

Identifying State Land Managers for State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits (SCRIPs)

OHA obtains consent from State land managing entities before issuing a SCRIP that authorizes fieldwork on their lands, to support satisfaction of [11 AAC 16.030\(d\)](#). Applicants must identify the specific State agencies/entities that manage the land or surface estate in their project area, by map section.

* It is the responsibility of the SCRIP applicant to identify the specific State agencies/entities that manage the land to be investigated, and list in the research design the specific MTRS managed by each agency (Meridian, Township, Range, Section). Omitted or incomplete information will delay SCRIP issuance. *

Primary resources that can assist applicants in identifying appropriate land managers include the [BLM AK Administered Lands GIS](#) and the [DNR AK Mapper](#). Keep in mind that aggregate GIS databases quickly become out of date for lands not managed by the host. Verify land management by checking each State agency's individual land management system. For example, if land is shown as managed by [Alaska Mental Health Trust](#), or [University of Alaska Lands](#), verify that they have not since sold that land by checking their parcel viewers.

How specific should you be? In order to obtain consent from the appropriate land managers, OHA needs more information than just "State Land." Even within State Departments (such as DNR), it is often necessary to specify which Division (such as Mining, Land and Water, Forestry, Agriculture, or Parks and Recreation). Page 5 contains a list of common land managers.

Unfortunately, no one source can comprehensively identify all State land managers. This guide is intended to direct permit applicants to helpful websites as part of researching land management.

The [BLM AK Administered Lands GIS](#): a good place to start.

Several database fields (e.g., AGENCY_NAM, ADMIN_DEPT, ADMIN_UN_1) can identify lands managed by many State Departments, Divisions, and Offices (Figure 1): DNR Division of Forestry (DOF), DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), AK Mental Health Trust (MHT), the Alaska Railroad Corporation (AKRR), University of Alaska (UA), and specific State Parks, Preserves, Recreation Areas, and other Management Areas.

Much of the State land in this database is labeled "State land – Other," which is often general state land managed by the DNR Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW). In addition to DMLW, the BLM AK Administered Lands GIS does not distinguish lands managed by DNR Division of Agriculture, or certain other land managing agencies.

Figure 1:

BLM_AK_Administered_Lands - State		BLM_AK_Administered_Lands - State		BLM_AK_Administered_Lands - National Park...	
FID	135007	FID	132748	FID	63013
OBJECTID	135008	OBJECTID	132749	OBJECTID	63014
AGENCY_NAM	State	AGENCY_NAM	State	AGENCY_NAM	National Park Service
ADMIN_AGEN	ST	ADMIN_AGEN	ST	ADMIN_AGEN	NPS
ADMIN_UNIT	State Park	ADMIN_UNIT		ADMIN_UNIT	National Park
ADMIN_UN_1	Chugach State Park	ADMIN_UN_1	Alaska-Other	ADMIN_UN_1	Denali National Park
ADMIN_DEPT	State	ADMIN_DEPT	State	ADMIN_DEPT	Department of the Interior

The [DNR Alaska Mapper](#)

This should be your primary source for State lands that may be managed by the DNR, and is useful for identifying lands managed by DMLW, MHT, DCCED, UA, and DOT&PF (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities) Airport boundaries. It will not identify State Parks, State Forests, or certain other land managing agencies.

The PLSS Section Grid layer in Alaska Mapper can also help you identify the MTRS (Meridian, Township, Range, Section) covered by your project area. If you have more than one State land manager, clearly identify which sections apply to which land manager.

The Ownership Map tends to be the most helpful, but Surface Classification and Land Estate can also be helpful to check. See examples on Page 3.

Useful classifications to know:

- ‘State Tentatively Approved or Patented’ listing DMLW as the customer identifies general lands granted to the State under the 1959 Alaska Statehood Act. Overlapping layers may indicate that ownership has since been transferred from DMLW to another State office, or to an outside entity:
 - ‘Agreement, Settlement, Reconveyance.’ Follow the Case ID link to the LAS (DNR Land Administrative System) record, which records how a piece of land changes hands, is reevaluated, or subdivided through time. The land may have been conveyed to another ‘customer’, which may be another State land managing office (such as the University of Alaska, or Mental Health Trust) who would then be the relevant State land manager for that parcel.
 - ‘Management Agreement’ indicates an agreement between land owner and another entity that has assumed management responsibility. Where possible, confirm whether the agency in the management agreement considers themselves the land manager for permitting purposes.
 - ‘Municipal Entitlement’ or ‘Municipal Lands’ indicates SOA lands that have been conveyed to Cities and Boroughs, and are no longer State-owned lands. Verify by consulting the relevant Borough’s parcel mapper (e.g., [Kenai](#) and [Matsu](#) Borough parcel viewers) and pursue relevant permissions with those entities.
- ‘State Selected’ indicates federal lands selected by SOA under the Statehood Act, but which have not yet been transferred to State ownership (i.e. are not yet State land). ‘ANILCA Topfiled’ are contingent selections by SOA under ANILCA, but are also not yet State land.
- The mapper can also show easements. These may be relevant, require communicating with a relevant agency to determine who should be considered the manager of that parcel. Some easements (such as airspace easements) are not relevant to SCRIPs.

