

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4 – MATANUSKA RIVER LOWER SOUTH SIDE

MANAGEMENT INTENT

This management unit is located on the south side of the Matanuska River on the northern edge of the Chugach range. The area ranges from gently to steeply sloping forested hills and river terraces.

The management unit is largely in Native ownership. Where public land exists in this unit it generally should be retained and managed to provide opportunities for personal timber harvest and public recreation. The state should work with the Native corporations to allow public access through this area for recreation and resource development purposes. Public land within this unit will remain open to mineral location and be available for coal leasing.

The area is divided into two subunits: the private land that constitutes the majority of the unit (4a), and the section of state land in the vicinity of Wolverine Creek (4b). See the maps at the end of this section for boundaries of these areas and the accompanying chart for a summary of land uses.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The complete set of areawide management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2 of this plan. All of the guidelines potentially could apply to uses within this management unit; however, those that are most likely to be applicable are indicated with asterisks in the list that follows.

- Agriculture
- Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- *Forestry
- Recreation
- *Settlement
- Subsurface
- Transportation
- Instream Flow
- Lakeshore Management
- *Public Access
- Remote Cabin Permits
- *Stream Corridors
- *Trail Management
- Wetlands Management
- Resource Management

Management guidelines that apply to this management unit only are presented below, by subunit.

Subunit 4a (Lower South Side)

Settlement

This subunit includes areas selected by both the state and Chickaloon Native corporation. If the state gets title to this land, it should be considered for possible land sales. Any sales that occur should be designed to maintain or improve opportunities for public recreation. Particular attention should be given to protecting public use of lands along the bluff above the Matanuska River and, if feasible, access down to the river.

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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SUBUNIT	LAND OWNERSHIP (GENERALIZED)	LAND USE DESIGNATIONS				PROHIBITED SURFACE USE(S)*	COMMENTS
		SURFACE		SUBSURFACE			
		PRIMARY USE(S)	SECONDARY USE(S)	LOCATABLE MINERALS	LEASEABLE MINERALS		
4a Matanuska River Lower South Side	Native	Primarily Private Land--Recommended Uses: Forestry, Settlement, Public Recreation, Remote Cabins, Wildlife Habitat		—	—	—	
4b Wolverine Creek	State	Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat	Forestry (personal use)	Open	Available for leasing	Remote Cabins Trapper Cabins Land Disposals	

*Other uses such as material sales, land leases, remote cabin permits, etc., that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management intent statement and management guidelines of this unit, and with the relevant management guidelines in chapter 2