

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1S

Salcha River Corridor

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on recreation and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

It is recommended that strict enforcement of state water quality regulations be a priority in this unit. The area is also recommended for a management plan.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 1S1 and 1S2. This zone is critical-rated habitat for anadromous fish and prime-rated habitat for black bear, caribou, grizzly bear, moose, furbearers, and small game. The Salcha River is the most important known king salmon spawning and rearing system in the Tanana drainage, and one of the most important in the Yukon drainage for returning king salmon runs (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Increasing settlement densities would potentially affect fire management options for habitat enhancement and could potentially affect the quality of the spawning area. For these reasons no disposals are recommended.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a secondary use in Subunit 1S1. Moderate to high value white spruce stands occur all along the Salcha River and north of the river on south facing hills.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunits 1S1 and 1S2. The Salcha River is one of the few clear water rivers in interior Alaska. It is used extensively for boating and fishing. High use of this area for fishing, boating, and king salmon spawning makes it a high priority area for enforcement of water quality standards.

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.

Old Nike Range Proposed Selection. The plan recommends selecting blocks of land within subunits 1S1 and 1S2. For further description, see Chapter 4, *Proposed State Selections*.

Remote Cabins. State-owned land in Subunit 1S1 may be considered for remote cabin permits. An interagency team will determine the areas to be opened and the number of permits to be allowed, after a detailed evaluation and public involvement.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
1S1	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Forestry	Open		
1S2	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Salcha River Corridor -- generally within 1/4-mile either side of mean high water

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.