

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1D

Alder Creek

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 recreation. 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. Habitat is a secondary use in Subunit 1D3 and an important resource use in Subunit 1D2, which is designated resource management. Because of the proximity to Fairbanks, the value of this area for recreational uses, including small game hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing, is much greater than in more remote areas with similar wildlife values (C habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). The area will be managed to protect the resource to the maximum extent possible under the overall management objectives for the unit.

Forestry. Forestry has been designated a primary use in Subunit 1D3. This subunit includes hardwood poletimber in Alder Creek, and spruce sawtimber to the west. Subunit 1D2 has a few stands of timber.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a secondary use in Subunit 1D3 and an important use in Subunit 1D2. A recreation site is recommended for the Parks Highway southwest of Fairbanks. A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the highway will be kept in a natural state.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 1D1. Approximately 1,910 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Alder Creek II Subdivision (1D1a)	200 acres
Aspenwood Subdivision (1D1b)	250 acres
Emma Creek I Subdivision (1D1a)	260 acres
Emma Creek II Subdivision (1D1a)	140 acres
Fairbanks Parcels (1D1c)	160 acres
Little Birch I Subdivision (1D1a)	150 acres
Little Birch II Subdivision (1D1a)	250 acres
Little Birch III Subdivision (1D1a)	250 acres
Little Birch IV Subdivision (1D1a)	250 acres

These projects are part of a system of disposals in the Nenana Ridge-Old Nenana Highway area. The design of these projects should be developed as part of an overall disposal plan for this area and should be coordinated with the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

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 Parks Highway 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 ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
1D1	Settlement	Forestry	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 1D1a - Alder Creek II S 1D1a - Emma Creek S 1D1a - Little Birch S 1D1b - Aspenwood S 1D1c - Fairbanks Parcels
1D2	Low value resource mgmt.		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
1D3	Forestry	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

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

² 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.