

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2A

Chitanana Upland

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on recreation and protecting future forest and agricultural development opportunities. In general, this unit has poor access and soils.

The Chitanana Dunes is closed to new mineral entry and to coal leasing. The remainder of state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Agriculture. Subunit 2A2 has land that may have potential for agriculture. Most of it, however, will probably be found unsuitable because the area is dominated by wetlands and dunes with short, steep slopes. This subunit is designated resource management. Feasibility for agricultural development may also be reduced by mining activities.

Fish and Wildlife. This entire unit has low value for habitat overall (C habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*) but is important for local subsistence hunting and trapping.

Forestry. Forestry has been designated a primary use in Subunit 2A4.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 2A1. The vast Chitanana Dune System should be managed for research and compatible recreation activities.

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.

Minchumina Block Proposed Selection. The plan recommends selecting blocks of land within subunits 2A3 and 2A4. For further description, see Chapter 4, *Proposed State Selections*.

Remote cabins. State-owned land in Subunit 2A3 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.

Traditional Uses. Traditional fishing, hunting, and harvest of other resources for personal use is one of the principal uses of state land in this unit. Decisions to authorize land use activities will consider the effect on and minimize significant conflicts with traditional uses of fish and wildlife resources.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
2A1	Public recreation		Closed to location Closed to coal	Land disposals Remote cabins Roads	Chitanana Dunes
2A2	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2A3	Low value resource mgmt.		Open		Low density small tracts may be acceptable
2A4	Forestry		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.