mentasta Spur Road and Slana-Tanana Crossing. The terrain throughout the unit is mountainous with elevations to 6,500 feet, and groundcover consists of shrubs and barren rocks. Dall sheep, caribou, and moose are present throughout the unit.</p> <p>The southern half of the unit is composed of state-selected land. Mineral occurrences NB003 and NB004 adjoin unit.</p> |
| U-41 | Ha, Rd 137,010 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for wildlife, habitat, and recreation values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types</p> | <p>Unit is located southeast of the Glenn Highway, with the Little Tok River traversing the unit. Terrain is mountainous with river valleys throughout. Groundcover includes evergreen forest at lower elevations and shrubs and barren rock at higher elevations.</p> |

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| U-42 | Ha 46,712 | Map 3-4 | <p>of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Access provided by the RS 2477 routes is to be retained.</p> <p>Check land status. State-selected lands occur in the southeast and southwest of the unit.</p> <p>Manage unit to protect and maintain habitat values. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Except as noted, development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. The existing resource sales are considered appropriate and may continue. Authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that access provided by the two RS 2477 routes and identified mineral lick are maintained. See also the following.</p> <p>Following adjudication of a preference right request related to ADL 30089, the area occupied by this ADL may be reclassified depending on the results of the adjudication. If the authorization is approved, the area will be reclassified to Settlement. If the authorization is denied, the designation of unit U-42 remains Habitat, including the area affected by the authorization decision.</p> | <p>Dall sheep are present in the north and east portions of the unit, outside of the major creek and river corridors. Brown bear concentrations occur in the northeast portion of the unit. Moose and caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit and surrounding region, and moose rutting is also present throughout.</p> <p>State-selected lands occur in the southeast and southwest of the unit. Mineral occurrence NB006 is present in this unit.</p> <p>Recreational uses occur along the Little Tok River, Buck Creek, Tuck Creek, and Suslositna Creek corridors. RST 1572 (Tuck Creek Trail), RST 1675 (Buck Creek Trail), and RST 83 (Batzulnetas-Suslota Pass Trail) pass through the unit. A few mining claims are present west of the Little Tok River.</p> <p>Unit consists of two subunits that straddle the Glenn Highway and Little Tok River. Groundcover consists of shrubs, with barren rock at higher elevations and evergreen forest and woody wetlands in valleys.</p> <p>Dall sheep, moose and caribou are present throughout the unit. Brown bear concentrations are present in the eastern subunit, and stream concentrations occur adjacent to Trail Creek and the Little Tok River. Brown bear spring concentrations occur in the north half of the unit. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit and surrounding region. General brown bear activity and berry concentrations occur within the central and southern portions of the unit. Moose wintering and calving are present throughout most of the unit. A mineral lick is present in C014N011E.</p> <p>ADL 27074 (Glenn Highway ROW) traverses the unit. ADL 34704 (DOT material sale) and ADL 30089 (lease) are located adjacent to the Glenn Highway in the western subunit. RST 188 (Slana-Tanana Crossing) traverses the western subunit, and RST 307 (Mentasta-Tetlin Trail) traverses the entire unit.</p> <p>Recreational uses are present within the unit. RST 307 (Mentasta-Tetlin Trail) and RST 83 (Batzulnetas-Suslota Pass Trail) traverse the unit. The Little Tok River corridor also supports recreational uses. A ROW easement is present (ADL 414901), which provides access to three parcels that have previously been conveyed for settlement uses (ADL 51727, ADL 52226, and ADL 51650). A resources sale for public and charitable use (ADL 416270) is present in the north portion of the unit, near 91 Mile Loop Road. Much of the unit remains in federal ownership and is in</p> |

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| | | | | <p>ANCSA selection status.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>There is a preference right application, ADL 30089, which has not yet been adjudicated.</p> |
| U-43 | Ha 11,691 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit to protect and maintain habitat values. It is intended that this unit continue in its natural state. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Mineral exploration and development are considered appropriate uses in this unit. Other than mining, development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit is located east of the Glenn Highway, south of the community of Tok and borders the Tanana Valley State Forest LDA. The Tok River traverses the north portion of the unit. The terrain is mountainous with river valleys and the vegetation is mostly evergreen forests across the unit with scattered deciduous stands throughout. Woody wetlands are at lowest elevations to the north and west and shrubs are present at the high elevations to the east. Mineral occurrences TC040 and TC041 are recent discoveries that immediately adjoin this unit.</p> <p>Brown bear spring concentrations are present along the north and west portions of the unit, within the Tok River corridor. Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit and surrounding region. Moose are present throughout the unit, with wintering habitat along the west half of the unit, in the lower elevations.</p> <p>State mining claims exist across a majority of the unit.</p> |
| U-44 | Rm 137,452 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state.</p> <p>Any development that may occur must carefully consider its impact upon moose and caribou wintering areas.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>The majority of this unit lies north and east of the Alaska Highway with only a small portion west of the highway at the confluence of the Nabesna and Chisana rivers. The majority of this unit lies within a hilly/mountainous area adjacent to Gardiner Creek. Vegetation consists mostly of mixed forests and shrubs with some wetlands toward the southern portion of the unit.</p> <p>Moose and caribou wintering habitat occurs throughout the region.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-46 | Pr 1,169 | Map 3-4 | <p>Unit is managed by the Alaska Department of Transportation for operation of the Northway Airport. Retain in state ownership. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> <p>Refer to Interior ADOT/PF Alaska Transportation Plan (or successor documents) for management intent and guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit is adjacent to the Nabesna River, south and west of the Alaska Highway and adjacent to the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The Tanacross River traverses the east portion of the unit.</p> <p>The unit is managed by ADOT/PF for operation of the Northway Airport (ADL 416177), which is accessible via the Alaska Highway and Northway</p> |

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| U-47 | Ha, Wr 50,664 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit to protect and maintain wetland hydrologic functions. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation uses are authorized.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized.</p> | <p>Road. The unit is located in the Tetlin wetland complex. Terrain is flat and vegetation within and surrounding the subunit consists of a mix of wetlands, shrubs, and evergreen forests.</p> <p>Waterfowl are generally present within and in the region surrounding the unit, and a migration route exists north of the unit. Moose calving and wintering and caribou wintering occur within the unit and the surrounding region.</p> <p>RST 1588 (Northway Airport-Jatahmund Lake Trail) is present in the south portion of the unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>Unit consists of two subunits, both of which are within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The main subunit is located west of the Alaska Highway. The smaller subunit lies along the Alaska Highway to the north near Yarger Lake and Eliza Lake. The terrain is primarily flat, and vegetation consists of evergreen and deciduous forest in the main portion of the unit, with some wetlands. The northern portions of the unit surrounding the lakes consist of woody wetland, mixed and evergreen forest.</p> <p>This area is very productive waterfowl nesting habitat and migration corridors occur throughout the unit. Moose calving and wintering occurs within the western half of the unit, along with caribou wintering and migration. The unit contains black bear spring concentrations and the Chisana River is an anadromous stream, providing habitat for chum salmon. Wildlife viewing occurs throughout the unit. Big game hunting occurs throughout most of the unit, along with waterfowl harvest in the western portion.</p> <p>There are native allotments in the western portion of the unit along the Chisana River. ADL 403427 (lease for the TAPS ROW) traverses the northeast portion of this unit.</p> <p>The Chisana River is an anadromous stream.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |

