

Petersville Road Region

The Petersville Road region occupies an area of approximately 397,000 acres on the west side of the Susitna River and at the base of the Alaska Range. Its western boundary is formed by the Sunflower Basin region, and its eastern boundary by the Susitna River. The northern boundary is formed by Denali State Park and its southern boundary by the Susitna Lowlands region. Included within the planning area, and dominant features of this region, are the Parks Highway from Mile 104 to 132; Petersville Road; Kroto and Moose creeks (which are part of the Deshka State Recreation River); and the first 18 miles of the Chulitna River upstream of its confluence with the Susitna River. Refer to Figure 3-1 to locate the map of a particular area.

Distribution and Characteristics

Most of the land within this region is owned by the state (Approximately 292,000 acres) with Borough land (roughly 20% of the area) concentrated in the eastern third of the region especially along the Parks Highway. There are numerous small parcels in private ownership that were purchased under state land disposals. These are most prevalent within a few miles of either the Parks Highway or Petersville Road. Most of these parcels are located on or near waterbodies.

The region is characterized by generally flat terrain with some areas of gently rolling terrain. Four major drainages flow north to south. They are, starting on the west side of the region, Peters, Kroto and Moose creeks and the Chulitna River, a large glacial braided river. While most of the region is covered with a spruce-hardwood forest, there are extensive wetland areas interspersed. The larger wetland complexes also tend to orient north to south. A large number of lakes and small streams are scattered throughout.

State land within this region is to be managed as state general domain land under the authority of Title 38 of the Alaska Statutes. Two stream corridors within this region, however, have been designated as “special purpose sites” by the Legislature and these are to be managed consistent with statutory intent. Termed Legislatively Designated Areas, these are part of the State Recreation Rivers that includes the Deshka River plus its two principal tributaries – Kroto Creek and Moose Creek. State Recreation Rivers are to be managed consistent with AS 41.23.500 and with the DNR Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan.

Access, Resources, and Uses of State Land

Access to and within the Petersville Road region is predominantly via the George Parks Highway and Petersville Road along with some attached secondary roads. Numerous trails also access this region with many oriented north/south to accommodate the predominant drainage pattern, skirting wetlands in summer and utilizing frozen wetlands in winter. There are also trails, oriented in all directions, that go directly on the wetlands and are often braided. Boats can be used on the larger waterways and some of the lakes/wetlands are float/ski plane accessible. Foot travel is a popular means of access.

The region functions to provide important habitat to a wide variety of species, but, particularly, brown bear, moose, and trumpeter swan. Brown bear habitat is distributed throughout the region but mainly related to fish stream concentrations on the Kroto, Moose, and Susitna drainages. Moose are present throughout the region and many areas are important as winter habitat or provide rutting habitat. Trumpeter swan nesting habitat is present in the extreme northern and southern reaches of this region. All of the major streams and all of their principal tributaries are categorized as anadromous by ADF&G and many of these streams are believed important as habitat for resident fish species. Depending on location these streams contain king, silver, pink, or sockeye migration, rearing, or spawning areas.

The principal natural resources in the region are related to land available for settlement and that can be used for forest management or agriculture.

Land for residential development, mostly of a rural remote type, is distributed throughout the region and generally coincides with areas of previous land disposals of this type by the state. Most of these disposals, and most of the remaining land suitable for settlement, coincide with attractive features, which are principally lakes, streams, and sites with scenic views.

A portion of the region is valuable for the forest resources. Over 70,000 acres of this type of state land 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. A substantial amount of the area designated Forestry contains areas of wetlands and other valuable resources and these will be managed to protect these resources for recreation and fish and wildlife use. Recreation activity is widespread throughout the region and generally coincides with fall hunting for moose and bear and summer sport fishing along the major streams, and particularly those streams that historically had good runs of salmon and that are fairly easily accessible – tributaries of the Deshka River experience high levels of use during the summer, with the use coinciding with the timing of the runs. Areas designated Forestry are also important habitat to a variety of species, including brown bear and moose.

