

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2M

Upper Tolovana

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on subsurface resource development, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities. This alpine and subalpine unit is relatively remote.

Agriculture. Subunit 2M2 may have agriculture potential; however, most land may be too steep, too high in elevation, and subject to marginal climate. 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.

Fish and Wildlife. Habitat values are not particularly high in most of the unit (B-2 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). There is a minimal amount of hunting.

Minerals. Mineral potential is high in Subunit 2M1. Occurrences of strategic minerals (chrome and nick-

el) are known south of the Tolovana River. The Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys has located many base metal geochemical anomalies.

All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

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.

Remote Cabins. State-owned land in Subunit 2M1 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
2M1	Low value resource mgmt.		Open		
2M2	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -minerals -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.