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| U-48 | Rp 28 | Map 3-4 | <p>Unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for operation of the Lakeview Campground under an ILMA (50068). Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Maintain a 100' buffer adjacent to the Alaska Highway.</p> | <p>Unit is located on the northeast shore of Yarger Lake, west of the Alaska Highway and within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The unit is managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the Lakeview Campground. The terrain is relatively flat, and the vegetation consists mostly of evergreen forest.</p> <p>Waterfowl nesting is present within the unit and surrounding areas. Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and surrounding region.</p> <p>The unit is affected by ADL 410593 (ROW).</p> |
| U-49 | Pr 4 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for a public facility (Lakeview Maintenance Site) under ADL 412987.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Alaska Highway and east of Yarger Lake and within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The unit is managed by ADOT/PF for the Lakeview Maintenance Site (ADL 412987, management right).</p> <p>Waterfowl nesting occurs within the unit and surrounding areas. Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs within the unit and surrounding region.</p> |
| U-50 | Rm 90 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage for multiple uses.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of development may be authorized if it is determined that the project activity is in the general best interest of the state. Any authorizations that may be issued shall consider effects upon the caribou wintering habitat.</p> | <p>Unit is adjacent to the east side of the Alaska Highway, southeast of Northway Junction. The terrain is flat, and vegetation consists of evergreen forest and shrubs.</p> <p>Moose are present and caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit and surrounding region.</p> |
| U-51 | Rp 19 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for public recreation values and consistent with the requirements of ADL 413871. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Protect cultural resource values.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Alaska Highway, on the northeast shore of Deadman Lake. Access is via the Alaska Highway and Deadman Lake Road. The unit is operated under a lease (ADL 413871) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Deadman Lake Campground. Terrain within the unit and surrounding area is flat, and vegetation consists of a mix of evergreen forest and wetlands.</p> <p>Waterfowl are present within the unit and surrounding area. Caribou wintering occurs within the unit and throughout the surrounding region. Moose calving and wintering occur within the unit and through most of the adjacent Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>The unit is affected by RST 1591 (Deadman Lake Campground Trail).</p> |

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| U-54 | Ha, Wr 54,777 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage the unit to protect and maintain the hydrologic functions of the wetlands. Retain in state ownership. Dispersed recreation uses are appropriate.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> | <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>Unit is located between the Alaska Highway and the Canadian border. The terrain is primarily flat, with hilly areas approaching the Canadian border. Vegetation consists primarily of evergreen forest with wetlands adjacent to Gardiner Creek and the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge in the west half of the unit. The east half of the unit is primarily wetlands with evergreen forest mixed throughout.</p> <p>The area is an important spring and fall waterfowl concentration area, especially around Gardiner Creek. The unit is also located within a caribou wintering and migration route, and is a black bear spring concentration area.</p> <p>RST 1589 – Paradise Hill Cabin Trail runs through the south and east portion of the parcel. ADL 414154 (ROW easement) affect a portion of the unit, near the Alaska Highway. ADL 403427 (lease for the TAPS ROW) traverses the southwest portion of this unit.</p> |
| U-55 | F 32,000 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for forest resources and values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for select and personal harvest, and maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational resources. Retain in state ownership. FLUPs are to evaluate potential affects upon caribou wintering habitat.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for management guidelines related to fish and wildlife, and forestry.</p> | <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>Unit is located north and east of the Alaska Highway, approaching the Canadian border, and consists of mountainous terrain and river valleys throughout the subunit. Vegetative cover in this subunit is mostly evergreens and shrubs, with small deciduous stands scattered throughout the subunit.</p> <p>Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit, and moose are generally present as well. Waterfowl are present along the southern portion of this subunit.</p> |
| U-56 | F 45,027 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for forest resources and values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for select and personal harvest, and maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Existing material sites are considered appropriate uses and may continue. Authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that the access provided by the two RS 2477 routes are maintained.</p> <p>A 100' buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other</p> | <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> <p>Unit lies east of the Alaska Highway, adjacent to the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and adjacent to the Canadian border. The northern and western portions of the unit are relatively flat, while the south and eastern portions are mountainous with river valleys throughout. Vegetative cover consists mostly of evergreen forest with a large area of shrubs to the east.</p> <p>Caribou wintering is present within and adjacent to unit. Waterfowl are present in the northern and southern portions of unit, and migration corridors cross the unit.</p> <p>Unit is traversed by RST 1589 – Paradise Hill Cabin Trail and RST 1586 – Scotty Creek Lodge-High Cache Trail. ADL 414154 (easement ROW)</p> |

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| | | | management purposes. See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the management guidelines for Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Chapter 2, consider impacts upon waterfowl migration corridor and caribou wintering habitat. Protect cultural resource values. | affects the western portion of the unit. ADL 403427 (pipeline ROW) and ADL's 415653 and 408883 (ADOT/PF material sale) are located in the southern tip if the unit. Cultural resources are present in this unit. |
| U-58 | Ha, Hv 9,562 | Map 3-4 | <p>Unit is to be managed to maintain its original state in order to facilitate the traditional harvest of subsistence resources. Specific consideration is to be given to maintaining the habitat for the harvest of moose and caribou. Authorizations which would have significant negative impact on these resources are not appropriate.</p> <p>Settlement is not appropriate within unit and land disposals for purposes of settlement should not be authorized.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose and caribou wintering habitat.</p> <p>Maintain access to adjacent forestry designated land and RS 2477 routes.</p> | <p>Unit is located east of the Alaska Highway, which also provides access. Unit is adjacent to the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The terrain is hilly throughout, and vegetation consists of evergreens with scattered shrub stands.</p> <p>This unit exhibits a long history of concentrated subsistence harvest, especially that of moose and caribou.</p> <p>Moose and caribou wintering occurs throughout the unit.</p> <p>The unit is traversed by RST 1589 – Paradise Hill Cabin Trail, and is affected by ADL 414154 (easement ROW) and ADL 413509 (private timber sale). Native allotments exist within the unit.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |
| U-59 | Ha, Wr 8,143 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage and protect and maintain the hydrologic functions of the wetlands and protect habitat resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Dispersed recreation uses are considered appropriate.</p> <p>Development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain utilities, communication facilities, roads and similar projects that provide a general public benefit. Uses inconsistent with this management intent are not to be authorized, including leases, land disposal, and other uses and structures requiring a permanent structure. Uses that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit may be authorized.</p> | <p>This unit is located east of the Alaska Highway, adjacent to the Canadian Border and the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. Unit occupies an area of generally flat, forested/shrub wetlands that support various habitat and harvest values. The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) reports prehistoric heritage sites in or around the unit.</p> <p>The entire unit supports waterfowl habitat and migration, including highly productive waterfowl areas around Scottie Creek. Caribou wintering occurs within and adjacent to the unit.</p> <p>ADL 403427 (TAPS ROW) affects the southwestern edge of the parcel.</p> |
| U-60 | Ha, Rd 14,587 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Unit, which consists of the Tanana River, is to be managed for its water resources, habitat and public recreation values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat and recreational use of the river. Uses may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership including islands and other uplands within the navigable waters of the Tanana River.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Tanana River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel. The Tanana River is anadromous.</p> <p>Note: Portions of the Tanana River within the Fairbanks region are included within the Tanana State Forest. See management intent.</p> |