A number of locations within the region provide soils considered suitable to agriculture (Class 2 and 3 soils, NRCS). Most of the state land suitable for agriculture occurs in the Moose and Rabideux Creek drainages.

The Petersville mining district is at the western edge of this region and some mining claims exist in the western townships of this region.

Public use of this region is high due to the primary access provided by the Parks Highway and Petersville Road. Further access is via the secondary roads, trails or waterways. Public recreation during the summer is focused on the major recreational rivers: the Susitna and Chulitna rivers and Peters, Kroto, and Moose creeks. Public use of this region also occurs during the fall and winter. Moose, black, and brown 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 – principally the trails used by ATVs and accessible by boat. During the winter snowmachine use occurs in many places given the presence of large rivers and the many wide, open, flat areas that are conducive to snowmachine use.

Management Constraints

Several local management plans affect this region and were consulted in the development of recommendations for the Petersville Road Region. Local plans include the Borough Comprehensive Plan and Coastal Management Plan. These plans contain both generalized land use recommendations and resource management requirements and were helpful in the formulation of recommendations.

Several state management plans affect this region: the 1985 Susitna Area Plan (SAP), which is being revised in this update, and the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan, which controls the management of state land within the Deshka River State Recreation River. The latter is not affected by the SMAP revision. The Denali State Park Management Plan, South Denali Implementation Plan, and the Petersville Road Corridor Management Plan also affect this region.

Management Summary

State land is to be managed consistent with the plan designations and management intent/recommendations contained in the Resource Allocation Table. Most land will be managed in a manner similar to its designation, which means that state land in the Petersville Road region is fairly equally divided between Settlement, Forestry, and Habitat/Recreation use. In addition a small amount of land has been designated for development of agriculture and material sites.

Approximately 79,000 acres of state land are identified for Settlement, with these areas largely coinciding with those areas identified in the 1985 SAP for that purpose. These areas tend to be distributed around attractive resources such as rivers, lakes, and areas with a scenic view. Since this revision of the 1985 SAP largely uses the same areas for settlement as in the

original plan, most settlement areas that are recommended in the revision will occur in areas with current recreational lots and recreational cabins. Most areas designated Settlement are appropriate for disposal.

Approximately 71,000 acres in this region are designated Forestry and are to be managed for overall forest resource management, which includes timber harvest at specific locations that may be identified in future Five-Year Timber Sales Schedule prepared by DOF. Importantly, areas designated Forestry are to be managed in a comprehensive, holistic fashion such that access is preserved, public recreation allowed to continue, and significant habitats and wetlands protected. Not all of the area designated Forestry contains forest resources. State land in this region is characterized by a mixture of wetlands and forested uplands, and many of these areas provide important habitat and recreation functions. It was determined in the plan preparation process that it would be impracticable to carve out all of the many areas important as wetlands or habitats and that inclusion of large areas of state land with a variety of resource values within a Forestry designation made the most sense since such areas must be managed comprehensively for multiple uses and the Forestry designation is a multiple use designation that encompasses the principles of recreation use and habitat protection. Accordingly, the management intent statement for management units designated Forestry will often include 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. The management of areas designated Forestry will be guided by the Forest Resources and Practices Act; Susitna Forestry Guidelines, or its successor; and this area plan.

Approximately 78,000 acres of state land is designated to protect habitat, recreation, and water resource uses. This is in addition to the approximately 40,000 acres associated with the two State Recreation Rivers. The Habitat and Public Recreation 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.

Approximately 20,000 acres of land is set aside for agriculture. These lands are located in seven parcels, five of which are located within a mile of existing roads. The other two are located on the west side of Moose Creek and access will be more challenging. The plan does not require that this land be retained in state ownership or place specific restrictions on the disposal of agricultural land other than that provided under Alaska statute. That said careful consideration should be given to the disposal of this land given the absence of alternative locations. Areas designated Agriculture are appropriate for disposal.

The remaining land, approximately 2,000 acres, has been designated Materials to provide for gravel resources in the region. These are located mainly in the Parks Highway corridor.

