

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2L

O'Brien Creek, Elliott Highway

MANAGEMENT INTENT

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

Subunit 2L2 may have potential for agriculture. This subunit is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, until reevaluated and the plan amended. The feasibility of agriculture development may be reduced if there is a substantial increase in mining activity.

Agriculture. Agriculture is designated a co-primary use in Subunit 2L1. Approximately 5,100 acres may be offered for private ownership. In Subunit 2L1, land may be sold fee simple (for settlement) if soils are not suitable for agriculture. Some parcels may be marginal due to elevation and steep slopes. Snoshoe Pass and Tatalina should be offered respectively in five and four phases.

Globe Creek Agriculture (2L1a)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass I Agriculture (2L1b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass II Agriculture (2L1b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass III Agriculture (2L1b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass IV Agriculture (2L1b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass V Agriculture (2L1b)	500 acres
Tatalina I Agriculture (2L1c)	500 acres
Tatalina II Agriculture (2L1c)	500 acres
Tatalina III Agriculture (2L1c)	500 acres
Tatalina IV Agriculture (2L1c)	600 acres

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 2L3 and 2L4. It is prime-rated habitat for several raptor species. It is heavily used for big and small game hunting and intensively used for trapping (B-2 and C habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). Tributaries of the Tatalina River, which is prime-rated salmon and resident fish habitat, support several small sport fisheries. Grapefruit Rocks has served as peregrine falcon nesting habitat.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 2L7 and a secondary use in Subunit 2L3.

Moderate size forests suitable for firewood and sawlogs are scattered throughout the unit.

Minerals. This area has some mineral potential but is not actively mined at the present time. Industrial minerals, particularly limestone, occur in the area of Globe Creek. This outcropping is one of the few accessible deposits of agricultural grade limestone (fertilizer) in Interior Alaska.

The Grapefruit Rocks recreation area, Subunit 2L4, is closed to new mineral entry. Land disposals in Subunit 2L1 will be closed to new mineral entry at the time of sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 2L4 and a secondary use in subunits 2L3, 2L6 and 2L7. Recreation activities are limited, but as the area develops, more hunting and hiking is expected.

Grapefruit Rocks is an outcrop of the Tolovana limestone formation that is heavily used for hiking and climbing.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 2L6. Approximately 3,300 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Globe Creek Homestead (2L6a)	1,000 acres
Snoshoe Pass I Homestead (2L6b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass II Homestead (2L6b)	500 acres
Snoshoe Pass III Homestead (2L6b)	500 acres
Tatalina Homestead (2L6c)	500 acres
Tatalina I Subdivision (2L6d)	100 acres
Tatalina II Subdivision (2L6d)	200 acres

Wilbur Creek Trail, which runs through Snoshoe Pass Homestead, Tatalina Homestead, and Tatalina Subdivision, will be protected.

The fish habitat in the anadromous stream within the Tatalina Homestead and Subdivision will be protected.

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 from the Elliott Highway to the interior, including Grapefruit Rocks and the White Mountains, will be maintained.

Elliott Highway. 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.

Remote Cabins. State-owned land in Subunit 2L5 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
2L1	Agriculture Settlement	Improved pasture grazing	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 2L1a - Globe Creek Ag 2L1b - Snoshoe Pass Ag 2L1c - Tatalina Ag
2L2	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -minerals		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2L3	Wildlife habitat	Forestry Public recreation	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
2L4	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Closed to location	Land disposals Leases Material sales Timber sales or permits Remote cabins	Access to Grapefruit Rocks and the White Mountains shall be maintained.
2L5	Low value resource mgmt.		Open	Land disposals	
2L6	Settlement	Public recreation	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 2L6a - Globe Creek HS 2L6b - Snoshoe Pass HS 2L6c - Tatalina HS 2L6d - Tatalina S
2L7	Forestry	Public recreation	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins Improved pasture grazing	

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.