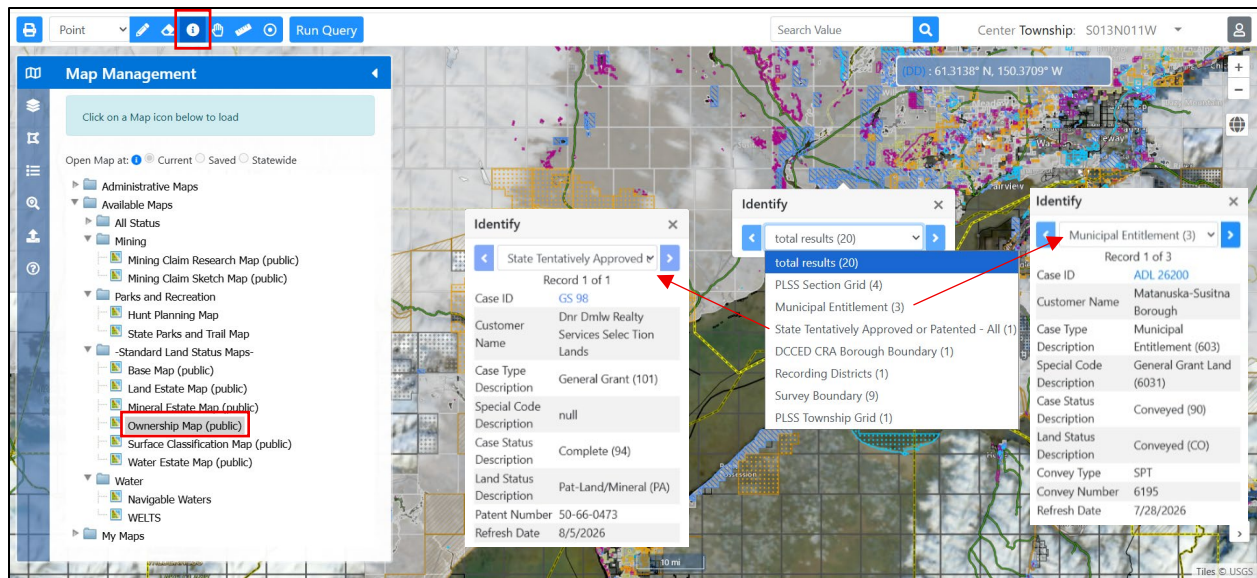


Figure 2: AK Mapper:

The above Figure 2 shows an example view of DNR's Alaska Mapper. Note:

- The Identify Tool (i) selected in the top left;
- The Ownership Map selected under Map Management (Left Sidebar);
- The Identify Tool list of total results shows the relevant layers for a selected section (e.g., PLSS Section Grid, State Tent. Approved or Patented, and Municipal Entitlement (Center Right);
- Expanded information for State Tentatively Approved or Patented shows the section as part of a General Land Grant to DNR DMLW (Center Left); and
- The Status Description in the Municipal Entitlement layer shows that this DMLW land has since been conveyed to the MatSu Borough (Center Right).
 - Note the selectable Case ID linking to the LAS record, which documents the history of ownership for this ADL (AK Division of Lands File Number).

DOT&PF

DOT&PF considers road right-of-way and associated material site easements to be land controlled or managed by DOT&PF, making them the land manager for any survey or monitoring within a ROW.

- Not every road in the state is managed by DOT&PF, confirm with the [DOT ROW mapper](#).
- For the purposes of a SCRIP, DOT&PF ROW and DOT&PF Airports are separate entities, each requiring notification if a permit will involve work on their lands. DOT&PF airports are not outlined in the ROW mapper but are shown on AK Mapper as DOT&PF land.

Subsurface vs. Surface

Occasionally, one State agency may retain surface rights (often DMLW) while another (such as AMHT) holds the subsurface mineral rights: check the LAS record.