Resource Allocation Table – Petersville Road Region

Unit #	Designation(s)/ Acres	Map(s)/ MTRS	Management Intent	Description
P-01	Se 31,045	Map 3-9 Various	<p>Unit is considered appropriate for land disposal during the planning period and is to be retained for the purpose of supporting state land disposals.</p> <p>As part of subdivision design or remote staking projects, protect remaining lakeshore and wetland areas adjacent to streams using the guidelines found in Chapter 2. Within existing subdivisions maintain existing tracts of open space.</p> <p>Protect trails and easements. Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffer. A riparian buffer of 300' from OHW is to be maintained on Trapper Creek.</p>	<p>This unit lies in a corridor of land bordering Denali State Park in the north and running between the Parks Highway and Moose Creek State Recreation River down to Petersville Road in the south. Most of the land within a mile of these two roads is Borough land. Therefore the unit begins with the state land beyond. This unit comprises a system of lakes and associated wetland complexes, the largest being Lake Denali and Safari Lake. Topography varies by location but is mostly gently rolling with vegetation consisting of evergreen and deciduous forest interspersed by woody wetlands. Anadromous tributaries of Trapper Creek and Chulitna River cross the unit.</p> <p>There have been many state land disposals in this unit and there are numerous small recreation lots and cabins scattered throughout this unit, with concentrations occurring along streams and lakes.</p> <p>A large regional winter trail network (ADL 228839) including the East-West Express Trail, maintained by the State SnowTRAC Program, crosses the unit. Many local trails run west from the Parks Highway including ADLs 216797, 226368, 218114, 218115, 21554, 228202 and 60022.</p> <p>Numerous MCOs affect this unit including MCO 316, 241, 144, 145, 130 and 780.</p>

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P-02	Ha, Rd 36,007	Map 3-9 Various	Manage unit to protect its habitat values. Manage Tokositna State Recreation Area consistent with ILMA ADL 225373. Maintain existing trails. Retain land in state ownership.	<p>This unit borders Denali State Park to the north. The eastern half is largely wetlands associated with Swan and Bunco lakes; the remainder is scrub forest along the lower slopes of the Peters Hills. Twentyfive Mile Lake is another major lake located within this unit. The Tokositna State Recreation Area, an ILMA to DPOR (ADL 225373) is within this unit. ADF&G has a permitted weir and research camp at Swan Lake. Tokositna River Trail (ADL 228839) is a major north-south trail bisecting this unit. ADL 210894, a public access easement, and RST 516 are in this unit.</p> <p>There have been state land disposals in this unit and there are numerous small recreation lots and cabins scattered throughout this unit, with concentrations occurring along streams and lakes.</p> <p>Anadromous tributaries to Bunco, Kroto and Peters creeks are present. A known mushroom harvest area occurs in this unit.</p> <p>Trumpeter swan nesting and molting habitat is found in the wetlands of the eastern half of this unit and portions of the unit are a high use area for Tule geese in the summer/fall. Moose rutting habitat is in the western half.</p>
P-03	Ha, Rd 4,105	Map 3-9 Various	Manage unit consistent with the adjacent State Recreation River to protect fish and wildlife habitat and public recreation. Authorizations, except those related to recreation, public safety or environmental protection are considered inappropriate. Protect trails and easements. Retain land in state ownership.	<p>This unit comprises the lake at the headwaters of Moose Creek and borders the Moose Creek State Recreation River (part of Deshka River Management Unit). Life Lake, draining north to Swan Lake and the Tokositna River beyond, is the other large lake in the unit. Both of these lakes are anadromous waterbodies. Anadromous Trapper Creek also crosses the unit.</p> <p>The unit is covered with a mix of deciduous and evergreen forest interspersed with wetlands. The topography is gently rolling.</p> <p>There have been state land disposals in this unit and numerous small recreational lots and cabins ring the lakes. Public Rights-of-way (ADLs 218114, 218115, and 40958) cross this unit.</p>

