

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 1A

## *Nenana Ridge West*

### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**General.** A portion of this unit is designated settlement and may be offered for sale. The remainder of state land is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on forestry and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. Land disposals will be closed to new mineral entry at the time of sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 1A1 and a secondary use in Subunit 1A2. This unit is important-rated habitat for furbearers, black bears, and moose (B-2 and C habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). Trapping and small game hunting are very important to Fairbanks residents because of the area's proximity to the city. As Fairbanks grows, the open space in this accessible unit will be in high demand.

**Forestry.** Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 1A1 and a secondary use in Subunit 1A2. This unit, surrounded by the Tanana Valley State Forest, has very high forest values.

**Recreation.** Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 1A1 and a secondary use in Subunit 1A2. Recreation values include outstanding views from the Parks Highway across the Tanana Valley to the Alaska Range, and off-road trail activity. A campground and scenic overlooks should be developed at several vantage points.

**Settlement.** Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 1A2. Approximately 1,000 acres may be offered for private ownership, in five phases.

Nenana Ridge West I Subdivision(1A2)	200 acres
Nenana Ridge West II Subdivision (1A2)	200 acres
Nenana Ridge West III Subdivision (1A2)	200 acres
Nenana Ridge West IV Subdivision (1A2)	200 acres
Nenana Ridge West V Subdivision (1A2)	200 acres

Portions of this area should be considered for possible commercial development or leasing. Any disposal should be coordinated with forest activities and private land in the area.

### MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management guidelines that apply to all state land are listed in Chapter 2. Some or all of those guidelines may apply to uses in this unit.

**Highway buffers.** A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the roadway should be managed to maintain or enhance scenic views along the highway. Development activities such as timber harvesting and land-use authorizations may be allowed within this buffer if the activity is designed to maintain or enhance the scenic values of the highway corridor, and to provide opportunities for viewing background scenery. This guideline will not preclude highway maintenance and improvement.

**LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY**  
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface <sup>1</sup>	Prohibited <sup>2</sup> Surface Use	Comments
1A1	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabin	The eastern portion of A1 near Goldstream is recommended for UAF selection
1A2	Settlement	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal		Plan map legend: 1A2 - Nenana Ridge West S

<sup>1</sup> Subsurface designations refer to locatable minerals. All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals, except as noted for coal.

<sup>2</sup> Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management-intent statement, the management guidelines of this unit, and the relevant management guidelines listed in Chapter 2.