

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2E

Elephant Mountain

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, and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 2E1 and 2E4, and secondary in 2E2 and 2E3. The uplands along Hutlinana and Applegate creeks are important-rated habitat for many wildlife species (B-2 and C habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). Hutlinana Creek is salmon spawning habitat.

Forestry. Forestry has been designated a primary use in Subunit 2E4, and a secondary use in 2E1. Subunit 2E4 generally encompasses moderate to good volume hardwood forests with suitable access potential for future development.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 2E1, 2E3, and 2E4, and a secondary use in Subunit 2E2.

Hutlinana Hot Spring, in Subunit 2E3, has important recreational and fish and wildlife values, and should be protected as an undeveloped recreation site.

Minerals. Minerals is designated a primary use in subunits 2E1 and 2E4. This is a mining area that has been actively mined for decades. Continuous exploration is taking place.

Land disposals in Subunit 2E2 will be closed to new mineral entry prior to sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 2E2. Approximately 1,400 acres may be offered for private ownership, in five phases.

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| Hutlitakwa I Subdivision (2E2) | 300 acres |
| Hutlitakwa II Subdivision (2E2) | 300 acres |
| Hutlitakwa III Subdivision (2E2) | 300 acres |
| Hutlitakwa IV Subdivision (2E2) | 300 acres |
| Hutlitakwa V Subdivision (2E2) | 200 acres |

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.

Access. Access to the Hutlinana Hot Springs will be protected.

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 |
|---------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2E1 | Minerals Public recreation Wildlife habitat | Forestry | Open | Land disposals Remote cabins | |
| 2E2 | Settlement | Public recreation Wildlife habitat | Closed prior to sale Closed to coal | | Plan map legend: 2E2 - Hutlitakwa S |
| 2E3 | Public recreation | Wildlife habitat | Open | Land disposals Remote cabins | Hutlinana Hot Springs Applegate Creek |
| 2E4 | Forestry Minerals Public recreation Wildlife habitat | | 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.