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P-04	Se 14,620	Map 3-9 Various	<p>Unit is considered appropriate for land disposal during the planning period and is to be retained for the purpose of supporting state land disposals.</p> <p>As part of subdivision design or remote staking projects, protect remaining lakeshore and wetland areas adjacent to streams using the guidelines found in Chapter 2. Within existing subdivisions maintain existing tracts of open space.</p> <p>Retain land along Petersville Road sufficient for construction of waysides and trailhead parking. Maintain a scenic buffer of 150' each side of Petersville Road right-of-way. Reserve areas to accommodate facilities identified in the South Denali Implementation Plan. Protect trails and easements. Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffer. A riparian buffer of 300' from OHW is to be maintained on Peters Creek and Kroto Creek.</p>	<p>This unit borders the Kroto Creek State Recreation River on the west and is bisected by the Petersville Road. It is dominated by wetlands and shrubs but some mixed spruce-hardwood forest is also present. The terrain is generally flat except for bluffs along Peters Creek.</p> <p>There have been state land disposals in this unit and there are numerous small recreation lots and cabins scattered throughout this unit, with concentrations occurring along streams and lakes.</p> <p>Anadromous Peters and Twentymile creeks cross this unit. Portions of the unit are a high use area for Tule geese in the summer/fall. Moose winter habitat is present. A known mushroom harvest area occurs in this unit.</p> <p>Numerous trails are present including ADLs 58004, 220609, 210894, 228839, 226357 and 226418. At least one trapping cabin is permitted within this unit.</p> <p>Mineral Closing Orders exist including MCOs 98 and 99.</p>
P-05	Se 7,504	Map 3-9 S026N007W; S027N007W	<p>Unit is considered appropriate for land disposal during the planning period and is to be retained for the purpose of supporting state land disposals.</p> <p>As part of subdivision design or remote staking projects, protect remaining wetland areas adjacent to streams using the guidelines found in Chapter 2. Within existing subdivisions maintain existing tracts of open space.</p> <p>Retain land along Petersville Road sufficient for construction of waysides and trailhead parking. Maintain a scenic buffer of 150' each side of Petersville Road right-of-way. Protect trails and easements. Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffer. A riparian buffer of 300' from OHW is to be maintained on Kroto Creek.</p>	<p>This unit borders the Kroto Creek State Recreation River on the east and is adjacent and north of the Petersville Road. This unit has level terrain and encompasses a wetland complex interspersed in a mixed forest.</p> <p>There have been state land disposals in this unit and there are numerous small recreation lots and cabins scattered throughout this unit, with concentrations occurring along streams.</p> <p>Anadromous Seventeen Mile Creek, Gate Creek, and tributaries to Moose Creek are present in the unit.</p> <p>Numerous trails within this unit include ADLs 228839 and 221614. Multiple private access easements exist in this unit.</p> <p>Mineral Closing Order 157 affects this unit.</p>
P-06	Rd, Wr 8,000	Map 3-9 S027N007W	<p>Manage unit consistent with the adjacent State Recreation River to protect fish and wildlife habitat and public recreation. Authorizations, except those related to recreation, public safety or environmental protection are considered inappropriate. Maintain existing trails. Protect the hydrologic functions of the wetlands. Retain land in state ownership.</p>	<p>This unit borders the Kroto Creek State Recreation River on the east. The area is mostly wetlands and therefore level topography. The unit is bisected by the East-West Express Trail (part of the State SnowTRAC program) ADL 228839. This trail allows easy access for winter recreationists from the Parks Highway or Petersville Road to the frozen wetlands complex.</p> <p>Anadromous Gate Creek and tributaries to Moose and Kroto creeks are within this unit.</p>

