

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1H

Greater Fairbanks

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. Six areas in this unit are designated settlement, and one area is co-designated settlement and agriculture. These seven areas may be offered for sale. The remainder of state land is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on recreation and wildlife habitat.

Agriculture. Agriculture is designated a co-primary use in Subunit 1H4. Approximately 80 acres may be offered for private ownership. In Subunit 1H4, land may be sold fee simple (for settlement) if soils are not suitable for agriculture.

Bella Agriculture (1H4) 80 acres

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 1H2 and 1H5. The Goldstream Creek riparian zone is special value habitat for black bear, most furbearers, small game, and moose (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Sport hunting and trapping are very important uses in these subunits, as well as wildlife viewing and trail use. Open space for these activities should be maintained because the activities will become increasingly important as Fairbanks grows.

Minerals. This unit lies on the Cleary Sequence. Land in Subunits 1H1 and 1H4 will be closed to new mineral entry at the time of sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 1H2 and 1H5, and a secondary use in Subunit 1H1. This area is a complement to surrounding residential use, with cross-country skiing, horseback riding, berry picking, and open space in a natural setting.

The lease or sale of some state land in the Ski Boot Hill area should be considered for expansion of the ski development.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 1H1. Approximately 1,148 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Big Eldorado Subdivision (1H1a) 150 acres
Bigwood Subdivision (1H1b) 120 acres

Fairbanks Parcels (1H1c) 378 acres
Fox Subdivision (1H1d) 250 acres
Smallwood Subdivision (1H1e) 250 acres

Recreational use of the Fairbanks 100 Mile Loop Trail, which runs through Bigwood, Smallwood, and some of the Fairbanks projects, should be protected.

There are three alternative sites for locating the Fox Subdivision. The most likely area is in the eastern portion of the western-most parcel. This area does not have active claims and is high quality land. The middle parcel lies on a highly mineralized area, the Cleary Sequence. There are active claims on Flume Creek. The parcel to the west is also mineralized; however, the ridge line should be studied for sale. The Division of Land will work with the Division of Mining to identify a high quality subdivision within one of these units.

These parcels, in the Fox project, have historic mining value from a recreational standpoint. They lie within the Pedro Dome Historic District. The recreation values of the area should be preserved.

One area in Subunit 1H1 has been offered for private ownership. The acreage shown is the acreage available over-the-counter as of May, 1984, and may not be the maximum offering. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Wigwam Subdivision 40 acres

Goldstream Public Use Area. Subunit 1H5 has been designated by the Alaska State Legislature as the Goldstream Public Use Area (AS 41.23.140-170). The purpose of the public use area is to protect, maintain, perpetuate, and enhance year-round general public recreation, public use, and enjoyment of fish and wildlife. The management of the public use area is the responsibility of DNR. Land disposals are prohibited within the public use area, and the area is open to mineral entry.

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.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
1H1	Settlement	Public recreation	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 1H1a - Big Eldorado S 1H1b - Bigwood S 1H1c - Fairbanks parcels 1H1d - Fox S 1H1e - Smallwood S Past Projects: Wigwam S
1H2	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
1H3	Materials		Open		
1H4	Agriculture Settlement		Closed prior to sale		Plan map legend: 1H4 - Bella Ag
1H5	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Legislatively designated as the Goldstream Public Use Area

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.