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| | | | <p>This management intent only applies to those parts of the Tanana River that are not included within the Tanana Valley State Forest. Areas within the State Forest are to be managed under the authority of AS 41.17 generally and, more specifically, according to the requirements of the Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan.</p> | |
| U-61 | Ha, Rd 7,224 | Map 3-4 | <p>Unit, which consists of the Robertson River, is to be managed for its water resources, habitat and public recreation values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat and recreational use of the river. Uses may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Management intent for this unit applies to other extents of the Robertson River which are not depicted on map.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership including islands and other uplands within the navigable waters of the Robertson River.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Robertson River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel.</p> |
| U-62 | Ha, Rd 6,510 | Map 3-4 | <p>Unit, which consists of the Chisana River, is to be managed for its water resources, habitat and public recreation values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat and recreational use of the river. Uses may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership including islands and other uplands within the navigable waters of the Chisana River.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Chisana River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel.</p> <p>The Chisana River is anadromous.</p> |
| U-63 | Se 464 | Map 3-4 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State's land disposal program.</p> <p>Any authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that the Alaska Highway right-of-way is maintained. A 100' buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> <p>Tracts associated with the subdivision are to be retained by the state and managed to retain the natural features of the sites.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> | <p>Unit comprises lots and tracts of ASLS 81-37, which adjoins the Alaska Highway. Terrain is generally level. This unit includes and is directly adjacent to portions of the Dot "T" Johnson fault, an active fault that has ruptured within the last 15,000 years.</p> <p>Development of this subdivision has been precluded by the classification assigned to this area, which included Forestry, Wildlife Habitat, and Public Recreation. The change in classification to Settlement in this plan revision (2015) is appropriate. Habitat and forestry resources exist to the south of this location and are managed under F-03, which is co-designated Forestry and Wildlife Habitat. Development may have also been precluded by the development of the then proposed gas pipeline between Prudhoe Bay and the Canadian border. The application for the withdrawal of the pipeline was approved in 2009 by DNR. A gravel extraction site</p> |

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| | | | This unit is affected by LLO 39. | occupies portions of lots in section 15. |
| U-64 | F 340 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for forest resources and values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for select and personal harvest, and maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Authorizations that may be issued are to ensure that the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline and Alaska Highway rights-of-way/easements are protected. A 100' buffer on either side of the Alaska Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the ROW for safety or other management purposes.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the management guidelines for Forestry and Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose calving and wintering habitat. Protect cultural resource values, if present.</p> | Unit occupies fairly flat land near the Alaska Highway, but steepens southward from the highway. Deciduous and evergreen vegetation is present throughout areas of hilly terrain. Wetlands are present in portions of the flat parts of the unit adjacent to the Alaska Highway. Moose calving and wintering habitat occupies portions of the unit. The Haines – Fairbanks pipeline (ADL 100833) adjoins the Alaska Highway, which crosses the northernmost portions of the unit. |
| U-65 | F, Ha 7,639 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for its forestry and wildlife habitat resource values. This unit is recommended as an addition to the Tanana Valley State Forest. Uses may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Consult with Regional Manager, NRO prior to initiating timber harvest/forest management activities.</p> <p>Any authorization that may be issued is to protect the right of the secondary road and the access provided by the two RS 2477 routes. To the extent practicable, development should be situated to avoid particularly sensitive moose calving and wintering areas. Maintain a 100' riparian buffer along Tracy Creek and Little Tok River.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines.</p> <p>LLO 39 affects this unit.</p> | <p>Much of the unit consists of lowlands associated with the riparian areas adjoining the Little Tok River and to a lesser extent, Trail Creek. Other than these areas terrain is hilly. Vegetation within the lowlands consists of hydric vegetation associated with wetlands plus, in areas of better drained soils, evergreen and deciduous forest. Portions of moose wintering, rutting, and calving range occupy various portions of the unit. Significant forest resources exist in sections 22, 27, and 34 of C014N012E.</p> <p>The Tok Cutoff Highway is situated immediately to the east of the unit in portions of the Little Tok River drainage. Additionally, a local road, emanating from this highway, plus two RS 2477 routes (RST 307, Mentasta - Tetlin and RST 83, Batzulnetas - Suslota Pass Trail) provide access to and through portions of the unit. There are a number of existing OTE parcels in portions of the unit.</p> |
| U-66 | F 10,530 | Map 3-4 | <p>Manage unit for forest resources and values. Management emphasis will be focused on maintaining the natural character of the unit, while providing opportunities for select and personal harvest, and maintaining habitat, wildlife, and recreational resources. Retain in state ownership. Recommend adding to TVSF, which it adjoins.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the</p> | Consisting of three large subunits, unit occupies generally level terrain within floodplain and riparian areas of the Tok and Little Tok Rivers, but edges of unit also encompass steep hillside. Wetlands are extensive throughout the three subunits, although sites with better drainage are occupied by evergreen, and deciduous forest is present. The floodplain of the Tok River in C015N010E is particularly extensive. Moose wintering habitat generally coincides with the valley bottoms. |

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| | | | <p>management guidelines for Forestry and Fish and Wildlife in Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose wintering habitat. Protect highway and RS 2477 rights-of-way and cultural resource values, if present. Access provided by the RS 2477 route is to be retained.</p> <p>The designation/classification of the preference right application noted in the Resources and Uses will convert to Settlement if the adjudication decision determines that to do so is in the best interest of the state and with the requirements pertinent to preference rights. If the adjudication decision determines that the application is not in the best interest of the state or that the requirements pertinent to preference rights are not met, the designation and classification of the area of the preference right application remain Forestry.</p> | <p>Many portions of the unit are accessed by the Glenn Highway and a RS 2477 (RST 188) is also present, following much of the alignment of the Glenn Highway. The Tanana Valley State Forest adjoins each of the three subunits.</p> <p>A preference right (4 acres within SE1/4 of Section 17 and the NE1/4 of Section 20, T014NR011E, CM) was applied for in ADL 30089. DMLW cannot adjudicate the case since the area is not classified Settlement, required under Alaska Statute. Rather than require the amendment of the plan shortly after it had been approved, it is better to recognize this situation and provide for reclassification of the 4-acre parcel in this plan if the preference right adjudication determines that the application meets the requirements of statute and should be approved. See Management Intent.</p> |
| U-67 | Ha, Rd 9,633 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Nebesna River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel. Uses may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Retain in state ownership including islands and other uplands within the navigable waters of the Nabesna River.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Nebesna River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel.</p> <p>The Nebesna River is (in part) anadromous.</p> |
| U-68 | Ma 818 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources consistent with the authorization issued by DNR. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>Unit consists of several gravel pits adjacent to the Alaska Highway, Tok-Cutoff Highway, and Taylor Highway.</p> |
| U-69 | Se 9,493 | Map 3-4 | <p>Land disposals are appropriate within the planning period. Retain land for purposes of supporting the State's land disposal program. Maintain access to adjacent forestry designated land and if authorized provide for personal use wood harvest.</p> <p>A 1200' buffer on either side of the Taylor Highway is to be maintained to preserve the natural character of the immediate landscape. This is not intended to preclude clearing or widening of the right-of-way for safety or other management purposes.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 for specific management guidelines. In addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose rutting and caribou wintering habitat.</p> <p>This unit is affected by LLO 39.</p> | <p>Unit is located north of Tetlin Junction adjacent to the Tanana Valley State Forest LDA, and bisected by the Taylor Highway. The terrain is hilly throughout and vegetation consists of both evergreen and deciduous cover. The unit is adjacent to the Dennison Fork River to the east, and the headwaters of the West Fork of the Fortymile river to the west.</p> <p>A small portion of moose calving and rutting habitat is present in the southeast corner of the unit along the creek bottom.</p> <p>ADL 414716 a Public Easement for the Taylor Highway Realignment Project also runs through the unit.</p> |