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P-07	Ag 6,481	Map 3-9 S026N006W; S027N006W	<p>Manage unit for its agricultural values. Disposal and management of agricultural areas shall be consistent with the requirements of Chapter 2, sections pertaining to Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Habitat; and Shorelands and Stream Corridors.</p> <p>Avoid existing residential land use and consider methods to minimize adverse impacts from agricultural operations during the preparation of the farm conservation plan. Protect anadromous streams.</p>	<p>This unit lies on the western border of the Moose Creek State Recreation River. The rolling terrain is covered with a mixed spruce-hardwood forest and interspersed wetlands. The unit is bisected by the East-West Express Trail (part of the State SnowTRAC program) ADL 228839.</p> <p>An anadromous tributary to Moose Creek runs through this unit.</p> <p>There have been past land sales in this unit concentrated along the stream in the southern portion. Mineral Closing Order 100 affects the unit.</p>
P-08	Ha, Rd 5,762	Maps 3-9, 3-10 Various	<p>Unit is to be retained in state ownership and managed to protect wildlife habitat and support recreational use. Personal use forestry may be appropriate as long as impact to the habitat and recreation values is minimized. Protect trails and easements.</p>	<p>This unit is comprised of those portions of the Chulitna River that runs through this Petersville Region, as well as some adjacent upland parcels mostly on the west bank. Islands within (between the outer banks of) the river are included. The Chulitna is a braided glacial stream. Many gravel bars and islands exist and they are covered with mostly deciduous forest and woody wetlands.</p> <p>The southern portion of the unit provides winter habitat for moose. The river itself is anadromous. The Chulitna Bluff-Rabideaux Trail (ADL 230118) parallels the river to its west and is part of the State SnowTRAC program.</p>
P-09	Ma 2,182	Map 3-10 Various	<p>Continued use of the material site is considered appropriate, subject to authorization by SCRO.</p> <p>Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffers and minimize impact to moose winter habitat.</p> <p>Protect trails and easements. Maintain a scenic buffer adjacent to the Parks Highway and Petersville Road.</p>	<p>This unit is comprised of a series of material sites attached to the Parks Highway as it runs from the Susitna River Bridge to the southern boundary of Denali State Park. One site is on the Petersville Road. Sites include the following, some of which are ILMAs to ADOT/PF: ADLs 45708, 45707, 45706, 45705, 39400, 45704, 45703, 45658, 45659, 45660, 45661, 45662, 45664, 201962 and 57589.</p> <p>Public utility easement ADL 61886 and the right-of-way for the Parks Highway affect these parcels. An MOU (ADL 229584) between the State of Alaska and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough attaches a 150 foot wide scenic buffer to each side of the Parks Highway right-of-way. The Chulitna Bluff-Rabideaux Trail (ADL 230118) is part of the State SnowTRAC program and crosses some of these parcels. LAS 22993, a forest sciences research plot, is issued to UAF.</p> <p>Portions of this unit provide moose winter habitat and anadromous streams cross several of the parcels.</p>

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P-10	Ha, Rd 180	Map 3-10 S025N005W	Unit is to be managed to protect wildlife habitat and support recreational use. Retain in state ownership. Protect anadromous streams. Protect trails and easements.	This unit is comprised of two small parcels in the vicinity of the Parks Highway and Petersville Road intersection. The parcels are mostly wetlands and anadromous Trapper Creek runs through the northern parcel. The unit provides moose winter habitat. The Chulitna Bluff-Rabideaux Trail (ADL 230118) is part of the State SnowTRAC program and crosses a portion of the unit.
P-11	Rd, Wr 2,028	Map 3-9 S026N006W; S026N007W	Manage unit to support recreation values and preserve hydrologic values. Retain in state ownership. Preserve a scenic buffer on Petersville Road and protect anadromous streams with riparian buffers. Manage existing communication sites pursuant to the lease agreements.	This unit consists of two parcels that border the Petersville Road. The eastern parcel is a wetland area adjacent to Scotty Lake and has an anadromous tributary to Rabideux Creek crossing it. The western parcel has anadromous tributaries to Kroto and Moose creeks crossing it and is mostly wetlands. Communications sites including ADLs 44350 and 215476 exist on the eastern parcel.
P-12	Ag 8,637	Map 3-9 S026N006W; S025N006W; S025N005W	Manage unit for agricultural use and/or disposal. Agricultural disposals are to carefully consider the impact of agricultural use upon wetlands, streams, and moose winter concentration areas. Such sales are to avoid or minimize impacts on moose winter concentration areas. Protect anadromous streams; impose riparian buffer in any disposal action. A riparian buffer of 300' from OHW is to be maintained on the Susitna River. Protect easements.	Unit is comprised of four parcels in the vicinity of the Parks Highway and Petersville Road intersection, all within a mile of a road. These parcels have extensive wetlands interspersed with the agricultural soils, which are presently covered with deciduous forest. Anadromous Rabideux Creek and its tributaries as well as tributaries of Moose Creek cross the parcels. Moose winter habitat is present in portions of this unit. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams. A public access road (ADL 218684) exists in this unit.

