

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 1V

## *Middle Fork of the Chena*

### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**General.** State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. It is recommended that strict enforcement of the water quality regulations be a priority in this unit. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 1V1. The lower Chena is the second most heavily fished stream in the state. The middle fork of the Chena is important-rated habitat for resident fish and is the spawning area for grayling in the lower Chena. The riparian corridor also serves as prime-rated habitat for moose, black bear, furbearers, and small game (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

**Minerals.** There are important mineral values in this area. It has been actively mined for several decades and the potential remains high. Mining claims are staked on both banks of the upper Middle Fork, and several placer mines are currently active. Because of the extremely high value fishery, enforcement of water quality regulations is a priority.

### 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 <sup>1</sup>	Prohibited <sup>2</sup> Surface Use	Comments
1V1	Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

<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.