

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2D

Eureka-Tofty

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. A portion of this unit is designated settlement and may be offered for sale. The remainder of state land is retained in public ownership for **multiple use management**. The emphasis is on mineral development, recreation, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities.

Agriculture. Subunit 2D1 may have potential for agriculture although some parcels are too steep. This subunit is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially agriculture and minerals, until reevaluated and the plan amended. An agriculture designation may be eliminated if mining activity increases substantially.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 2D2 and 2D5, and a secondary use in Subunit 2D3. The uplands in the Eureka-Manley area are important-rated habitat for several wildlife species and prime-rated habitat for moose, furbearers, and small game (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Baker Creek and the Hutlinana River support populations of spawning salmon, as well as sport fisheries for resident fish. The Tofty area is critical-rated staging grounds for breeding sharp-tailed grouse.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in subunits 2D5, 2D6, and 2D7, and a secondary use in Subunit 2D2. Commercial forests along the south slope of Bean Ridge between Manley Hot Springs and Overland Bluff will be managed to provide wood products for local use.

Minerals. Minerals is designated a primary use in subunits 2D2, 2D5, and 2D7. Land disposals in Subunit 2D3 will be closed to new mineral entry at the time of sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

This unit is one of the five most important mining areas in the Basin. Nearly 500,000 ounces of gold and over 600,000 pounds of tin have been produced from placer mines in the Eureka-Tofty area. Gold-silver lodes are known in a belt of sheared, metasedimentary rocks near biotite granite at Hot Springs Dome. Extensive tin and gold deposits are yet to be developed. The district is the second largest primary tin producer in the U.S.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 2D4 and 2D6, and a secondary use in 2D2.

The area around Manley Hot Springs contains important recreation values. In addition, this management unit contains numerous trails that are used for recreation and access. These include dog mushing trails in the Eureka area and access routes into the Sawtooth Mountains.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 2D3. Approximately 400 acres may be offered for private ownership, in two phases each for the two areas.

Eureka Community I Subdivision (2D3a)	100 acres
Eureka Community II Subdivision (2D3a)	100 acres
Tofty I Subdivision (2D3b)	100 acres
Tofty II Subdivision (2D3b)	100 acres

One area in Subunit 2D3 has been offered for private ownership. The acreage shown is the acreage available over-the-counter as of May, 1984, and may not be the maximum offering. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Kentucky Creek Subdivision	543 acres
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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.

Communication sites. Communication sites on Manley Hot Springs Dome will be consolidated in the smallest area possible.

Manley Hot Springs Road. A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the roadway should be managed to maintain or enhance scenic views along the highway. Development activities such as timber harvesting and land-use authorizations may be allowed within this buffer if the activity is designed to maintain or enhance the scenic values of the highway corridor, and to provide opportunities for viewing background scenery. This guideline will not preclude highway maintenance and improvement.

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
2D1	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -minerals		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2D2	Minerals Wildlife habitat	Public recreation Forestry	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2D3	Settlement	Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal		Plan map legend: 2D3a - Eureka Community S 2D3b - Tofty S Past projects: Kentucky Creek S
2D4	Public recreation		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Manley Dome
2D5	Forestry Minerals Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2D6	Forestry Public recreation		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2D7	Forestry Minerals		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.