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| L-01 | F 487,576 | Map 3-4, 3-4a | <p>Tanana Valley State Forest (AS 41.17.400): Land is managed according to the Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan and in accordance with the purposes for establishment of the forest in (AS 41.17.400).</p> <p><i>Note: The Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) is classified for Forestry under Land Classification Order Number: CL NC-82-065. This designation information is for reference purposes only. This plan and its Land Classification Order do not affect the classification of the TVSF.</i></p> | <p>The Tanana Valley State Forest LDA occupies a large portion of this region, primarily north of the Alaska Highway and Tanana River.</p> <p>Cultural resources are present in this unit.</p> |

Map 3-4: Upper Tanana Region Boundary and Unit Boundaries

Map 3-4a: Upper Tanana Region, Tok Area Detail and Unit Boundaries

Alaska Range East Region (4)

General

The East Alaska Range region is unique among the regions within the ETAP; it is characterized almost entirely by mountainous areas that are heavily glaciated or contain exposed, barren rock either associated with glacial retreat or high mountainous terrain. It encompasses over 642,000 acres, of which the majority of the land is owned by the State, although significant areas within the central area of the region are owned by the federal government. The region extends from the Fort Greely Military Reservation in the north to an area north of the Amphitheatre Mountains in the south, and from the Denali and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs in the west to the eastern extremity of the Alaska Range, located near the Robertson River drainage. The other dominant landscape feature within the region is the valley associated with the Delta River, a heavily braided, glacially-influenced river. The valley created by this river is quite broad and generally flat. This valley contains the Richardson Highway and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Refer to Map 3-4 for this region.

Amount and Distribution of State Land

Within this planning region, the state is the dominant land owner (approximately 586,650 acres). The State has also selected a considerable amount of federal land, most of which is concentrated in townships F015S009E and F016S009E²³. Other areas have been selected by the State but in comparison to the concentration in these two townships, the areas are small and scattered and located in the area west of the Richardson Highway. There is also a small amount of private land. Lands owned by the University and Mental Health Trust are not present in this planning area. Federal land concentrates in the townships within and near the Black Rapids Glacier, the dominant landscape and geomorphic feature in the area west of the Richardson Highway.

The size of this planning region has decreased substantially from that included in the 1985 TBAP. That part of the 1985 region south of T018S has been removed from the ETAP plan boundary. This area is more properly dealt with by area plans that affect the regions south of the main parts of the Alaska Range. It is intended that a management plan for the Denali Block will be prepared in the foreseeable future. This area includes the Tangle Lakes, which are rich in cultural history and archeological features, and generally includes the

²³ These selections are actually top-filed selections and are affected by PLO 5150 (TAPS Utility Corridor). The State could obtain these lands in the future, depending of the results of BLM adjudication but is uncertain when this action may occur. The east one-half of these townships are, however, a high priority selection by the State.

Amphitheater Mountains and the area west of the Richardson Highway. The area east of the Richardson Highway will be included in the upcoming revision of the Copper River Basin Area Plan.

Unlike other regions within the plan boundary, only general domain land exists within this region. This type of land is to be managed as public domain land under AS 38 requirements.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land

Access: Access within the region is limited, constrained by glacial features and mountainous terrain. The main access corridor to and through the region is the Richardson Highway, which follows the broad valley created by the Delta River. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System traverses generally the same corridor as this highway. Other than the Richardson Highway, access is limited. There are no evident RS 2477 routes within the region.

Wildlife and Habitat: Wildlife is scarce throughout the region compared to other portions of the planning area, reflecting mountainous and glacial terrain and the general absence of favorable habitats. Brown bear are found throughout the region, generally along river valleys and exposed, non-glacial uplands that are less steep. Caribou also are found in the far northern and scattered southern parts of the region on a seasonal basis. The northern use areas are confined to areas within townships 014S and 015S, and are associated with caribou wintering habitat. Dall Sheep are also present throughout the region, extending southward to township 018S and are concentrated in those areas with vegetated river valleys. This area is part of their general range.

Minerals and Hydrocarbons: Mafic-ultramafic deposits occur in large portions of the western and central parts of the region. These deposits encompass the following complexes: Fish Lake, Eureka, and Rainy. Although these deposits cover a relatively small area, the DGGs regards them to have high potential for mineralization. There is a very large block of state mining claims within townships 018S007-011E. There are no known coal bearing units or basins with potential hydrocarbon formations within the region. Additionally, there is a string of mineral occurrences along the north slope of the Alaska Range between the East Fork of the Little Delta River and the Big Delta River that appear to be metamorphosed volcanogenic massive sulfides. There could be future exploration or development of these prospects. There are two antimony occurrences in the vicinity of Black Rapids; which is a strategic and critical mineral.

Forest and Agriculture: Reflecting terrain and topographic features, there are no areas with agricultural or forestry potential.

Recreation: Also reflecting terrain and topographic features and the general absence of caribou and moose, there is little recreation, including sport hunting and fishing, within this region. What little that occurs is associated with Dall sheep and caribou in more accessible locations. The Delta River with its broad, braided floodplain acts as a barrier to easy

movement to the area west of the Richardson Highway. The scenic values of the Richardson Highway will be protected through the management guidelines associated with unit U-07 (which contains state land east of the Richardson Highway). All Generally Allowed Uses under 11 AAC 96.020 are permitted within the region; this plan does not recommend the creation of areas of special use designation that could restrict such uses.²⁴

Management Planning Constraints

The East Alaska Range region does not contain any municipalities and is not included within an organized borough. Accordingly, there are no local comprehensive plans.

Extensive portions of the region west of the Richardson Highway are owned by the federal government and are managed by BLM. Most of the townships within 016S and 017S are under and will continue to be under federal management since these areas have not been selected by either the state or native corporations. The areas in selection status in townships 015S and 016S, 009E are also likely to remain under federal ownership and management for the foreseeable future because of the presence of Public Land Order 5150, which must be lifted before these areas might be conveyed to the state. These areas are affected by the BLM Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan. This plan was of limited utility in plan revision because of the focus upon federal land and since the plan, at the time of plan revision (2015), was in the process of being revised and the plan did not identify a preferred alternative that would have indicated the general intent of federal land management.

Other than the 1985 TBAP, there are no other state plans affecting this area. In the 1985 TBAP the Denali Scenic Highway Plan affected the Richardson Highway, but this area has been removed from the ETAP planning areas. The 1985 TBAP was consulted and was helpful in developing management intent for the units in this region. However, because of new mineral and habitat information, the delineation of the specific management units differs and reflects this newer information.

Management Summary

The overall management intent for this area is generally similar to that developed in the initial 1985 TBAP. Both the original plan and this revision reflect the reality of this region: that it is made up of mountainous terrain with extensive glaciers and glacial topographic features, that it is inaccessible and lacks significant resource or recreational values, but that it also contains unique geologic and terrain features. The uniqueness of these features and the viewscapes that they create mandates that this region needs to be managed in a conservative fashion. This management orientation differs from the other regions in this area plan; the latter focus on a more active use of state land and resources and have a strongly multiple use

²⁴ This statement is not intended to preclude the creation of such special use designations in the future, should they be warranted.

orientation. All state land, including state-selected land, within this region is to be retained in state ownership and is to be managed for its recreation, habitat, and scenic values. Mining is recognized as an appropriate use and is subject to applicable state and federal permitting and regulatory requirements. The majority of land is designated Habitat, Public Recreation-Dispersed, or Resource Management, totaling approximately 558,400 acres. The use of the Resource Management designation reflects the character of the land: that there are no known resources and no known economic demand for its use during the planning period. Lands affected by this designation are also to be retained by the state.

