

DETERMINATION OF PLAN DESIGNATION AND LAND CLASSIFICATION
for STATE LANDS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED in the
SOUTHEAST SUSITNA AREA PLAN
DETERMINATION SC-08-001-DET01

Background: The Southeast Susitna Area Plan (SSAP) was adopted in April 2008 and Land Classification Order SC-08-001 was adopted on April 28, 2008. The SSAP superseded the Willow Subbasin Plan and the Land Classification Order superseded all previous land classification orders within the plan area of the SSAP.

Within T18N3W (SM), certain areas were not designated or classified. These areas are listed below and the attached map identifies them. They were not classified or designated in the SSAP and LCO because it was thought that they were lands owned by the Matanuska Susitna Borough (Borough). Subsequent land status research has determined, however, that these lands were not owned by the Borough; nor were they in municipal selection status. They were (and are) state land and should have been designated and classified but were missed for the reasons given.

Authority: The SSAP provides for the determination of a missed area in the section ‘Applicability of Plan Designations/Classifications to State Lands not Identified in the Plan Text or Plan Maps’, which is contained in Chapter 4 of that plan. These procedures were included in this and previous plans to provide guidance on how missed areas are to be designated and classified without the need for a formal plan amendment and land classification process.

The applicable part of this section is ‘Parcels near Other State Land’. It provides that “If the parcel adjoins or is surrounded by other state land, the designation of that area(s) applies. It is to be managed according to the management intent and guidelines applicable to the adjacent lands.”

Determination: Map 4 in Chapter 3 identifies the adjacent management units. Units to the north (U-01), west (H-06), east (U-01), and south (H-32) are designated Forestry and are classified as Forest Lands. It is my determination that the missed parcels, described below and depicted on the attached map, should have been designated Forestry and classified Forest Land and the plan map (Map 3) and Resource Allocation Table for amended. The SSAP and Land Classification Order SC-08-001 are hereby amended to reflect this determination. Additionally, Plan Map #3 and the Resource Allocation Table for the Houston-Big Lake region are amended to append the missed land area to unit H-06. The plan designation, management intent, and management guidelines of unit H-06 shall apply to the aforementioned lands.

Inadvertently Missed Lands Legal Description:

T18N R3W SM

Section 3

Section 4

W1/2, NE1/4, N1/2 SE1/4 of Section 5

W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2 NE1/4 of Section 8

N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 10

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