

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1Z

Harding/Birch Lake

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. The scattered nature of state land ownership within this unit requires four different primary designations: agriculture, settlement, public recreation, and forestry. Recreation and forest lands will be managed to support the scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife, and forest resources. Land is designated for private ownership for agriculture northwest of Harding Lake, and for settlement southeast of Harding Lake. Land disposals will be closed to new mineral entry prior to sale. All state land that remains in public ownership will be open to mineral entry.

Agriculture. Agriculture is designated a primary use in Subunit 1Z1. Acreage that may be offered for private ownership has not been determined.

Aurora Agriculture (1Z1)	Acreage undetermined
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Forestry. Forestry has been designated a primary use in Subunit 1Z4, and a secondary use in Subunit 1Z3. Disruption of public access within forest lands during periods of active timber harvest should be minimized whenever possible.

Recreation. Subunit 1Z3 encompasses all public recreation areas in this management unit. The recreation area along the northwest portion of Harding Lake shall remain available for developed

recreation facilities. East of Harding Lake the recreation shall retain winter access to Spencer Lake. Recreational developments will be designed to avoid degradation of fish and wildlife habitat. Immediately east of Harding Lake is the 11-acre Spencer Lake, which is planned for sport fish rehabilitation by the Department of Fish and Game.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 1Z2. Acreage that may be offered for private ownership has not been determined.

Harding Lake East Subdivision (1Z2)	Acreage undetermined
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Note: The 1990 Update of this plan incorporated this project from the 1982 Delta-Salcha Area Plan that did not include a maximum allowable acreage for the project offering. This should be addressed in a future plan update.

Other Resources. A 300-foot corridor shall be reserved for the Alaska Railroad extension.

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
1Z1	Agriculture		Closed prior to sale		Plan map legend: 1Z1 - Aurora Ag
1Z2	Settlement		Closed prior to sale		Plan map legend: 1Z2 - Harding Lake East S
1Z3	Public recreation	Forestry	Open		
1Z4	Forestry		Open		

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.