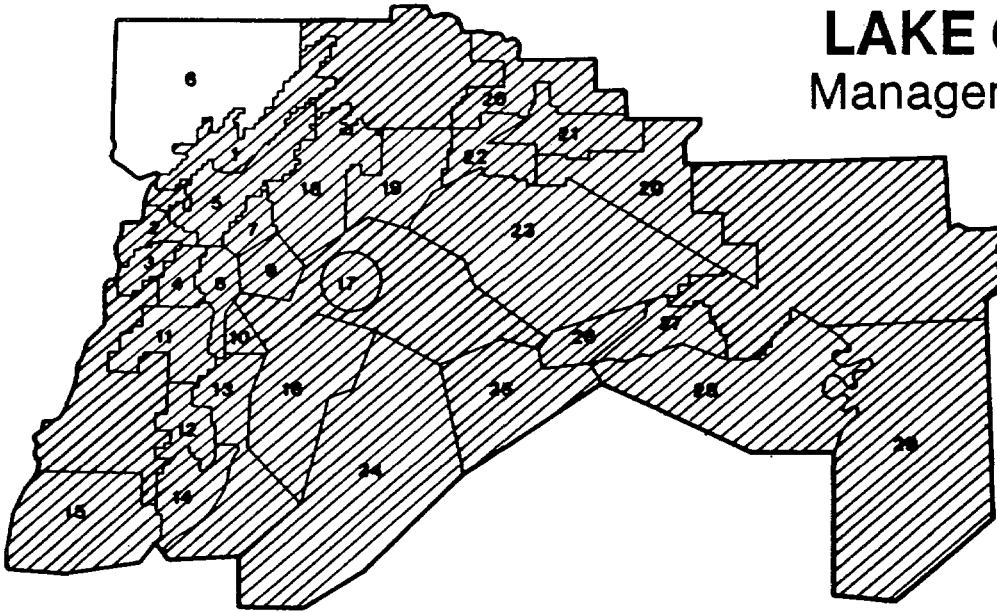


LAKE GEORGE Management Unit 6



Background

This management unit contains state-owned and state-selected uplands that are covered by glaciers, icefields or steep mountain peaks. Almost all the unit is outside Chugach National Forest.

Management Intent

Subunit 6A - Lake George Addition to Chugach State Park. Lake George and surrounding lands totaling approximately 249,600 acres should be considered for addition to Chugach State Park by the legislature under AS 41.21.121-.125. This action is also proposed in the 1981 Chugach State Park Master Plan. The plan was prepared in cooperation with a variety of agencies and included several sets of public meetings.

This area has important scenic values, good wildlife populations (bear and mountain goats), and remains a remote wilderness area. The Knik Glacier pushes against the Chugach Mountains causing Lake George to dam up.

During the spring, Lake George releases melt water in a sudden rush. The area is often used for mountain goat and black bear hunting, flight-seeing trips, mountaineering trips on the glaciers and nearby peaks, and recreational trips by persons seeking a unique experience.

The area should be managed as a wilderness zone in the park with designated landing sites for airplanes to accommodate hunting, mountaineering, and recreational activities. Basic facilities such as campsites can be developed at these landing sites to protect wilderness resource values. A cabin and small storage building to facilitate management of the area can be developed at one of these sites to accommodate a park ranger or volunteer back-country host. DPOR shall consult with ADF&G to insure that adequate landing sites are established to support hunting access to the area. State land in the unit remains open to new mineral entry.

Subunit 6B - Chugach Glaciers. This unit needs no active management. It is open to

mineral entry, although in most areas the surface is covered by glaciers. A portion of Subunit 6B within T11N, R6E, S.M., lies within Chugach National Forest and the USFS proposed wilderness area. It is covered by inaccessible glaciers and has low resource potential for all uses. It should be considered for exchange with the USFS along with the uplands in Subunit 1B, Serpentine Cove.

Management Guidelines

The complete set of management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2. Any of the guidelines potentially could apply to uses within this unit.

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

Management Unit 6: Lake George

<u>SUBUNIT</u>	<u>LAND OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>LAND USE DESIGNATIONS</u>			<u>COMMENTS</u>
		<u>Primary Surface Use²</u>	<u>Prohibited Surface Use</u>	<u>Subsurface¹</u>	
6A Lake George Park Addition	State-owned & state-selected uplands.	Habitat & harvest Public recreation	Land offerings	Open	Should be considered for addition to Chugach State Park under AS 41.21.121-125
6B Chugach Glaciers	State-owned uplands	Resource management, low	Land offerings	Open	Possible land exchange with USFS; part within proposed USFS wilderness

¹All areas are available for leasing of leasable minerals. Statements of whether or not the unit is open to mineral entry refer only to locatable minerals.

²Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited, may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management intent statement, management guidelines of this unit, and relevant management guidelines in Chapter 2. See Chapter 2, pages 2-11 and 2-12, for floathome policies. Trapping Cabin and Remote Cabin permits will not be given in the planning area. See guideline B-3, page 2-39.

Resource Information Summary¹

Management Unit: 6. Lake George					
SUBUNIT	Fish & Wildlife²	Recreation	Minerals	Settlement³	Forestry³
6A Lake George, Park addition (uplands)	Bear and goat hunting	Infrequent dispersed rec- reation	No known minerals	Incapable	Very low, few trees
6B Chugach Glacier (uplands)	None identified	Infrequently used	No known minerals	Incapable	Very low, few trees

¹ This resource summary describes only the resources for state uplands and tidelands.

² Resource list includes Crucial, Prime, and Important habitats as defined by ADF&G (see Appendix E).
Anadromous fish streams are not listed; they exist in most subunits. See ADF&G anadromous fish stream catalogue.

³ Land offering and timber harvest do not occur on tidelands. Therefore, settlement and forestry resources are not rated for tideland subunits.