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P-13	F 70,890	Map 3-9 Various	<p>Manage unit for its forest values. Unit is affected by the Susitna Forestry Guidelines or its successor; all timber sales must meet the requirements of 11 AAC 95. Forest land use plans must, in addition to these requirements, adhere to the requirements of the Forestry section in Chapter 2 (Areawide Land Management Policies).</p> <p>Because of the presence of important habitat and species scattered throughout portions of this unit, it is also to be managed for the maintenance of wildlife species, fisheries, and habitats consistent with Management Guideline B in the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section in Chapter 2 and other management guidelines in this section associated with waterfowl concentrations and moose wintering areas. Consult with ADF&G on sensitive habitats and wildlife locations prior to or concurrent with FLUP preparation.</p> <p>Protect anadromous streams and wetlands. Forestry riparian standards apply (AS 41.17.115 and AS 41.17.118) for riparian areas adjacent to anadromous and high value resident fish streams. Consult with ADF&G to determine the location of high value resident fish streams. A riparian buffer of 300' from OHW is to be maintained on the Kahiltna River and Peters Creek.</p> <p>Protect trails, easements and RS 2477 routes. During FLUP preparation, identify these routes and provide suitable protection or mitigation. Coordinate with the SCRO/DMLW, and with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough on trail identification and routing.</p> <p>Effects of timber harvests on areas with remote cabins will be considered and mitigated. Additional land disposals are not appropriate within this unit. Retain land in state ownership. Portions of the unit may be appropriate for inclusion in a state forest.</p>	<p>This large unit consists of two parts straddling Kroto Creek State Recreation River. The majority of the land is covered with a mixed forest of deciduous and evergreen trees, dominated by paper birch and white spruce. Topography is gently rolling except for steep terrain where Bear and Peters creeks have cut through the landscape. Past state land sales have resulted in a few scattered private parcels within this unit. Numerous anadromous streams are present including the Kahiltna River, Peters Creek, Bear Creek, and tributaries to Kroto and Moose creeks.</p> <p>Moose winter habitat is present in the western half of the unit and portions of the unit are a summer/fall high use area for Tule geese. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams especially Bear and Kroto creeks.</p> <p>Numerous trails are present including ADLs 46991 and 220609, both paralleling Peters Creek. RST 516 Black Creek Winter Trail and Oilwell Road (ADL 19522) cross this unit. A known mushroom harvest area is within this unit.</p> <p>Mining claims cover the western half of the unit and MCO 153 affects a small portion of the southwest corner of this unit.</p>

