

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 – FAIRVIEW MOUNTAINS

MANAGEMENT INTENT

This unit is a large block of public land encompassing the Fairview Mountains, an active placer mining area. The area provides important moose winter habitat and calving grounds. In addition, the headwaters of numerous anadromous fish streams which are tributaries to Lake Creek are located in this unit. The unit is popular for fly-in moose hunting because numerous airstrips provide easy access. Some high to moderate values for coal are present in the eastern part of the management unit. There is potential for grazing throughout most of the unit.

Management Unit 2 will be retained in public ownership and managed to support mining and maintain wildlife habitat, the two primary land use designations. Because this unit is remote from road access or farm headquarter sites, and because of potential conflicts between livestock and bears, portions of the unit will be closed to grazing. In the remainder of the unit, applications for grazing leases will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis subject to the areawide guidelines in Chapter 2. This unit will remain open to mineral entry and available for coal and oil and gas leasing.

This unit has not been divided into subunits. See the map at the end of this section for management unit boundaries 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 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
- *Public Access
- 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.

Grazing

The riparian zone along Sunflower and Camp creeks will be closed to prevent conflicts between livestock and the bears that concentrate seasonally along these streams.

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

SUBREGION Sunflower Basin

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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		
2 Fairview Mountains	State/ State Selected	Minerals Wildlife Habitat	Public Recreation	Open	Available for leasing	Remote Cabins Land Disposals Portions closed to grazing (see mgmt. guidelines)	

*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.