

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1J

Cleary Summit-Pedro Dome

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. Four areas in this unit are 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 subsurface resource development, recreation, 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 1J3. The Cleary Summit area is important-rated habitat for many wildlife species and prime-rated habitat for moose in the vicinity of the Chatanika River (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). Trapping and small game hunting are intensive activities along the road and trail system leading east from Cleary Summit.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in subunit 1J4, and a secondary use in Subunit 1J2. Subunit 1J4 contains extensive cover of moderately productive hardwood stands.

Minerals. Minerals is designated a primary use in subunits 1J2, 1J3, and 1J4. Mineral development will be encouraged in these subunits. The Fairbanks Circle Trail will be open to mining related access.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 1J2, 1J3, and 1J4. Recreation is also a secondary use in Subunit 1J1.

Recreation values are important in the Cleary Summit area. The triangle of land bordered by the Steese Highway, Elliott Highway, and Chatanika River contains much of the Fairbanks gold mining heritage. This includes placer gold mines, ditches that carried water for hydraulic mining, the abandoned narrow gauge Tanana Valley Railway, abandoned townsites, and interconnecting trails.

Recreation will be emphasized to the extent that it does not interfere with mining activity. Historic sites that do not conflict with current or future mining activity should be protected and retained in public ownership. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will work with the Division of Mining to identify historic sites. If these divisions cannot agree on the location or boundaries of the sites, the sites will not be recommended for legislative designation

as state historic sites. A historic mining district would provide trail-related recreation in a historic setting.

Although this management unit has many important trails, the Circle to Fairbanks Historic Trail has unique recreational values and historical significance. This trail is the original route between Circle City and Fairbanks. Portions of the trail within the Borough and Tanana Basin boundaries are separated into a summer ridgetop trail and winter sled route along the Chatanika River. The portion of the trail between Cleary Summit and Coffee Dome is used extensively for mining access. With the exception of a few patented mining claims near the trailhead at Cleary Summit, this 60-mile trail is on state land.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 1J1. Approximately 490 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Fairbanks Odd Lots (1J1a)	160 acres
Skiview Subdivision (1J1b)	300 acres
Riverwood Subdivision (1J1c)	30 acres

A portion of Fairbanks Odd Lots has been disposed of in a previous offering.

Riverwood Subdivision may be susceptible to flooding, and should be reviewed in the next plan update for change to Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat designation.

Skiview Subdivision will not be sold before 1991 to allow development patterns to be established in the area. Before the project is offered, it will be evaluated for conflicts with mineral development.

One area in Subunit 1J1 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.

Olnes East Subdivision	132 acres
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The 1985 TBAP incorrectly included Mariana Homestead in Subunit 1J1. Before the 1985 plan was adopted, Mariana was offered as a remote parcel selection area. The 1990 TBAP Update reviewed the Mariana disposal area and did not include settlement as a primary use in that unit.

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.

Trails. A minimum 200 foot buffer (100 feet either side of centerline) will be retained in public ownership to protect the recreational use of the Circle to Fairbanks Trail. A 300 foot wide corridor should be retained in state ownership for the Davidson Ditch and the Tanana Valley Railroad.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
1J1	Settlement	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 1J1a - Fairbanks Odd Lots 1J1b - Skiview S 1J1c - Riverwood S Past projects: Olmes East S
1J2	Minerals Public recreation	Forestry	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Cleary Summit
1J3	Minerals Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Gilmore Dome
1J4	Forestry Minerals Public recreation		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.