

MANAGEMENT UNIT 3B

South Shore Lake Minchumina

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.

Most of Subunit 3B1 is Mental Health Grant Land, closed to mineral entry by Department Order 121 on July 1, 1987. Land in Subunit 3B1 not granted to Mental Health is open to mineral entry through leasehold location to protect the valuable habitat. The remainder of this unit is open to mineral entry.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 3B1 and 3B2. The wetlands south and east of Lake Minchumina are valuable waterfowl habitat (A-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). They are also prime-rated habitat for moose and important-rated habitat for peregrine falcons and other raptors.

Disturbance of nesting and molting waterfowl should be minimized.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 3B2. Forest land along the south shore of the lake may be harvested, subject to consultation

with the Department of Fish and Game, if fish and wildlife values are protected.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 3B2. The Lake Minchumina Archaeological Site will be protected for studying the natural and human history of the basin.

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.

Locatable Minerals. Surface uses of mining properties shall be limited to those necessary for the prospecting, extraction, or processing of mineral deposits. Permits for mill sites and tailings disposal may be granted by the director of the Division of Mining. Unauthorized surface uses will be considered in trespass.

Oil and Gas. Surface entry for oil and gas exploration and development will, to the extent feasible and prudent, avoid Subunits B1 and B2.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
3B1	Wildlife habitat	Public recreation	Open through leasehold location	Land disposals Material sales Roads Utility corridors	See management unit guidelines for oil and gas
3B2	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open		

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.