

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 3G

## *Upper Cosna River Corridor*

### 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 and protecting future agricultural development opportunities. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

**Agriculture.** Subunit 3G1 may have potential for agriculture. Half the unit is not suitable because the land is too steep or faces north. However, gentle, south facing slopes may be suitable if dunes are not present. Subunit 3G1 is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially agriculture, habitat, and minerals, until reevaluated and the plan amended. Agriculture may not be feasible if there is a substantial increase in mineral development.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 3G2. The mountains to the south are prime-rated habitat for grizzly bear

and important-rated habitat for many other species. The middle Cosna River is historic caribou winter range (B-2 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). It will be protected for future expansion of the McKinley herd.

### 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.

**Minchumina Block Proposed Selection.** The plan recommends selecting blocks of land within Subunit 3G2. For further description, see Chapter 4, *Proposed State Selections*.

**Remote cabins.** State-owned land in Subunit 3G2 may be considered for remote cabin permits. An interagency team will determine areas to be opened and number of permits to be allowed, after a detailed evaluation and public involvement.

### LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface <sup>1</sup>	Prohibited <sup>2</sup> Surface Use	Comments
3G1	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -minerals -wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
3G2	Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals	

<sup>1</sup> Subsurface designations refer to locatable minerals. All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals, except as noted for coal.

<sup>2</sup> 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.