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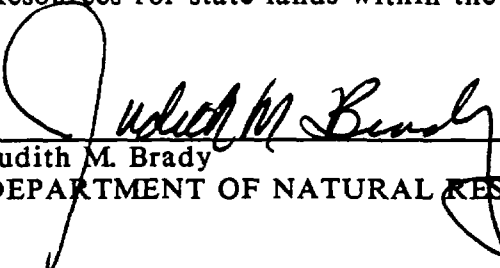
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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Kuskokwim Area Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for Area Land Use Plans and does hereby adopt it as policy of the Department of Natural Resources for state lands within the planning area.



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The Alaska Department of Fish and Game endorses the Alaska Department of Natural Resources land planning process as the best method available to make decisions regarding land management practices and allocations. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife values and fish and wildlife uses during the development of the Kuskokwim Area Plan. The department will use the plan policies and guidelines in meeting its constitutional and statutory mandates to protect, preserve, maintain, and enhance fish and wildlife resources in the planning area.



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How to Use This Plan

Although this plan is lengthy, it is organized to make it simple to use. The plan has two main sections which form the bulk of the plan.

Chapter 2 has land management policies that apply throughout the planning area. It is organized by types of land uses or resources -- forestry, settlement, lakeshore management, etc.

Chapter 3 describes the management intent for each individual unit in the planning area. It is organized by watershed -- Takotna River, Holitna River, etc.

In addition to these chapters, Chapter 1 presents an introduction to how and why the plan was done, and gives a summary of the plan's overall goals. Chapter 4 describes actions that will be done to implement the plan. Examples of how to use the plan are shown below. The Table of Contents is on the following page.

Examples:

If you want to know how the plan affects a particular land use or resource -- for example, mining, wildlife habitat, or land sales -- turn to Chapter 2. This chapter presents general policies that apply to the whole planning area. It also summarizes the amount and location of land allocated to each type of land use. For example, pages 2-35 through 2-43 present policies on state land sales and describe the areas that will be available for sale in the planning area.

2 Resources



If you want to know how the plan affects a particular place -- for example, a parcel on the North Fork of the Kuskokwim -- turn to Chapter 3. The planning area is divided into 18 management units by watershed. The units are shown on the map on pages 1-2 and 3-3. Chapter 3 has a section on each unit. To find the unit you are interested in, check the map in Chapter 1, then turn to that unit in Chapter 3. For example, the North Fork of the Kuskokwim is in Management Unit 1, page 3-7.

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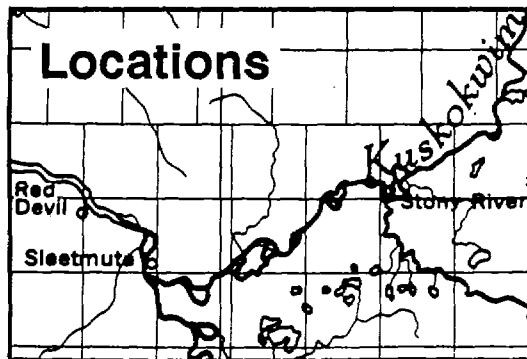


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