Reflecting the absence of suitable land, no land disposals are recommended, and reflecting the absence of suitable agricultural soils or significant forest stands, neither are agricultural or forestry development/management recommended. The potential for the development of mineral resources exists, however, and large areas west of the Richardson Highway are designated Mineral (183,295 acres). There is also limited potential for commercial development at level sites along the Richardson Highway. The state lands east of the Richardson Highway are designated Public Recreation-Dispersed, but management intent text recognizes that some amount of commercial development may be appropriate at locations along the highway. Specific management guidelines for such development are included in unit E-07.

| Designation | Acreage, Region 4 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Habitat | 312,238 |
| Public Recreation | 126,126 |
| Resource Management | 157,186 |
| Settlement | 0 |
| Minerals | 183,295 |
| Forestry | 0 |
| Agriculture | 0 |
| Water Resources | 0 |
| Materials | 26 |
| Reserve Use | 0 |

Resource Allocation Table – Alaska Range East (4)

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| E-01 | Ha 120,018 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat values. Unit is to continue in its native state and be retained in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is not anticipated in this unit and is inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Mineral development is recognized as an appropriate use in this unit. Mineral licks are to be maintained in any proposed mineral extraction operation. Consult ADF&G prior to issuing an authorization.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are in selection status; review land status prior to any authorization.</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Richardson Highway and Delta River. The headwaters of Delta Creek and the Little Delta River traverse the unit. The terrain is mountainous, with elevations ranging from 2,000-6,000 feet. Shrubs are present through the majority of the unit, with barren rock, ice and snow at the higher elevations and smaller areas of evergreen, deciduous and mixed forest and woody wetlands at low elevations.</p> <p>Caribou wintering is present throughout the unit, and calving appears in the northern portions of the unit. Moose are concentrated in valleys throughout the unit, with rutting present in the north and west portions of the unit, and wintering present along the west, north, and east portions of the unit. A moose migration corridor also traverses the unit. Bison occur in the far eastern part of the unit toward the Delta River. Dall sheep occur throughout the unit except in the lowlands near the Delta River and East Fork of the Little Delta River. Dall sheep wintering habitat occurs throughout the northern and central part of the unit. Brown bear spring concentrations are found along the valleys of Delta Creek and the East Fork of the Little Delta River.</p> <p>There is a string of mineral occurrences along the north slope of the Alaska Range between the East Fork of the Little Delta River and the Big Delta River that appear to be metamorphosed volcanogenic massive sulfides. Specific mineral occurrences including MH004, MH005, MH006, MH007, MH008, and MH011 are present in this unit. Mineral licks have been reported in two townships: F014S005E9, 10 and F015S008E22, 23.</p> <p>State selections are present in the eastern part of the unit.</p> <p>There is a leasehold location order, LLO 3, in F014S005E.</p> <p>There is a trapping cabin on the East Fork of the Little Delta River. It is under ADL 400595.</p> |
| E-02 | Rm 157,191 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage for multiple uses including mineral exploration and development. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Except for mining, development is unlikely within this unit and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public</p> | <p>Unit is located west of the Richardson Highway and Delta River, in the east Alaska Range. The terrain is mountainous, with elevations ranging from 2,000-13,000 feet. The majority of the unit is covered by glaciers and moraine except for shrubs on lower slopes and evergreen, deciduous and mixed forest and woody wetlands at low elevations near the Delta River.</p> |

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| | | | <p>benefit.</p> <p>Other types of projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> <p>Portions of this unit are in selection status; review land status prior to any authorization.</p> | <p>Dall sheep wintering habitat is found in small portions along the northern edge of this unit. The Black Rapids Glacier provides recreational values to the region. The Delta River borders the eastern end of the unit, and high recreational uses occur within the Delta River corridor, and the area around the Black Rapids access site.</p> <p>There is a string of mineral occurrences along the north slope of the Alaska Range between the East Fork of the Little Delta River and the Big Delta River that appear to be metamorphosed volcanogenic massive sulfides. Specifically, mineral occurrences MH009, MH010 are present. Mining claims are present in F018S007E and F018S008E. There is a leasehold location order, LLO 3, in F014S005E. MCO 529 occurs along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System corridor following the highway.</p> <p>The Delta Wild and Scenic River corridor occurs along the eastern side of this unit and is managed by the BLM.</p> <p>State selections are present throughout the unit.</p> <p>Unit is adjacent to unit E-03.</p> |
| E-03 | Ha, Rd 27,000 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage to protect and maintain the habitat and public recreation values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is unlikely in this area and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit.</p> | <p>Unit abuts the Delta Wild and Scenic River. Unit is mountainous with elevations over 6,000 ft. Groundcover consists of shrubs and barren rock with deciduous forest at low elevations toward river.</p> <p>Dall sheep wintering habitat occurs throughout this unit.</p> |
| E-04 | Ha, Rd 5,088 | Map 3-5 | <p>Unit encompasses the navigable portion of the Delta River and adjoining riverine uplands and is to be managed for its habitat and recreation values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is unlikely in this area and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Projects may be authorized if they are determined to be in the best interest of the state and maintain the values and resources of the unit. Maintain right-of-way associated with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.</p> <p>Check land status or those areas conveyed to the state prior to issuing authorizations.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses a portion of the Federal Delta Wild and Scenic River. Groundcover is mostly barren rock along river bar and some patches of deciduous forest and shrub.</p> <p>Dall sheep wintering habitat occurs throughout this unit. The Richardson Highway forms the eastern boundary of the unit. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System also runs through unit, east of the highway. The unit is narrow, running north and south and lies mostly in the valley bottom along the Delta River.</p> <p>Mineral Closing Order 529 affects the eastern half of the unit.</p> <p>Unit is comprised entirely of state selected lands.</p> |

