

camp on the Yentna River. The site may also be used for storage of signs and equipment.

Anchor Buoys. Anchor buoys are allowed at the mouth under the regulations proposed in Chapter 2, *Shoreline Development, Anchor Buoys.*

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 4a.1 Lake Creek Mouth (RM 0).** This is a heavily used area for fishing and camping. Numerous boats and floatplanes tie up on the banks.
- PU 4a.2 Bulchitna Lake (RM 3.5).** The lake is state owned. The lands around the lake are in borough and private ownership. The trail to the lake and the shorelands along the river adjacent to the lake are heavily used for fishing, camping, hiking, and access to the lake.

4b. Lower Lake Creek Subunit

Background

MILES OF RIVER/RIVER CHARACTERISTICS, RM 3.5 to RM 6.8

This subunit extends from just above Bulchitna Lake to the canyon exit. There are considerable contiguous wetlands in the lower half of the subunit, and no significant wetlands above RM 5.

LAND OWNERSHIP

State	1,962	acres
8 Private Parcels	38	acres
Total	2,000	acres

WILDLIFE

There is a bald eagle nest near the creek at RM 4.

CAMPING

The following undeveloped campsites were identified:

Primary campsites	none
Secondary campsites	numerous
Marginal campsites	numerous

DEVELOPMENT

There is one cabin and a dock on the lake near RM 6.

ACCESS

The Oilwell Trail parallels the subunit on the east side and is used for winter access by snow-machines and cat trains. Floatplanes may access the area on a small lake near RM 6. A trail leads from it to the creek. Winter use is light. Snow-machines are used to access private property. Several seismic lines that cross the subunit are used in the winter.

Management Intent

Class I. Most of the summer use of this subunit is from powerboaters seeking alternate fishing holes upstream from the mouth and by floaters ending float trips originating on Chelatna Lake. The subunit features high quality fishing, camping, and hunting opportunities in a relatively remote, undeveloped setting. The creek contains salmon spawning habitat. In winter, the subunit receives limited snowmachine, dog mushing, and skiing use. There are some private lands along the west bank of the river. The subunit will be managed to

provide and enhance recreation opportunities, primitive setting, and fish and wildlife habitat. Maintaining an essentially unmodified natural environment will be the focus of management. The numbers of encounters on the river and at campsites will be managed to provide a remote recreation experience. The subunit will be managed to provide opportunities for motorized and non-motorized access. There are no restrictions on motorized access in this subunit.

Management Guidelines

Boating Restrictions. None.

Standards for Interaction Impacts. See management guidelines for Subunit 4d, Upper Lake Creek.

Voluntary Trip Scheduling Program. See management guidelines for Subunit 4d, Upper Lake Creek.

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 4b.1 Unnamed Lake (RM 6) This special management area (SMA) includes the land and water in and adjacent to an unnamed lake. A private parcel and structural improvements are located in the SMA, including a cabin and dock. 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 and adjacent to the SMA while providing for and enhancing public recreation opportunities and fish and wildlife habitat.

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 4b.1 Unnamed Campsite (RM 6). This campsite shows evidence of frequent use throughout the fishing season.