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P-14	Se 15,780	Map 3-9 Various	<p>Unit is considered appropriate for land disposal during the planning period and is to be retained for the purpose of supporting state land disposals.</p> <p>As part of subdivision design or remote staking projects, protect remaining lakeshore and wetland areas adjacent to streams using the guidelines found in Chapter 2. Within existing subdivisions maintain existing tracts of open space.</p> <p>Protect trails and easements.</p> <p>Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffer and avoid moose winter concentration areas and seasonal brown bear concentrations.</p>	<p>This unit consists of four parcels in the southern half of the Petersville Region. All parcels have been involved in past land sales resulting in dozens of private parcels mostly situated along streams and lakeshores. The terrain is gently rolling, covered with a mixed spruce-hardwood forest and interspersed wetlands. Numerous lakes are present and provide some access. Some of the larger lakes are Schneider, Whistling, and Sawmill lakes.</p> <p>Oilwell Road and multiple access easements off this road cross the largest parcel. Trails present include the Amber Lake Trail (ADL 228646) part of the State SnowTRAC Program, as well as local trails such as ADLs 200221, 226059, 19522 and 64788.</p> <p>Anadromous tributaries to Moose and Kroto creeks are present in all parcels. The largest parcel has some moose winter habitat. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams.</p> <p>MCO 101, 248, 317, and 199 affect this unit.</p>
P-15	Ha, Wr 19,852	Map 3-9 Various	<p>Manage to protect habitat and hydrologic functions. Retain in state ownership.</p> <p>A 150 foot scenic buffer each side of the right-of-way for the Parks Highway is to be maintained in natural vegetation, although trailhead enhancements may be appropriate. Protect trails and easements.</p>	<p>This unit consists of four parcels in the southeast corner of the Petersville Region. They are mostly level terrain with extensive wetlands with islands of mixed spruce-hardwood forest scattered within. Rockys Lakes and other smaller lakes are scattered throughout this unit. Within the largest parcel past land sales have resulted in a few private lots and a timber sale was conducted here in the 1980s.</p> <p>The right-of-way for the Parks Highway affects these parcels. An MOU (ADL 229584) between the State of Alaska and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough attaches a 150 foot wide scenic buffer to each side of the Parks Highway right-of-way. The Chulitna Bluff-Rabideux and Amber Lake trails (ADL 228646) are part of the State SnowTRAC program and cross some of these parcels. There are also other local trails including ADL 40952. An access route and utility easement (ADL 215242) is within this unit.</p> <p>Numerous anadromous tributaries of the Susitna River cross this unit. Moose winter habitat and swan nesting habitat are present. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams.</p> <p>Mineral Closing Order 101 affects a portion of this unit.</p>

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P-16	Se 9,805	Map 3-9 S024N005W; S024N006W	<p>Unit is considered appropriate for land disposal during the planning period and is to be retained for the purpose of supporting state land disposals.</p> <p>As part of subdivision design or remote staking projects, protect remaining lakeshore and wetland areas adjacent to streams using the guidelines found in Chapter 2.</p> <p>Protect trails and easements. Protect anadromous streams with riparian buffer.</p>	<p>This unit consists of two parcels lying between the Moose Creek State Recreation River and the Susitna River. The level terrain is covered with a mixed spruce-hardwood forest with extensive wetlands interspersed. A few small lakes are present and past land sales have resulted in a few lakes in the western parcel being ringed by private lots. A land sales project area ADL 229344 affects the western parcel.</p> <p>The Trapper Lake-Rabideux and Amber Lake trails (ADL 228646) are part of the State SnowTRAC program and cross these parcels. There are also other local trails.</p> <p>Anadromous tributaries of Moose Creek cross the western parcel. Moose winter habitat and swan nesting habitat are present. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams.</p> <p>Mineral Closing Order 101 affects the western parcel.</p>
P-17	Ag 5,330	Map 3-9 S024N006W; S024N007W	<p>Manage unit for agricultural use and/or disposal.</p> <p>Agricultural disposals are to carefully consider the impact of agricultural use upon wetlands, swan nesting habitat and moose winter concentration areas. Such sales are to avoid or minimize impacts on swan nesting habitat and moose winter concentration areas. Protect anadromous streams; impose riparian buffer in any disposal action.</p> <p>Protect trails and easements.</p>	<p>This unit is located between and abuts both the Moose Creek and Kroto Creek State Recreation Rivers. It is level terrain covered with a mixed spruce-hardwood forest and interspersed with wetlands.</p> <p>The Amber Lake Trail (ADL 228646), part of the State SnowTRAC program, crosses this parcel.</p> <p>Anadromous tributaries of Kroto Creek cross the unit. Moose winter habitat and swan nesting habitat are present. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams.</p>