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|---|--|
| E-05 | Mi 28,260 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage unit for its mineral values and resources. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Any mineral development shall, in addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts upon moose habitat.</p> | <p>This unit is located in the Alaska Range, west of the Richardson Highway and north of the Denali Highway. Unit contains significant mineralized potential based on the widespread presence of numerous copper, nickel, chromium, palladium, and platinum occurrences and prospects housed in mafic-ultramafic complexes.</p> <p>Terrain is mountainous with peaks over 7,000 feet, glaciers and river valleys. Groundcover consists of barren rocks and snow at high elevations, shrubs on mountain slopes and high valleys.</p> |
| E-06 | Mi, Ha 155,035 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage unit for its mineral values and to maintain important Dall sheep wintering habitat. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Any mineral development shall, in addition to the management guidelines of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 2, consider impacts to wildlife and Dall sheep habitat, and shall either avoid or minimize development related impacts. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit, however, may be authorized.</p> <p>Authorizations shall consider impacts to both the caribou herd that uses this area (Nelchina Herd) and the need to maintain this area as a recreation area, as an extension of the activities that occur to the south in the Denali Highway area. This area generally occurs within Townships: F018S010E, F019S007-010E, F020S007-010E.</p> | <p>This unit is located in the Alaska Range, west of the Richardson Highway and north of the Denali Highway. Unit abuts the Delta Wild and Scenic River.</p> <p>Terrain is mountainous with peaks over 5,000 feet, glaciers and river valleys. Groundcover consists of barren rocks and snow at high elevations, and vegetation consists of shrubs on mountain slopes and high valleys.</p> <p>Dall sheep wintering habitat occurs throughout unit.</p> <p>Unit contains significant mineralized potential land based on the widespread presence of numerous copper, nickel, chromium, palladium, and platinum occurrences and prospects housed in mafic-ultramafic complexes. Mining claims occur in the western, central, and southern portions of the unit.</p> |
| E-07 | Ha Rd 1,822 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage unit for its recreational and habitat values. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>Development is unlikely in this area and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if in the best interest of the state and with the management intent of this unit. Structures should be set back approximately 100' from the Richardson right-of-way.</p> <p>Authorizations issued adjacent to the Richardson Highway for permanent structures of a commercial type should be few in number and situated at a nodal location. Other areas adjacent to the Highway should remain undisturbed and be retained in state ownership. Settlement is inappropriate within this unit.</p> | <p>Unit occupies the area immediately to the east of the Richardson Highway. Depending on location, terrain may be gentle to hilly. Vegetation in the southern portion of the unit is characteristically shrub while areas to the north are occupied by evergreen forest. Brown bear and caribou are present.</p> <p>The more level terrain in this unit has already been conveyed out of state ownership, although portions of the unit within sections 18 and 19 are somewhat suited for limited development.</p> <p>The Richardson Highway is part of this unit. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System is situated just west of this unit on private land. Some portions of the pipeline may also be within the Richardson Highway right-of-way.</p> <p>There is one mineral occurrence in this unit (MH206). This site contains the same package of rocks that host the metallic deposits in units E-06 and</p> |

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) | Management Intent | Resources and Uses |
|--------|------------------------|---------|--|---|
| E-08 | Rd 88,940 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage this unit to maintain scenic views, public recreation activities, and significant habitat areas (if present). Unit is to be retained in state ownership. Mineral exploration and development is recognized as an appropriate use.</p> <p>Except for mining, development is unlikely in this area and is generally inappropriate except for certain types of utilities, communication facilities, roads, and similar types of projects that provide a general public benefit. Other types of projects may be authorized if in the best interest of the state and with the management intent of this unit, which emphasizes the maintenance of scenic views, recreation and significant habitats. Because of the widespread presence of significant metallic minerals south of the Canwell Glacier, there should be an increased level of management (for mineral resources) in this area. DMLW should coordinate with DGGS prior to issuing any permanent authorizations or disposals in this area.</p> | <p>E-08.</p> <p>This very large unit is situated east of the Richardson Highway and is characterized by mountainous terrain and numerous glaciers, including the Eel, Canwell, and Johnson. A heavily braided portion of the Robertson River is situated in Ranges 13 and 14. There is relatively little vegetation in this unit given the widespread presence of high elevations and glacial terrain features. Dall sheep wintering habitat occurs on the eastern and western edges of the unit. A portion of a caribou range extends northward along the Richardson Highway. State mining claims blanket large portions of F018N011E, and four significant mineral occurrences are present. There is the widespread presence of numerous copper, nickel, chromium, palladium, and platinum occurrences and prospects housed in mafic-ultramafic complexes. That part of the unit south of the Canwell Glacier is considered to have a high potential for mineral resources.</p> |
| E-09 | Ha, Rd 3,305 | Map 3-5 | <p>Unit, which consists of the Delta River, is to be managed for its water resources, habitat and public recreation values. Particular emphasis in this management is to focus on maintaining water quality, sensitive habitat and recreational use of the river. Activities and projects that do not preclude the primary uses of this unit, however, may be authorized.</p> <p>Retain in state ownership including islands and other uplands within the navigable waters of the Delta River. Unit encompasses segments of the Delta River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel.</p> | <p>Unit encompasses segments of the Delta River as measured from bank to bank from Ordinary High Water. Besides the water column itself, islands and exposed gravel bars are also included in this parcel.</p> <p>The Delta River is an anadromous stream. It is also designated by BLM as a National Wild, Scenic and Recreational River.</p> <p>The state asserts that the Delta River is navigable and is therefore owned by the state.</p> |
| E-10 | Ma 26 | Map 3-5 | <p>Manage unit for its material values and resources consistent with the authorization issued by DNR. Material sales to the public may be considered with the concurrence of ADOT/PF. Retain in state ownership.</p> | <p>This small unit contains a material sale site (MS 71-0-035-2, ADL416203) on the east side of the Richardson Highway.</p> |

Map 3-5: Alaska Range East Region Boundary and Unit Boundaries

Legislatively Designated Areas

There are five Legislatively Designated Areas (LDA) within the plan boundary. These encompass a total of about 1.7 million acres out of the 8.2 million acres of state-owned land and state-selected land within this area. The larger LDA's include: Tanana Valley State Forest (1,348,436 ²⁵ acres within the ETAP), Chena River State Recreation Area (252,812 acres), and the Delta Junction Bison Range Area (88,385 acres). The TVSF occupies substantial areas of state land throughout the planning area and within the Fairbanks, Delta Salcha, and Upper Tanana regions. The Chena River SRA occupies portions of the eastern half of the Fairbanks region, while the Delta Junction Bison Range Area occupies state and private land in areas near Delta. The smaller LDAs include the Creamer's Field Migratory Bird Refuge (2,704 acres) and the Goldstream Public Use Area (3,213 acres). DNR is responsible for the administration of the land and resources of the Tanana Valley State Forest, Chena River SRA and the Goldstream PUA, and shares management responsibility with the ADF&G for the Delta Junction Bison Range Area. ADF&G is responsible for the management of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Legislatively Designated Areas are special purpose sites that are managed according to the requirements of the legislation specific to the site and to the general class of LDA, and any subsequent management plans or regulations that implement the requirements of the legislation. The effect of the LDA designation is to reserve state lands out of the public domain and use or protect them for the purposes stipulated in the enabling legislation.

For these reasons, area plans do not apply to the management of LDAs within the planning boundary, except for the plan designation that is assigned, which is subsequently converted to a land classification in a Land Classification Order²⁶. Certain types of authorizations issued by the Department involve a disposal of state land, and administrative regulation requires that the land, with certain exceptions, must first be classified before it is conveyed out of state ownership. In general, the LDAs within the plan boundary are assigned the designations of Forestry, Habitat, and Public Recreation-Dispersed, reflecting the intent of the legislation that created the LDA. These plan designations are not intended to provide the general management direction similar to the way that designations are applied in other units of this plan, however. Management direction for authorizations within LDAs is provided through the enabling legislation, state administrative regulation, or a management plan specific to the LDA. If management plans or administrative regulations are not available, the general management intent specific to the LDA or to the category of LDA are to be followed.

The LDAs that are the subject of this discussion are contained in all area-wide plan maps.

²⁵ The 1,348,436 acres of the Tanana Valley State Forest within the ETAP boundary do not represent the total acreage for the TVSF, which extends across multiple planning areas.

²⁶ The land classification order in this plan (NC-10-004) does not affect the Tanana Valley State Forest nor the Chena River State Recreation Area.

Chapter 3: Legislatively Designated Areas

The following Resource Allocation Table identifies the five LDAs. It gives their plan designation, management purposes (which are usually related to statutory purposes), and specifies if a management plan exists that guides Department decision making for the specific LDA.

