

MANAGEMENT UNIT 3J

East Twin Lake

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 forestry, recreation, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities. Most of the unit has poor access and poorly drained soils.

Agriculture. About 67,200 acres in Subunit 3J3 may have potential for agriculture. Unsuitable areas with steep slopes, north facing slopes, dunes, or permafrost are present. Subunit 3J3 is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially agriculture, minerals, and forestry, 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 subunits 3J1 and 3J6. These subunits are prime-rated habitat for caribou and important-rated habitat for several other species (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in subunits 3J1 and 3J6. These subunits support an extension of the productive birch forests found in the State Forest to the east. This area is a likely source of birch if an industrial demand develops. Because of the remoteness of these subunits, commercial timber harvest is not anticipated in the near future. Forest resources in this subunit will be managed primarily for personal use timber harvest.

Minerals. Minerals has been designated a primary use in Subunit 3J6. Subunit 3J4 is closed to new mineral entry to prevent conflicts with recreation and scientific studies at Zitziana Dunes. Settlement areas in Subunit 3J2 will be closed prior to sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 3J4. The Middle Zitziana Dunes, along with the Toklat River Dunes, is one of the largest areas of stabilized dunes in Alaska. This area will be managed for continuing scientific studies and recreation. It is also a good example of bottom land habitat.

Public access sites for lake-oriented recreation will be reserved on East and West Twin Lakes.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 3J2. Approximately 4,000 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Geskakmina Lake Homestead (3J2a)	1,500 acres
Kantishna Homestead (3J2b)	1,000 acres
Kindamina Lake Homestead (3J2c)	1,500 acres

Five areas in Subunit 3J2 have been offered for private ownership. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Geskakmina Lake Subdivision	205 acres
Kindamina Lake Subdivision	193 acres
Iksgiza Lake Subdivision	227 acres
West Twin Lake Subdivision	119 acres
Snowshoe Homestead	1,600 acres

Acreage for Geskakmina, Kindamina, Iksgiza, and West Twin Lakes subdivisions is that available over-the-counter as of May, 1984. Acreage shown may not be the maximum offering.

Acreage for Snowshoe Homestead is that available as of April, 1984.

Notes: In response to public and agency comments, the 1990 TBAP update reduced the maximum allowed acreage for the Kantishna Homestead offering from 6,000 to 1,000 acres. The next plan update should review the Geskakmina Lake Homestead because insufficient acreage exists for this offering (the acreage allowed for the offering exceeds the acreage designated as Settlement). The Snowshoe Homestead was misspelled in the 1985 TBAP as Snoshoe Homestead.

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 subunits 3J1, 3J5, and 3J6 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 ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
3J1	Forestry Wildlife habitat	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Open	Land disposals	
3J2	Settlement	Forestry	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 3J2a - Geskakmina Lake HS 3J2b - Kantishna HS 3J2c - Kindamina Lake HS Past projects: Geskakmina Lake S Iksgiza Lake S Kindamina Lake S West Twin Lake S Snowshoe HS
3J3	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -forestry -minerals		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
3J4	Public recreation	Wildlife habitat	Closed to location Closed to coal	Land disposals Remote cabins	Zitziana Dunes
3J5	Low value resource mgmt.		Open	Land disposals	
3J6	Forestry Minerals Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals	

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.