

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2C

Fish Lake Watershed

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.

All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry. Strict enforcement of water quality standards in the watershed of Fish Lake, including American, Eldorado and Boulder creeks, is considered very important in protecting fish and waterfowl values of Fish Lake and the surrounding wetlands.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 2C1. The Fish Lake area is important-rated habitat for many wildlife species and prime-rated habitat for moose, furbearers, waterfowl, and resident fish (A-2 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). This subunit is also a very important hunting and fishing area.

Forestry. There are some moderate forestry values north of Fish Lake.

Minerals. The western portion of Subunit 2C1 is in the Tofty Mining District. Mining is active along American, Eldorado, and tributaries of Boulder

Creek. It is difficult for miners to attain water quality standards because of a unique black shale and/or slate which pulverizes into fine particles.

Other Resources. The unit has some potential for agriculture, settlement, and forestry. No lands have been designated for these uses because of potential conflicts with water quality, habitat, and minerals, and because of hunting and other traditional uses of this area that are important to residents. There are no other resources with significant value.

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.

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 MANAGEMENT UNIT 2C: *Fish Lake*

Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
2C1	Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Priority area for enforcement of water quality regulations

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.