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P-18	Gu 1,760	Map 3-9 S028N005W	<p>Permanent encumbrances are not to be issued on this parcel unless approved by the borough (see note in resource information) during the period of time that this parcel remains conditionally conveyed to the borough.</p> <p>Although the plan designation of General Use is assigned, indicating that multiple uses may occur on this parcel, use and management of the parcel is affected by the requirement that is described above and may not occur unless authorized by the borough.</p> <p>At such time as it is determined that this land is not needed to meet the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's entitlement, the conditional approval to the borough is rescinded and the state resumes full management authority. At that time this parcel may be appropriate for state land disposals, but the land would need to be reclassified.</p>	<p>This unit is located on a bench of land on the west side of the Susitna River and south of Denali State Park. It is part of a large block of Matanuska-Susitna Borough selected land, most of which has been conveyed to the borough.</p> <p>The land is a mixed spruce-hardwood forest with interspersed wetlands situated on a level bench above the anadromous Susitna River.</p> <p>MCO 130 affects this unit.</p> <p>Note: This parcel was conditionally approved for conveyance to the borough (see ADL 229271). It is part of and remains in a pool of land that is to be used to meet the borough's entitlement if the currently approved municipal selections are insufficient, which may not be known for some time. Until land approved in entitlement decisions is surveyed and title is transferred to the borough, the exact acreage of land being transferred to the borough is not known with certainty. If the acreage of approved conveyances is insufficient to meet the borough's entitlement, lands from this pool of conditionally approved land will be used to meet the remaining entitlement. At such time as the borough's entitlement is fully met, and assuming this parcel is not required to meet their entitlement requirements, the conditional approval is rescinded from any remaining land in the pool.</p>

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P-19	Rd 1,622	Maps 3-9, 3-10 S028N004W; S028N005W; S027N005W	<p>Permanent encumbrances are not to be issued on this parcel unless approved by the borough (see note in resource information) during the period of time that this parcel remains conditionally conveyed to the borough.</p> <p>Although the plan designation of Public Recreation is assigned, indicating that recreation uses may occur on this parcel, all state land is considered appropriate for multiple use. In this instance, use and management of the parcel is affected by the requirement that is described above and may not occur unless authorized by the borough.</p> <p>At such time as it is determined that this land is not needed to meet the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's entitlement, the conditional approval to the borough is rescinded and the state resumes full management authority. If/when this occurs, the land is to be retained by the state and managed for its recreation uses and values.</p>	<p>The land encompasses a narrow strip of land along the west bank of the Susitna River south of Denali State Park. It is part of a large block of Matanuska-Susitna Borough selected land, most of which has been conveyed to the borough. This particular parcel was conditionally approved (see ADL 229271) and the same circumstances as explained in the description for Unit P-18 above apply.</p> <p>Much of the land is in the floodplain of the anadromous Susitna River and is covered with a mixed spruce-hardwood forest. It encompasses a steep bluff in places. The railroad runs along the opposite shore. Recreational use is year round on the river. Concentrations of brown bears occur seasonally along anadromous fish streams.</p> <p>MCO 130 affects this unit.</p> <p>Note: This parcel was conditionally approved for conveyance to the borough (see ADL 229271). It is part of and remains in a pool of land that is to be used to meet the borough's entitlement if the currently approved municipal selections are insufficient, which may not be known for some time. Until land approved in entitlement decisions is surveyed and title is transferred to the borough, the exact acreage of land being transferred to the borough is not known with certainty. If the acreage of approved conveyances is insufficient to meet the borough's entitlement, lands from this pool of conditionally approved land will be used to meet the remaining entitlement. At such time as the borough's entitlement is fully met, and assuming this parcel is not required to meet their entitlement requirements, the conditional approval is rescinded from any remaining land in the pool.</p>
P-20	Rp 424	Map 3-9 S028N005W	<p>Manage this unit for recreation pursuant to ILMA ADL 225371 with the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Retain land in state ownership.</p>	<p>This small unit encompasses the Blair Lake State Recreation Area. It adjoins the southern border of Denali State Park and is located on the south shore of Blair Lake.</p>
L-01	Ha, Rd 39,645 within this region	Map 3-9 Various	<p>State Recreation Rivers occur within this region.</p> <p>Consult the Legislative Designated Area section of the Resource Allocation Table for management guidance and requirements.</p>	

Total state land within region (20 units and portions of 1 LDA) – 291,661 acres