Resource Allocation Table – Legislatively Designated Areas

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) / MTR | Management Intent | Administrative Aspects and Other |
|--------|------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| L-01 | F 1,811,400 | Map | <p>Tanana Valley State Forest (AS 41.17.400): Manage uses consistent with the legislative purposes described in AS 41.17.200 and with the Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) management plan. The primary purpose of this State Forest is timber management while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources. The public use of lands within a state forest is only to be restricted when necessary to carry out the primary management objective of timber management.</p> <p>Authorizations issued by the Division of Mining, Land and Water within the Tanana Valley State Forest are to be consistent with the management intent of AS 41.17.200(a) and the adopted Management Plan.</p> <p>Note: The current land classification orders affecting the TVSF are retained. NC-10-004 does not affect the TVSF. Additions to the TVSF will require the amendment of the existing LCOs.</p> | A management plan is required under AS 41.17.230 and is adopted (2001); uses and activities in the TVSF are to be guided by this management plan. The management plan constitutes a more specific statement of the purposes of the state forest. See management plan for detail on permitted uses. State land is to be retained in this LDA. |
| L-02 | Ha 1,772 | Map | <p>Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge (AS 16.20.039): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Refuge (AS16.20.039(c)) and with the management plan under AS 16.20.039 (d). The primary purpose of the Refuge is to protect and enhance habitat for migratory birds with special emphasis on waterfowl.</p> <p>A management plan for the Refuge has been prepared (Interim Management Plan, 1993). Authorizations are to conform to the general purposes of the Refuge and are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan. When adopted, the provisions of the revised plan will apply.</p> | Recreational and agricultural activity is expressly permitted within the Refuge if consistent with the management plan. See management plan for detail on permitted uses. State land is to be retained in this LDA. |
| L-03 | Ha, Rd 27,000 | Map 3-5 | <p>Chena River State Recreation Area (SRA) (AS 41.21.475): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the SRA (AS 41.21.475) and with the management plan. The primary purpose of state recreation areas is to provide for public recreation.</p> <p>A management plan for the SRA has been prepared (Management Plan, 2006). Authorizations are to conform to the general purposes of the SRA and are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan.</p> | Specific prohibitions on the restriction of uses are identified in AS 41.21.490. Such restrictions shall not prohibit work on valid mineral leases or mining claims, the legal taking of fur bearing animals, and the traditional use of roads and trails by any means of transportation occurring regularly before the creation of the SRA on June, 18, 1967. State land is to be retained in this LDA. |

| Unit # | Designation(s) / Acres | Map(s) / MTR | Management Intent | Administrative Aspects and Other |
|--------|------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| L-04 | Ha, Rd 5,088 | Map 3-5 | <p>Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.170): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Public Use Area (PUA), which recognizes the area as a public use area intended to protect and enhance the present uses of the PUA, and with the management plan.</p> <p>A management plan for the PUA has not been prepared. Until prepared, the PUA is to be managed for the general use of state land by the public. A listing of allowed uses is included in AS 41.23.150(c) and should be consulted prior to the issuance of an authorization. When prepared, authorizations are to be consistent with the requirements of the management plan and with AS 41.23.150(c).</p> | <p>The Goldstream PUA is open to mineral entry under AS 41.23.150(d). State land is to be retained in this LDA.</p> |
| L-05 | Ha 28,260 | Map 3-5 | <p>Delta Junction Bison Range Area (AS 16.20.300-320): Manage uses consistent with the purposes of the Bison Range Area and with the management plan for this Area (Delta Bison Interim Management Plan, 2012). Because of the interim nature of this plan and the absence of a firm method of bison management, DNR should consult with ADF&G prior to issuing any authorizations in this Area. The Area is open to most public uses provided the activity does not damage the range's resources, disturb wildlife or disrupt existing public uses. Allowed activities include hunting, trapping, fishing, wildlife watching, hiking, boating, snowmachining and camping.</p> <p>Consult with ADF&G to determine if a final plan has been prepared. If prepared, management actions are to be consistent with the final adopted plan.</p> | <p>Note that this is considered by ADF&G to be an interim plan pending resolution of the issue of fencing. A working group recommended that fencing was the best solution for keeping bison out of agricultural fields but the farming community's preference is for other management options, but the 'latter cannot be supported by ADF&G'. The Interim management plan indicates that ADF&G will continue to collaborate with DNR to explore various fencing and maintenance alternatives as well as other means to mitigate or prevent bison damage to agriculture fields.</p> |

Map 3-6: Legislatively Designated Areas

Navigable Rivers and Lakes

Management Intent of Navigable Waterbodies

Background

The intent of the plan is to designate and provide management intent for the shorelands under all navigable waterbodies. There are so many navigable rivers and lakes in the planning area that it is not practical to state the management intent for each individual waterbody. Therefore, the plan identifies general management intent and designations for most of the waterbodies within the planning area. In some cases, however, specific designations are identified for a particular waterbody because of the size, uniqueness, or particular values and functions of a river or lake.

The term “shorelands” is defined as land belonging to the state which is covered by non-tidal water that is navigable under the laws of the United States up to the ordinary high water mark as modified by accretion, erosion, or reliction (AS 38.05.965). See Figure 1-1 at the beginning of Chapter 1 for a diagram that illustrates the differences between shorelands, submerged lands, and uplands.

Shorelands are not identified on the plan designation maps. Identification of all such waterbodies is impractical on maps of the scale used in this plan. *The DNR records on navigability and hydrology must be consulted in order to determine whether a specific stream or lake is likely to be navigable.* These records are available in the Public Access Assertion and Defense unit in the Division of Mining, Land and Water in Anchorage. More information on navigability policy can be found on the DNR website.

Public Trust Doctrine

The Public Trust Doctrine provides that public trust lands, waters and living natural resources in a state are held by the state in trust for the benefit of all the people, and establishes the right of the public to fully utilize the public trust lands, waters, and resources for a wide variety of public uses. Each state has the authority and responsibility for managing these public trust assets to assure the public rights are upheld.

The Public Trust Doctrine applies whenever navigable waters or the lands beneath those waters are altered, developed, conveyed, or otherwise managed. It also applies whether the trust lands are publicly or privately owned. Shorelands below the ordinary high water mark are considered public trust lands. In summary, all submerged lands – including tidelands out to the three-mile-limit and the beds of navigable lakes, streams and rivers – are all public trust lands.

The Alaska Constitution contains numerous provisions embracing principles of the Public Trust Doctrine that require the state to exercise authority to ensure that the right of the public to use navigable waters for navigation, commerce, recreation, and related purposes is protected. In Alaska, the Public Trust Doctrine extends beyond those submerged lands in which the state holds title to include all waters that are navigable. The state's waters are themselves reserved to the people for common use.

The Alaska Constitution (Article VIII, sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 13, and 14) and Alaska Statutes (38.05.127 and 38.05.128) contain some of the provisions, which are the legal basis for applying the Public Trust Doctrine in Alaska. In Alaska, this doctrine guarantees the public's right to engage in activities such as commerce, navigation, fishing, hunting, trapping, and swimming, while also providing for the protection of areas for ecological study.

