

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 3H

## *Lower Cosna River Corridor*

### 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 maintaining fish and wildlife habitat and protecting future agricultural development opportunities.

**Agriculture** Approximately 1,300 acres in Subunit 3H3 may have potential for agriculture, and agriculture opportunities should be preserved. However, these small isolated parcels are unlikely to support infrastructure. This subunit is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially agriculture, habitat, and minerals, until reevaluated and the plan amended.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 3H2. The Cosna River riparian corridor is important-rated habitat for moose and furbearers (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). Game animals traverse the corridor and black bear feed there in the spring. Hunting, trap-

ping and fishing are light and concentrated along the navigable portion of the river.

**Minerals.** Mining claims are located along the main channel and tributaries of the Cosna River. These areas will be managed for mineral development. All subunits are open to mineral entry except for Subunit 3H1, which will be closed prior to sale.

**Settlement.** Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 3H1. Approximately 6,000 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Cosna Upper Homestead (3H1) 6,000 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.

**Trails.** The Mooseheart Trail and Cosna Trail, which passes through the Upper Cosna Homestead area, should be protected.

#### 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
3H1	Settlement	Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal		Plan map legend: 3H1 - Cosna Upper HS
3H2	Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	Cosna Corridor
3H3	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -minerals -wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

<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.