All work permitted under a SCRIP, including shovel testing and deep testing, is conducted in sediment above bedrock and is therefore relevant only to the agency with surface rights.

Results - Case File Abstract	
Summary	
File: QCD 8000055 Case Detail Case Summary Land Abstract Map Pending GIS	
Customer: 000033441 DNR MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY C/O TRUST LAND OFFICE 2600 CORDOVA STREET, STE 100 ANCHORAGE AK 99503	
Case Type: 921 MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND	DNR Unit: 150 MHT
File Location: MHTLU MH TRUST LAND UNIT	
Case Status: 90 CONVEYED	Status Date: 09/20/11
Total Acres: 34862.490	Date Initiated: 06/24/11
Office of Primary Responsibility: MHTLU MH TRUST LAND UNIT	
Last Transaction Date: 06/22/2011	Case Subtype: 9211 OTL-ORIG MH GRN
Last Transaction: CORRQCD CORRECTIVE QCD ISSUED	
Land Records	
Meridian: S Township: 018N Range: 001E Section: 01 Section Acres: 479	Search
479 QCD-MINERAL	
Meridian: S Township: 018N Range: 002E Section: 04 Section Acres: 480	Search
480 QCD-MINERAL	
Meridian: S Township: 018N Range: 002E Section: 05 Section Acres: 600	Search
600 QCD-MINERAL	

Results - Case File Abstract	
Summary	
File: QCD 8100002 Case Detail Case Summary Land Abstract Map Pending GIS	
Customer: 000033441 DNR MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY C/O TRUST LAND OFFICE 2600 CORDOVA STREET, STE 100 ANCHORAGE AK 99503	
Case Type: 921 MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND	DNR Unit: 150 MHT
File Location: MHTLU MH TRUST LAND OFFICE	
Case Status: 90 CONVEYED	Status Date: 06/25/2017
Total Acres: 512.810	Date Initiated: 06/25/2017
Office of Primary Responsibility: MHTLU MH TRUST LAND OFFICE	
Last Transaction Date: 02/10/2017	Case Subtype: 9214 MH GRANT LAND
Last Transaction: CCN CUSTOMER CHANGED NAME	
Land Records	
Meridian: F Township: 001N Range: 002W Section: 11 Section Acres: 33	Search
33 QCD-LAND/MINERAL	
Meridian: F Township: 001N Range: 002W Section: 21 Section Acres: 185	Search
185 QCD-LAND/MINERAL	
Meridian: F Township: 001N Range: 003W Section: 20 Section Acres: 129	Search
129 QCD-LAND/MINERAL	

Figure 3: Subsurface vs. Surface Rights

The above Figure 3 provides two examples.

In the left case file, QCD 8000055, sections S018N001E|1 and S018N002E|4-5, AK Mental Health Trust holds the quit-claim deed only to the subsurface mineral rights. In this case, surface lands in these sections are still managed by DNR DMLW, so a SCRIP will only involve DMLW as a land manager.

In the right case file, QCD 8100002, sections F001N002W|11|21, and F001N003W|20, AK Mental Health Trust holds the quit-claim deed to both surface (LAND) and subsurface (MINERAL). This is a more typical scenario. AKMHT will be land manager for a SCRIP that includes these sections.

Common Land Managing Entities:

- DOT&PF - Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 - For [ROW](#), identify the [region](#): Northern, Central, or Southcoast
 - For [Airports](#), identify the Airport
- DNR DMLW - Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water
 - Identify the [region](#): Northern, Southcentral, or Southeast
- DNR DPOR - Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (State Parks and State Recreation Areas)
 - Identify the relevant State Park or Recreation Area
- DNR DOF - Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (State Forests)
 - Identify the relevant State Forest
- DNR DIV AG - Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture
- DNR TLO, [AMHT](#) – Department of Natural Resources, Trust Land Office, Alaska Mental Health Trust
- [AKRR / ARRC](#) - Alaska Railroad Corporation
- [UA](#) - University of Alaska Land Management
- [ADF&G](#) - Department of Fish & Game
 - Identify the relevant State Refuge
- DMVA - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- DCCED DCRA - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs.
 - DCRA managed lands are typically near remote communities, identifiable by checking the Layer ‘DCCED ANSCA MLT Parcels’ to Alaska Mapper. They are also sometimes identified on the mapper as ‘SOA Municipal Trust.’
- DEED Department of Education and Early Development
- AAC Alaska Aerospace Corporation