

Maintaining public use sites is a high priority. The river will be managed to provide both motorized and non-motorized opportunities. There are no non-motorized areas in the subunit.

Borough Lands. Borough lands in this subunit are classified "Forest Management." For management intent on borough lands, contact the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Management Guidelines

Boating restrictions. None.

Public Information. A kiosk should be placed at the end of the Oilwell Road providing information on the Recreation Rivers. Signs should also be placed on either side of the Moose Creek bridge on the Petersville Road and at the end of the Oilwell Road, identifying Moose Creek as a Recreation River.

Public Facilities. Moose Creek is too shallow through most of the season for prop or jetboats. A boat launch able to accommodate trailers should not be built off the Petersville or Oilwell roads. A primitive access point may be constructed off the Oilwell Road to accommodate boats carried on rooftops. Because of high public use and problems with littering and sanitation in the past, developing a campground may be compatible at the end of the Oilwell Road on Moose Creek.

Public Use Sites

See *Public Use Sites* in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations are shown on maps at the end of this unit.

- PU 2h.1** **End of Oilwell Road (RM 57.5).** This site is used for camping, fishing, and launching boats.
- PU 2h.2** **Petersville Road Crossing (RM 68.5).** This site is a popular day use area. In the past, there have been local businesses on the private lands adjacent to the site and it was a community meeting area. Access to the river is restricted by private land. A parcel adjacent to the bridge may be acquired from a willing seller to provide public access to the creek in this high-use area.

2i. Upper Moose Creek Subunit

Background

MILES OF RIVER/RIVER CHARACTERISTICS, RM 69.5 to RM 82.5

Upper Moose Creek is generally narrow and shallow. Contiguous wetlands cover about 10 percent of the mostly flat terrain. Non-contiguous wetlands cover another 10 percent of the area.

LAND STATUS

State	2,725 acres
Borough	1,333 acres
15 Private Parcels	75 acres
Total	4,133 acres

WILDLIFE

Neither active bald eagle nor trumpeter swan nests have been sighted in recent surveys in this subunit.

CAMPING

There is no boat use on upper Moose Creek. Private landowners on the upper limit of the subunit access the area by floatplane. Campsites along the river have not been inventoried.

DEVELOPMENT

Several cabins and associated docks are located on Loon and "S" lakes.

ACCESS

There are three floatplane landing areas but no airstrips in this subunit. The floatplane landing areas are located on the two lakes at the headwaters and on a lake at RM 43.5. The lakes at the headwaters receive frequent winter use.

Management Intent

Class I. This subunit features limited fishing and camping opportunities during the summer months. The river is not navigable. Although the subunit contains salmon spawning habitat, king salmon fishing is prohibited. Rainbow trout fishing is catch-and-release only. The subunit is primarily used in the fall for hunting and by private property owners. Winter uses include snowmachining, dog mushing, and skiing. Private lands are located near "S" Lake, Loon Lake, and K'da Lake. The subunit will be managed to provide and enhance recreation opportunities, a primitive setting, and fishing and

wildlife habitat while accommodating uses associated with private lands. Maintaining an essentially unmodified natural environment will be the focus of management. If K'da Lake is added to the Recreation Rivers, it will be managed consistent with this subunit and the Special Management Area. There are no non-motorized areas in this subunit.

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Management Guidelines

Boating Restrictions. None.

Upper Moose Creek Addition. The headwaters of Moose Creek (including K'da Lake and a small lake that runs into Loon Lake) should be added to the planning area and managed as part of K'da.

Lake Special Management Area. (See below, and Chapter 4, *Areas Recommended for Designation as the Recreation Rivers.*)

Special Management Areas

See *Special Management Areas* in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations of sites are shown on the map at the end of this unit.

- SMA 2i.1 "S" Lake and Loon Lake (RM 82.5).** These lakes are used by floatplanes to access private land with cabins and docks located on the lakes. The SMA will be managed as a Class II area. Class II area guidelines will apply. The area will be managed to accommodate access to private lands in the SMA while providing for and enhancing public recreation opportunities, and fish and wildlife habitat.
- SMA 2i.2 K'da Lake (RM 84).** This lake is proposed for addition to the Recreation Rivers. The lake is surrounded by private land with a few cabins. The lake is accessed by floatplane in summer. If it is added to the Recreation Rivers, the SMA will be managed as a Class II area. Class II guidelines will apply. The area will be managed to accommodate access to private lands in the SMA while providing for and enhancing public recreation opportunities, and fish and wildlife habitat.