The Alaska Constitution provides that "free access to the navigable or public waters of the state, as defined by the legislature, shall not be denied any citizen of the United States or resident of the state, except that the legislature may by general law regulate and limit such access for other beneficial uses or public purposes." The Alaska Supreme Court has concluded "the provisions in Article VIII [of the Constitution] were intended to permit the broadest possible access to and use of state waters by the general public." *Wernberg v. State*, 516 P. 2d 1191, 1198-9 (Alaska 1973). The Alaska legislature has broadly defined the navigable and public waters available for public use in AS 38.05.965. Moreover, the legislature has endorsed a broad interpretation of the Public Trust Doctrine in Article VIII of Alaska's Constitution in finding that:

"Ownership of land bordering navigable or public waters does not grant an exclusive right to the use of the water and any rights of title to the land below the ordinary high water mark are subject to the rights of the people of the state to use and have access to the water for recreational purposes or any other public purposes for which the water is used or capable of being used consistent with the public trust." Sec. 1, Ch. 82, SLA 1985.

The legislature has also declared that the right to use state waters does not include the right to enter or trespass upon private lands. Nevertheless, with 99 percent of Alaska in public ownership at statehood, state laws regarding the transfer of land to private parties provide for public access to navigable waters. For instance, AS 38.05.127 implements the state's constitutional guarantee of access to navigable waters under Article VIII, Section 14. Under the statute, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources must "provide for the specific easements or rights-of-way necessary to ensure free access to and along the body of water, unless the Commissioner finds that regulating or eliminating access is necessary for other beneficial uses or public purposes." The State's responsibilities to implement the Public Trust Doctrine are considered and used throughout this plan. Any management actions will be consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine as defined by the Alaska Constitution, statutes, court decisions, and public involvement.

Management Intent: Specific Rivers and Lakes

Because of their importance for recreation, water resources, and habitat, certain navigable rivers and lakes are given specific use designations. These are listed in Tables 3-1 and 3-2. Anadromous streams and lakes are designated Habitat and those rivers and lakes that are particularly significant for public recreation are designated Public Recreation-Dispersed. In those instances where the stream or lake is important for both purposes, these are co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed. Streams that are neither anadromous nor important for public recreation acquire the designation of the management unit through which they cross and since there may be numerous parcels that may have differing designations, these streams may have varying designations. Consult the plan maps to determine the appropriate designation(s) in these instances.

Management Intent: Other Rivers and Lakes

The following designations apply to the navigable rivers and lakes not specified in Tables 3-1 and 3-2:

Navigable Rivers and Lakes within LDAs

Anadromous lakes or streams within LDAs are co-designated Public Recreation-Dispersed and Habitat. Lakes and streams that are not anadromous are designated Public Recreation-Dispersed.

All other Navigable Rivers and Lakes

The designation and management intent for all other navigable waterbodies that cross or are surrounded by state land are the same as those of the upland tract, except that those portions of navigable, anadromous streams are designated Habitat. Where such waterbodies are also important for their recreation use or resource value, they are co-designated Habitat and Public Recreation-Dispersed.

Navigable rivers and lakes that are not within general state land or LDAs are designated General Use and are to be managed consistent with the public trust doctrine.

Table 3-1: Navigable Waters – Selected Streams

| Stream | Anadromous (Ha) | Public Recreation (Rd) | Of High Value to Resident Fish Populations |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Angel Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Beaver Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Belle Creek | Yes | | |
| Blue Creek | Yes | | |
| Bluff Cabin Creek | Yes | | |
| Butte Creek | Yes | | |
| Captain Creek | Yes | | |
| Caribou Creek | Yes | | |
| Cassiar Creek | Yes | | |
| Central Creek | Yes | | |
| Chatanika River | Yes | Yes | |
| Chena River | Yes | Yes | |
| Chena Slough | Yes | | |
| Chisana River | Yes | | |
| Colorado Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Crawford Creek | Yes | | |
| Cripple Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Crooked Creek | Yes | | |
| Deep Creek | Yes | | |
| Delta River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Dome Creek | Yes | | |
| East Fork Chena River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Eisenmenger Fork | Yes | | Yes |
| Faith Creek | Yes | | |
| Flat Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Fourmile Creek | Yes | | |
| George Creek | | Yes | Yes |
| Gerstle River | Yes | | Yes |
| Glacier Creek | Yes | | |
| Goodpaster River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Goose Creek | Yes | | |
| Hayes Creek | Yes | | |
| Horse Creek | Yes | | |
| Hunts Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Indian Creek | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Johnson River | Yes | | Yes |
| Koepke Slough | Yes | | |
| Kokomo Creek | Yes | | |
| Liscum Slough | Yes | | |
| Little Chena River | | Yes | Yes |
| Little Delta River | | Yes | Yes |
| Little Salcha River | Yes | | Yes |
| Long Creek | Yes | | |
| Lower Boulder Creek | Yes | | |
| Lyrad Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Maiden Creek | Yes | | |
| Mastodon Creek | Yes | Yes | |

| Stream | Anadromous (Ha) | Public Recreation (Rd) | Of High Value to Resident Fish Populations |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| McCoy Creek | Yes | | |
| McManus Creek | Yes | | |
| Middle Fork Chena River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Modoc Creek | Yes | | |
| Mosquito Creek | | Yes | |
| Mullen Slough | Yes | | |
| Munson Creek | | Yes | |
| Murphy Creek | Yes | | |
| Nebesna River | Yes | | Yes |
| Nenana River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ninetyeight Creek | Yes | | Yes |
| North Fork, Salcha River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Noyes Slough | Yes | Yes | |
| Paldo Creek | Yes | | |
| Piledriver Slough | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Poker Creek | Yes | | |
| Porcupine Creek | Yes | | |
| Redmond Creek | Yes | | |
| Robertson River | | Yes | |
| Rock Creek | Yes | Yes | |
| Rosie Creek | | Yes | |
| Salcha River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Sargent Creek | Yes | | |
| Shovel Creek | Yes | | |
| Smith Creek | Yes | | |
| Sourdough Creek | Yes | | |
| South Fork Chena River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| South Fork Goodpaster River | Yes | | |
| South Fork, Salcha River | Yes | | Yes |
| Stone Boy Creek | Yes | | |
| Stone Boys Tent Creek | Yes | | |
| Tanana River | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tenmile Creek | Yes | | |
| Tetlin River | Yes | | Yes |
| Tok River | Yes | Yes | |
| Twentyfive Mile Creek | Yes | | Yes |
| U.S. Creek | Yes | | |

Table 3-2: Navigable Waters – Selected Lakes

| Lake | Navigable | Public Recreation (Rd) | Of High Value to Resident Fish Populations |
|--|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Birch Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Bolio Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Chisholm Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Craig Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Dathlalmund Lake | Yes | | |
| Deadman Lake | | Yes | Yes |
| Donna Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Fish Lake | Yes | | |
| Fish Lake | Yes | Yes | |
| Fourmile Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Harding Lake | Yes | Yes (stocked) | |
| Healy Lake | Yes | | Yes |
| Koole Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Lake George | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Lake Mansfield | Yes | Yes | |
| Lisa Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Little Harding Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Lost Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Midway Lake | Yes | | |
| Mineral Lake | Yes | | Yes |
| Monte Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Moose Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Quartz Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Sand Lake | | Yes | Yes |
| T Lake | | Yes | Yes |
| Tetlin Area (Includes numerous lakes within the Tetlin NWR.) | | | Yes |
| Tetlin Lake | Yes | | |
| Twelvemile Lake | | Yes (stocked) | |
| Volkmar Lake | | Yes | Yes |
| Wolf Lake | | Yes | Yes |