

## MANAGEMENT UNIT 9 – COAL CREEK

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### MANAGEMENT INTENT

This management unit is located on the south side of the Matanuska River across from the Chickaloon and Kings River areas. The area has potential for settlement and coal development as well as recreation and personal use forestry. Only the western portion of this unit is publicly owned; the remainder is in Native ownership. The publicly owned portion of this unit will be retained in public ownership and managed to allow development of the area's high value coal resources and provide for timber harvests. All public lands within this unit will remain open to mineral location and be available for coal and oil and gas leasing.

This area is divided into two subunits: the public land in the western portion of the management unit (9a) and the Native land in the eastern portion (9b). See the map at the end of this section for boundaries of these subunits 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 below.

- 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 9a (Coal Creek)

##### Timber Harvests

Timber harvests for commercial or personal use shall

be designed so they do not significantly reduce the quality of views seen from the Glenn Highway or recreation quality within the unit. If this area is leased for coal development, plans should be developed to utilize the area's timber prior to mining.

##### Settlement

The area may be appropriate for land sales or issuance of remote cabin permits either after coal mining has occurred or after it is determined that coal mining is not feasible.

# LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

SUBREGION Glenn Highway

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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		
9a Coal Creek	State	Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat	Forestry	Open	Available for leasing	Land Disposals	
9b Riley Creek	Native	Primarily Private Land—Recommended uses: Public Recreation, Wildlife Habitat, Forestry, Coal		—	—	—	

\*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.